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Called to order: by Chair Ed Marlow at 2:00 p.m., Room 017 Lumpkin Hall.

Present: W. Addison, G. Aylesworth, J. Craft, M. Deming, G. Foster, M. Goodrich, R. Jorstad, L. Leal, S. Laribee, J. Lasky, E. Marlow, J. Miller, M. Monippallil, L. Walker, R. Wandling.

Visitors: President Jorns, Vice President Hill, Mr. J. Tate, Mr. D. Wolski, Ms. S. Carrell, Ms. D. Tessendorf, Dr. McCormick, Dr. McNitt, Mr. B. Smith, Dr. Radavich, Dean Helsel, Dr. Gholson, Dr. Corley, Dr. W. Weber, Dr. B. Poole, Dr. G. Mason, Dr. J. Ozier, Dr. Jeanne Simpson, Dr. J. Comerford, Dr. C. Hawker, Dean Ankenbrand, Dean S. Moore, Dr. P. McAlister, Ms. K. Bayles, Dr. M. Brown, Mr. O. Armel, Mr. J. Messer, Dr. M. Oglesby, Dr. N. Marlow, Dr. E. Hedges, Dr. J. Crouse, Dr. Raybin, Dr. R. Hooser, Dean Laible, Mr. J. Lynch, Dr. Quivey, Dr. L. Coon, Dr. El. Keiter, Dr. Ebdon.

Minutes: A motion (Deming/Foster) to approve the Minutes of March 30, 1993 as corrected passed (12-0-1).
The date of the minutes should read as follows: March 30, 1993.
C. Senators Deming, Walker, Miller, Foster, and Monippallil were appointed by acclamation to the Faculty Senate Restructuring Forum Subcommittee.

I. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Minutes of the President's Council, 3/17/93.
- B. Letter from Matthew Monippallil in regard to the Distinguished Faculty Award. Chair Marlow reminded everyone that the nomination sheet and information was on the University newsletter last Friday.
- C. Letter from President Jorns listing retirements.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. FACULTY/STUDENT TEXTBOOK RENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
Senator Wandling distributed and discussed the proposed recommendations with the Senate. Senators Aylesworth and Jorstad expressed support for the recommendations. Senator Foster asked if item one was limited to graduate students. Senator Wandling answered in the affirmative. Senator Addison noted that he would like to see item one applied to undergraduate students also. Chair Marlow noted opposition to the proposed recommendations. Senator Miller related that the recommendations address some of the major issues of concern. Senator Walker asked if the committee looked into exceptions to this policy. Senator Miller answered that this policy doesn't negate any policy that is in place. The motion (Wandling/Monippallil) that the Faculty Senate adopt the recommendations of the Faculty/Student Textbook Rental Review Committee passed (12-2-0).

ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TEXTBOOK RENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE March 30, 1993

On Tuesday, March 30, the Textbook Rental Review Committee adopted five recommendations by a 7-0 vote. Each recommendation received strong support from the faculty and student membership of the committee, reflecting a consensus that books--whether traditional textbooks or primary sources--are important in promoting a stimulating

academic environment that values high quality instruction and students' intellectual development. The five recommendations are premised on the continued existence of the Textbook Rental Service and the importance of a high quality education that remains affordable to Eastern Illinois University's students.

1. GRADUATE STUDENTS PROPOSAL

Given that entering graduate students have made a professional commitment and that many graduate students place a high priority on building a library related to their professional interests, the Textbook Rental Review Committee recommends that graduate students be given the option of purchasing their texts at the beginning of each term, with the TRS fee waived. The Textbook Rental Service Director would consult with the President to develop a plan for implementation of this option.

2. MULTIPLE SECTIONS PROPOSAL

In order to promote high quality instruction in each section of courses with multiple sections, the Textbook Rental Review Committee recommends adoption of a formal policy that permits individual instructors to select texts that in their professional judgement meet their pedagogical objectives and the needs of the students. It is recommended that this formal policy be implemented with the consultation of the Textbook Rental Service Director and each department's chair to address department-specific issues of instructional quality, logistics, and costs.

3. BOOKSTORE PROPOSAL

In view of the lack of a campus bookstore that meets the diverse reading needs of students, faculty, and staff, and given that this situation detracts from the climate of learning and inquiry at Eastern Illinois University, the Textbook Rental Review Committee recommends that the President investigate this problem and develop a solution. Alternatives to consider include (a) changing the focus of the current "University Bookstore" so that its contribution to the academic climate of Eastern Illinois University is a high priority or (b) establishing a separate facility that deals exclusively with the sale of books important to members of the campus community.

4. TEXTBOOK COST LIMIT

In order to address the past and present inflation of textbooks and to promote high quality instruction, the Textbook Rental Review Committee recommends a review of the present \$50.00 textbook selection limit. Any adjustment would be based on a review of Textbook Rental Service spending patterns by the Textbook Rental Service Director and the President. Thereafter, the Textbook Rental Service Director and the President shall consult on a yearly basis to determine whether additional adjustments are necessary to address the impact of textbook inflation.

5. DEPRECIATION

In order to make the option to purchase textbooks as attractive as possible, the Textbook Rental Review Committee recommends depreciating the cost of each textbook according to the number of semesters that the book has been used. The Textbook Rental Service Director would consult with the President to develop a plan for implementation of this option.

B. UNIVERSITY CALENDAR COMMITTEE

Senator Foster reported that the Committee met last Thursday and began initial discussion. Some concerns expressed were: why start classes Wednesday; why have finals on Saturday; timing of grading of exams; commencement before exams, using scantron for grades, issue behind the three summer school sessions.

C. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION DIRECTOR SEARCH**

Dean Laible reported that the closing date for application is April 30. He then explained that they had to give people enough time to respond, and that's why April 30 is the closing date. He then stated that the interviews may not be until finals week or intersession. He informed the Senate that the Committee is formed of the following people: Mike Mendoza, Felicia Halliday, David Reed, Dean Laible, Edith Hedges, Judith Lyles, Ellen Shupe, Ron Matheria, Kelly Miller. Senator Deming requested that interviews be delayed until the beginning of the regular summer session. Dean Laible stated that was possible.

III. **OLD BUSINESS**

FACULTY SENATE RESTRUCTURING FORUM NO. 1

Chair Marlow read the following statement:

While Faculty Senate is composed of individual faculty members who may have definite opinions and preferences regarding college restructuring, it is the task and intent of the Faculty Senate to formulate recommendations based on the collective input of Eastern's faculty and their organizational units, and not to formulate a Faculty Senate recommendation. The Senate urges all to embrace perspective that after the current colleges are no more, we are Still Eastern Illinois University.

Chair Marlow briefly explained the forum procedure. He then introduced Dr. Frank McCormick.

Frank McCormick, Phi Beta Kappa Faculty Steering Committee, spoke in support of keeping the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences together. He maintained that in order to attain a Phi Beta Kappa Chapter, Eastern needs to have a College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.

David Radavich, English, spoke in support of Keeping Liberal Arts and Sciences together. He noted that Eastern has traditionally been strong in the areas of liberal arts, education and fine arts. He expressed support for a "combination of models blue and green," entitled model aqua.

Gail Mason, Speech Communication, spoke in support of keeping LAS together. She then asked for more information in regard to costs for each model. She then questioned as to why a three college model had not been brought forth. Senator Miller answered that the four college models with a little bit of flexibility within them will all will save between \$303,000 and \$345,000. He then noted that there was a considerable amount of discussion in the committee as to the efficacy of the three model, on one hand providing enough administration to in, fact, administer large groups and, two, the cost of such administration. He then stated that the three college models seemed to be so large that it would not be able to govern effectively, and would require additional layers of administration.

At this point in the meeting a question and answer session began.

Dr. L. Coon noted that, "Senator Miller's comment would apply right now to LAS, it would apply

to the aqua model, it's huge. It's not administrable. Three colleges would give you no worse situation than we currently have or than we would have under aqua with one big letters and sciences. Three colleges would give you three monsters instead of three monsters and one small." He then added that departments, specifically Economics, needed to be considered individually. Senator Miller answered that the issue of where Economics belong had been discussed in committee meetings, and that the models are a result of these discussions. Senator Addison noted that the issue of governance is greatly related to the issue of restructuring.

Dr. Hooser asked where the savings has been documented in writing? Dr. Hill answered that the first time this issue came up, she did share those figures, and it caused a great deal of anxiety because people and positions had been named, and she did not want to do that until the final model is approved. She affirmed that decreasing the administration, we can generate the \$300,000. Senator Miller reiterated that it was demonstrated for the committee that the proposed reorganizations will save \$300,000. Dr. Jorns stated that the argument was that there is a fine line between disclosing information to the committee and the campus. He further noted that individual's privacy should be protected.

Senator Aylesworth noted support for Dr. G. Mason's statement. He further stated that he had several concerns expressed to him that the actual figures had not been released. Dr. N. Marlow explained the law of diminishing returns and how it applied to this process.

Senator Deming made note of the perception that "LAS doesn't care about the rest of us. Because if they don't, what are we doing in the same institution? It's Eastern, not LAS. It's Eastern, not the College of Business. It's Eastern, not my department. It's Eastern's integrity that we want to maintain."

Dr. W. Weber stated that the Economics Department thinks of themselves as a social science, and that they wished to stay in LAS. He then asked where the \$300,000 figure came from. President Jorns explained that the Committee, through a voting process, identified the areas that they felt would be appropriate as selected reductions, and the college restructuring model had a high vote of acceptability, and then they went through and assigned what they thought was a reasonable amount of money. He further stated that they subsequently went back to the areas affected and they were asked to try to make that amount. He noted that in some cases it was discovered that what the Committee recommended was not reasonable, such as in the case of Senior Seminar, and that won't be done. Dr. Raybin spoke in support of keeping the College of LAS together, and that the Social Sciences should not be broken up.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next Faculty Senate Forum will be April 8, 1993, 3:00 p.m., Lumpkin Hall 122.

The next meeting will be April 13, 1993, 2:00 p.m., Lumpkin Hall 017.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS: Restructuring Forums, Faculty Concerns, Proposed Chain of Command, Furumo/Finley Visit, Election Definition - Directors, EIU in the Year 2000, Maintaining or Eliminating the BOG.
Respectfully submitted,
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