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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chair David Carpenter at 2:07 p.m. in the BOG Room, Booth Library.

Present: Bill Addison, David Carpenter, John Craft, Marietta Deming, Craig Eckert, Robert Jorstad, Linda Leal, Ed Marlow, John Miller, Bill Phillips, Gary Wallace, Richard Wandling, Anne Zahlan

Absent: Hal Nordin, Mary Ellen Varble

Visitors: Emily Bryson, Dave Kinsey, Bill McGown, Jamie Riley
(Daily Eastern News)

A motion (Phillips/Wallace) to approve the 4 February minutes passed unanimously.

I. Old Business

A. EASTERN AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (Miller/Eckert Resolution): Senate consideration of a motion (Miller/Craft) to adopt a resolution (drafted Miller/Eckert) endorsing legislative "investigation of the efficacy of retaining the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities as the governing body of Eastern Illinois University" having been cut off by loss of quorum at the last meeting, discussion of the issue resumed.

Although there was some concern among Senators that public criticism of the BOG at this time might hamper the presidential search process (Wallace et al.), resolution sponsors considered recent manifestations of anti-BOG sentiment on campus to have reinforced the need to declare that investigation of the Board "at this point is a good thing to do" (Miller). Concerns that a Senate call for investigation of the BOG could hamper the presidential search, were (later) countered by pointing out that the universities themselves are continually subjected to investigation: "we are under that kind of scrutiny all the time" (Craft). Asked whether the Board was not already "getting the point" (Wallace) and whether objections were to the Board or rather to the functioning of the Chancellor's office (Marlow), Senator Miller indicated that although much campus objection centered on "pro-active" intervention by system staff, there were also doubts about the practicality and effectiveness of the System of Systems.

Reiterating support for investigating the BOG, Senator Eckert emphasized his concern, as "an Illinois taxpayer" about possible waste, citing reports (in the Charleston Times-Courier and elsewhere) that 20 out of 30 staff members in the BGU offices hold ranks of Assistant Vice-Chancellor and above, and that the lowest annual salary paid to these staff members was set, as of a year ago, at \$78,000.

In response to objections to the proposed resolution's "endorsement" of Rep. Mike Weaver, as well as to references to the "special character" of Eastern that could be interpreted as "elitist and insulting to our sister [BGU] institutions" (Carpenter), resolution sponsors expressed willingness (Miller) to accept a proposed friendly amendment (Zahlan) that eliminated references to Rep. Weaver and modified the wording to avoid possible offense to other universities. Expressing skepticism about the "implicit theory" that "if we have our own board, all will be wonderful," Senator Wandling urged more general language and an emphasis on "evaluation."

After additional discussion, the Senate, having agreed upon wording acceptable to the sponsors, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

THE FACULTY SENATE OF EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY ENCOURAGES THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO PURSUE INVESTIGATION OF THE EFFICACY OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, AND TO UNDERTAKE A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE "SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS" GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

Senate Chair Carpenter was asked to communicate the text of the Resolution to the Chair and members of the House Committee on Higher Education of the Illinois General Assembly.

B. PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH: ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPECIAL ELECTION: The Special Election to select a faculty representative from each college to serve on the Campus Advisory Committee for the selection of a new president for EIU will be held on February 27 and 28 in the University Union. Eligible to vote in the Special Election are tenured/tenure-track faculty members (excluding chairpersons, who have elected their own representative to the Search Committee); voting will be by college. Elections Committee Chair Bill Addison reported that the Committee has obtained a print-out of faculty names and departments, and that college affiliations can be verified by referring to the university catalogue. (Voters should bring university identification cards with them to the polls.)

C. 1992 FACULTY ELECTIONS: Elections to select faculty members to serve on university Boards, Councils, and Committees will be held in the University Union on March 18 and 19.

II. Communications and Actions

A. Copy of 21 January BOG News Release re: Presidential Search. Concern was expressed about the impression conveyed by the Release that the BGU Chancellor intended to retain and exert an unusual degree of control over the search for a new President for Eastern (Miller, Addison, Phillips et al.)

B. Minutes of 29 January President's Council Meeting (Agenda attached)

C. Memo of 6 February from Sam Taber re: 1993-1994 Academic Calendar. The proposed Academic Calendar was referred to the Senate Committee on Instruction, Research, and Creative Activity for comment; Senator Deming will convene the Committee

D. Memo of 6 February from Garret DeRuiter re: Proposed Council of Faculties Response to IBHE Chair Quern. Professor DeRuiter vehemently denied having written the draft COF reply to Mr. Quern, that was circulated at the Senate meeting of 28 January 1992; once the Council has agreed upon a text, Professor DeRuiter (COF Chair) indicated, he will "be glad to share the Council's final response" with the Senate.

E. Memo from Ed Marlow re: Appointments to Search Committee for Dean of Student Academic Services. On the recommendation of the Appointments and Nominations Committee, the Senate approved a motion (Marlow/Wallace; 12-0-1) to appoint the following faculty members to the Search Committee: Dean Elmuti (Management & Marketing), Christine Helsel (Speech Communication).

II. Communications and Actions (continued)

F. Memo from Bill Addison re: 1992 Faculty Elections (List of 1992 openings on Boards, Councils, and Committees attached)

G. Letter to CMS Director Stephen Schnorf from Joint Benefits Committee, Southern Illinois University (List of "Employee Benefit Problems" attached) In addition to expressing faculty and staff "anger and frustration" with the benefits situation, the SIU representatives urged the formation of a "state-wide benefits committee."

H. Compensation and Benefits Comparisons of the Big Ten Universities

I. Communications to Chair Carpenter expressing concern about reported creation of a new administrative position, Director of Academic Computing Given the university's current fiscal problems, members of the university community have expressed concern about the possible creation of yet another administrative position--this one carrying an annual salary allegedly and presumably in excess of the \$49,000 currently paid the Assistant Director of Academic Computing. Senator Miller, a member of the Committee on Academic Computing, expressed the view that creating such a post was desirable and that he had been informed that VPBA Colbert was trying to gain approval for its creation; he indicated, however, that he knew nothing about proposed "figures or budget."

III. New Business

FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS: A motion (Zahlan/Jorstad) to petition for faculty representation on the Board of Governors (one faculty representative from each member institution, to be elected by his/her colleagues) was discussed. Given increasingly clear indications that faculty must take an active role in securing government and community support for higher education, as well as increasing concern about detrimental non-academic interference in curricular and other campus matters, it is apparent that faculty must secure representation on the boards that "govern" their universities. Referring to a copy of the enabling legislation of the Board of Governors (supplied by Professor Lewis Coon), Senator Jorstad indicated that to gain such representation, we would have to "change Illinois law."

Given the complexity of the issue, the motion was tabled (Marlow/Jorstad; 13-0-0); Senator Zahlan will study the relevant legislation and report to the Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The Senate will meet at 2:00 on Tuesday, 18 February in the BOG Room of Booth Library.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS: Higher Education in Illinois: Discussion with Senator Harry Woodyard; Faculty Representation on Board of Governors; EIU Presidential Search (Including Special Election for Search Committee Representative of Librarians, Counselors, and Learning Services Staff); Council of Faculties Report; Proposed Academic Calendar, 1993-1994 (Committee Report); VPAA Search Report; Faculty Elections; State-wide Faculty Benefits Advisory Committee

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Zahlan

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

A Special Election to select a faculty representative from each college to serve on the Campus Advisory Committee for the selection of a new president for EIU will be held on February 27 and 28 in the University Union. Full-time tenured/tenure-track faculty (excluding chairpersons) are eligible to vote in this special election; voters should present university identification at the polls.

NOTICE OF 1992 FACULTY ELECTIONS

Elections to select faculty members to serve on university Boards, Councils, and Committees will be held in the University Union on March 18 and 19. The positions to be filled as well as eligibility requirements for candidates and voters are listed on the sheet attached to these minutes. Nomination petitions (on the forms attached to these Minutes) should be turned in to Bill Addison, Psychology Department, by Friday, 28 February, at 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE: Any faculty member interested in serving on a state-wide University Benefits Advisory Committee to improve communication with and accountability of Central Management Services should contact Senate Chair David Carpenter.