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The meeting was called to order by Chair David Carpenter at 2:06 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, Hal Nordin, Bill Phillips, Gary Wallace, Richard Wandling, Anne Zahlan

Absent: Mary Ellen Varble

Visitors: Lewis Coon, Gary Foster, Dan Koonce (Daily Eastern News), Martha Price, David Radavich, Bill Weber, Bob Whittenbarger, Harry Woodyard, Stuart Tart (Daily Eastern News)

A motion (Deming/Wallace) to approve the 11 February minutes passed unanimously.

I. Communications and Actions

A. IBHE Tables of FY1980 & FY1990 "Expenditures, Enrollment, and Program Information for Illinois Higher Education and Public Universities," Provided by Ed Marlow from the Council of Faculties

B. IBHE Statement on "Priorities, Quality, and Productivity of Illinois Higher Education," Provided by Ed Marlow from the Council of Faculties

C. Memo of 7 February from Vice-President Williams re: Search for Director of Textbook Rental Service The request for a Senate appointment to the projected Search Committee was referred to the Nominations & Appointments Committee.

D. Copy of 13 February Letter from Senator Miller to Chancellor Layzell re: campus relief that BOG logo not mandated on items sold at Union Bookstore

E. Memo of 13 February from President Rives re: Appointees to committee to select nominee for BOG Distinguished Professor Award

F. EIU "President's Report . . ." for BOG meeting of 20 February 1992

G. Minutes of BOG meeting of 18 January

H. Agenda for BOG 20 February Meeting, as well as "Report No. 57 of the Chancellor"

I. Copies of the Proposed Academic Calendar for 1993-94, Provided by Sam Taber

J. Memo of 17 February from Ed Colbert re: Senate disposition of query on the authority of the "President's Council" Chair Carpenter was asked to write President Rives requesting clarification of the legal basis for the institution and functioning of the President's Council.

K. Memo of 18 February from Alan Baharlou re: request to address the Senate on 25 February (See Tentative Agenda.)

L. Letter from Illinois Lt.-Governor Bob Kustra (Published in Charleston Times-Courier), Provided by Lewis Coon, re: Support for Passage of HB 1727 Dissolving the BOR and the BOG

M. Report of Chair Carpenter to Senate re: Unannounced 17 February campus meeting of BGU Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Pringle with CAA Chair and members; COTE, CGS, and COF Chairs; Senate Chair, and others, to discuss Academic Program Review procedures and other matters

N. Presentation to American Council on Education by ISU President Wallace, Provided by Harry Woodyard, re: "Public Higher Education Finance: Adrift in an Evolutionary Crisis"

II. Illinois Higher Education: Discussion with Senator Woodyard

Indicating that the current budget situation is probably "the worst [that he has] seen in thirteen years in Springfield," Senator Harry "Babe" Woodyard told the Senate that the big issue this spring will be "Who is going to be doing the prioritization?" In a wide-ranging review of issues affecting education in the state, Woodyard registered his objections to costly "bureaucratic layers" in education and other state endeavors: in this regard, he will introduce a Senate Bill (parallel to House Bill 1727) calling for the elimination of the Board of Governors and the Board of Regents. Indicating that Governor Edgar is "adamant about downsizing state government" and has already significantly reduced the number of state employees, Woodyard viewed the proposed elimination of the BOG and the BOR as steps towards reducing administrative overhead.

Noting the need to consolidate and eliminate "some things that are costing money," Senator Woodyard recognized the inevitability of resistance, citing as an example the current "turfdom" battle between community colleges and other entities over centralized control of adult education programs. (Centralization could, he suggested, "free up some money for higher education.") (There was later discussion as to the possible impact of "Adult Education" consolidation on EIU's Continuing Education programs.) Senator Woodyard also supported reforming education funding by reviving the "old idea of Local Option Income Tax." Noting that "all 175" state legislators "can award scholarships," Woodyard suggested doing away with these legislative scholarships and allocating the money saved to higher education.

During his introductory remarks, Senator Woodyard expressed concern about the perceived difficulty, in a recent incident at Eastern, of terminating the employment of a faculty member charged with, and later indicted and convicted of, a felony. Having been advised by the BOG that there was "no provision" for terminating employment in such circumstances, Woodyard is currently framing a bill to allow such termination. (In later discussion of the issue, Senate members noted the need for "careful wording" to eliminate the "potential for abuse" {Addison} and the need to specify the class of felony covered {Deming}.)

Indicating his agreement with Rep. Mike Weaver's statements to the Senate [Minutes, 12/3/91] on the need for universities to present their case to state legislators and officials as well as the voting public, Senator Woodyard urged an increased use of Eastern alumni for "lobbying" (on the model of the University of Illinois): in this regard, he reminded the Senate that 24% of Eastern students come from [politically influential] Cook County. In answer to a question on state support to private schools at a time when support for public universities is declining (Zahlan), Woodyard declared himself a "public school person" and stated his "philosophical" objections to the state's funding of private institutions. He also offered the "political" insight that only three Senate districts out of 59 "don't have private schools."

Asked to comment on Rep. Jim Keane's view [Minutes 2/4/92] that dissolution of the BOG would harm rather than help Eastern because of the political influence of an alliance of five universities located throughout the state (Craft), Senator Woodyard replied, "I don't know how you can do worse." In addition to the

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inequitably low funding of EIU's academic programs and faculty salaries, Woodyard cited the extreme difficulty of getting raises for EIU's underpaid Civil Service workers, concluding that he is "willing to give something else a try." He objected to the role the BOG has been playing for the last couple of years, emphasizing that he "doesn't want someone in Springfield micro-managing your curriculum." Citing EIU's pre-Engineering program as one that "should not be eliminated," Senator Woodyard reiterated the need for Eastern to control its "own destiny."

Lt.-Gov. Kustra's public support for placing BOG and BOR universities under direct IBHE control occasioned concern about eliminating only the BOG and BOR while the [powerful] University of Illinois system remained intact: "How will the IBHE be a coordinating board for some and a governing board for others?" (Carpenter) Senator Woodyard's comment that the elected trustee system put the U of I in a different category gave rise to a question as to whether "people in Springfield perceive that the University of Illinois and Eastern are in the same business" (Marlow). Responding with an emphatic "no," Woodyard commented on the U of I's successful use of "two paid lobbyists," and on the success of those community colleges who also employ lobbyists. A question as to what the BOG staff actually do--"What good are they?" (Marlow)--prompted Sen. Woodyard to note the Auditor-General's report of a 38.9% growth in BOG central office appropriations since 1988, and to indicate that complaints about "micromanaging" interference from Springfield are common to all the BOG institutions. Asked whether he would back faculty calls for representation on the Board of Governors (Phillips), Senator Woodyard expressed unequivocal support, and asked, "Why can't the Governor appoint a faculty member right now?" As to whether he would consider introducing legislation mandating faculty representation on the BOG (Phillips), Woodyard declared himself "definitely interested." Given the possible difficulties in getting HB 1727 "out of interim study" and the probability that the BOG would begin serious defensive lobbying (Nordin), Senator Woodyard agreed that in the event that the Board is not eliminated, "You'd better have a faculty member on the Board."

Noting faculty concerns about governmental "raiding" of SURS (Carpenter, Wallace) and informing the Senate of attempts to divert the unclaimed lottery winnings earmarked for the retirement systems into the GRF, Senator Woodyard congratulated the Faculty Senate on "getting involved in making Eastern a better school."

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The Senate will meet at 2:00 on Tuesday, 25 February in the BOG Room of Booth Library.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS: Council of Faculties Report; Faculty Representation on Board of Governors; EIU Presidential Search (Discussion with Professor Baharlou, Special Elections for Search Committee Representatives, Search Committee Office and Support Needs); Proposed Academic Calendar, 1993-1994 (Committee Report); VPAA Search Report; Faculty Elections; Faculty Senate Office

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Zahlan

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 Eastern Illinois University 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 some sort of official identification at the polls.

Petitions nominating the following faculty members as college representatives on the Campus Advisory Committee were received by the Elections Committee by the deadline for inclusion on the ballot:

College of Applied Sciences: Jayne Ozier
College of Business: Carol Lundgren, Edward Marlow
College of Education: Patricia Fewell, Lynda Kayser, Ken Sutton
College of Fine Arts: Jeff Boshart, Melinda Hegarty,
Janet Marquardt-Cherry, John Miller
College of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation:
John Craft, Russell Fischer, William Higelmire
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences: Bill Addison, Gary Aylesworth,
Gail Mason, Timothy Shonk,
Mary Wohlrabe, Anne Zahlan

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 back of the (green) petition forms circulated by the Faculty Senate. (Please correct the list to show that there will be no election to the Council of Faculties this year.) Nomination petitions (on the green forms provided by the Senate) should be turned in to Bill Addison, Psychology Department, by Friday, 28 February, at 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS

President Stanley Rives will make the annual "State of the University Address" on March 17 at 4:00 p.m. (The location will be announced later.)