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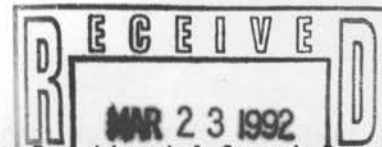
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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chair David Carpenter at 2:57 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, Mary Ellen Varble, Gary Wallace, Richard Wandling, Anne Zahlan

Visitors: Robert Barford, Jerry Ligon

The 10 March minutes were approved (Nordin/Craft; 10-0-4).

I. Communications and Actions

A. Letter of 12 March 1992 from Chancellor Layzell re: Meeting with Senate (14 or 28 April) The Senate asked the Chair to confirm a meeting with the Chancellor for 14 April.

B. Minutes of 11 March Meeting of the President's Council (Agenda attached for upcoming meetings)

C. Minutes of 13 March "Communications Meeting" In response to Chair Carpenter's representation of Senate concern that appointment of a new VPAA would be delayed until a new President had been appointed (as indicated by the Senate's unanimous recommendation that President Rives make the appointment based upon Search Committee recommendations), President Rives (according to Communications Meeting minutes):

noted that his position has been, and continues to be, that the new President should be involved in the appointment of a Provost and VPAA, and feels that is also very fair to the person who fills the VPAA position because of the close relationship the VPAA and President must have. . . . This does not mean that the appointment might not be made by Dr. Rives; this depends on when the new President is identified so that he or she can be consulted. . . .

D. Copy of "Public Act 86-1406 (House Bill 2842)" re: Alumni representation on BOR (provided by Lewis Coon) The act provides for the appointment of alumni of BOR universities to the Board of Regents.

E. Report from Senator Miller and Chair Carpenter re: first meeting of EIU Presidential Search Committee" Issues discussed at the initial meeting of the "Campus Advisory Committee" included the BOG plan to "pre-screen" applications. The Committee has requested from the BGU offices a statement-- "in black and white" "on paper" (Carpenter)--clearly setting out the criteria by which BOG officials expect candidates to be evaluated. Committee members have also requested clarification as to which members of the Chancellor's staff are to be appointed to carry out screening procedures. Finally, the Committee unanimously requested that all applications be reviewed by the EIU Committee.

The timetable for processing applications was also discussed and Senators were asked for their views on the advisability of conducting campus interviews for presidential candidates during the summer when many faculty members will be out of town. Although the disadvantages of summer interviews were recognized (Jorstad et al.), there was also concern that delaying interviewing and selection might mean that the "better

I. Communications and Actions: Presidential Search Report (continued)

applicants will be gone" (Marlow). DEAN OF LIBRARY SERVICES reported Committee consternation at the 10 March meeting. BGU system staff propose to have completed the "pre-screening" of applicants; the campus Committee would, it was suggested, be willing to work "on Saturdays" (Marlow) in order to expedite the process. It was suggested that processing all applications on campus might make it possible for candidates to be interviewed by the end of the semester and that background checks could then proceed during the summer. Search Committee members have also objected to background checks being conducted by BGU staff as opposed to members of the Campus Committee. Although the Committee has not yet come up with a proposed timetable, Senator Miller reported that there was "not insignificant sentiment for going ahead with all due speed," a sentiment echoed by Senators Addison, Nordin, et al. A straw poll of the Senate revealed majority approval (12-1-1) for selecting finalists and interviewing candidates "as soon as possible."

BGU Chancellor Thomas Layzell will meet with the "Campus Advisory Committee" to discuss outstanding questions about procedures for the selection of a new EIU President at 4:30 on 23 March.

F. Announcement by Chair Carpenter re: Meeting of Elected Faculty Leaders of Illinois Public Universities to be held in Urbana on 20 March Chair Carpenter requested that Vice-Chair Wallace and Senator Miller represent the Senate at the 20 March meeting.

II. Old Business

A. CALL FOR SENATE ENDORSEMENT OF ILLINOIS STATE BILL 1727: Consideration of Professor Robert Barford's call for a new Senate resolution specifically endorsing Bill 1727 (providing for the dissolution of the Board of Governors and the Board of Regents and the governing of BOG and BOR universities by the Illinois Board of Higher Education) having been cut short by loss of quorum at the 10 March meeting, discussion of the issue resumed. A motion (Eckert/Marlow) was made that the Senate endorse the Bill without reference to State Representative Weaver or the Republican Party. Doubts were expressed about the wisdom of endorsing a bill (the exact provisions of which many Senators "hadn't even read" {Deming}) which provided for governance by the IBHE (Deming). The IBHE, it was noted, might increase rather than alleviate the problem of centralized control (Wandling): we don't want "one super university" (Wallace). Although concern was expressed about the possible "political consequences" (Wandling) of endorsing proposed legislation central to a partisan reelection campaign, it was also noted that all bills have sponsors affiliated with one party or another and that the EIU Alumni Association would endorse Bill 1727 (Marlow). Echoing the point that "all bills have sponsors," Professor Barford emphasized his objection to centralization of university control. Noting that "Illinois public universities" are now operating on the "corporate" model that is damaging much of American public education and that, in fact, the Governor [of Illinois] functions as a "CEO of CEO's,"

II. Old Business: STATE BILL 1727 (continued)

Barford emphasized his view of Bill 1727 as a step towards the "dismantling" of that corporate structure.

Vice-Chair Wallace proposed that before further action is taken on the issue, the Senate's Executive Committee should meet with the Executive Committees of Faculty Senates from the other BOG and BOR institutions in order to work towards a common position on governance. (It was suggested [Zahlan] that Vice-Chair Wallace and Senator Miller might initiate the arrangements for such a meeting at the meeting of Elected Faculty Leaders of Illinois Public Universities scheduled for 20 March in Urbana.) A motion (Jorstad/Marlow) to table the Eckert/Marlow motion pending Senate examination of the Bill's text and a report on contacts with BOR and BOG faculty leaders passed (9-4-1).

B. PROPOSED ACADEMIC CALENDAR, 1993-94: The Senate discussed the Teaching/Service Sub-Committee recommendations for amendment of the proposed Academic Calendar for 1993-94, as follows:

FOR FALL SEMESTER 1993:

As passed by the full Senate: That the First Class Day be Monday, August 23;

As passed by the full Senate: That Thanksgiving Break consist of the full week of November 22--28 (This will ensure that the number of teaching/class days are not increased.)

That Fall Recess fall on Columbus Day or the Friday after Mid-Term (It should never be later than this because local schools have Columbus Day off, and it would be more convenient for faculty who have children in the local schools.)

FOR SPRING SEMESTER 1994:

That the First Class Day be Monday, January 10. (This would allow the Spring Semester more closely to conform to Fall Semester in the number of teaching/class days available.) That Spring Recess be moved to either:

The week following the Mid-Term of the semester, or
The third week of March.

(This would provide for a more centrally located break, rather than one close to the end of the semester.)

FOR SUMMER TERM 1994:

That the First Class Day be Monday, June 13 for both five- and eight-week sessions. (This would make it consistent with Fall Semester, Spring Semester, and Intersession.)

FOR ALL SEMESTERS:

That Final Examinations be scheduled for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. (This will allow students more opportunity to study for final examinations.)

That no more than one "popular hour" class final examinations be scheduled on Saturday. (Popular hours are 900, 1000, 1100, 1300, and 1400.)

That grades be due in the Records Office by noon on Monday following the close of the semester or term.

II. Old Business: ACADEMIC CALENDAR (continued)

Points raised included the need to balance the number of teaching days in the two semesters, the current use of Columbus Days for high school senior visits to the Eastern campus, the danger of a week-long Thanksgiving break 'cooling off' student academic enthusiasm.

A motion (Deming/Jorstad) was made that the proposed Academic Calendar be revised according to the Sub-Committee recommendations, as amended to provide "That the Spring Semester would begin on Tuesday, January 18."

The motion passed (10-1-3).

The meeting adjourned at 3:51. The Senate will meet at 2:00 on March 31 in the BOG Room of Booth Library.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS: Results of Faculty Elections; Report on 20 March Meeting of Elected Faculty Leaders of Illinois Public Universities; Progress Report on EIU Presidential Search; EIU VPAA Search & Search Procedures; Proposed Ethics Statement; Proposed Changes in COTE Organization and Procedures; State-wide Faculty Benefits Advisory Committee

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Zahlan

NOTICE OF DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD: Procedures for selecting the recipient of this year's Distinguished Faculty Award will continue to be announced in the *University Newsletter* (see issues of March 20 and April 10); Information and Nomination Forms are being distributed through campus mail. Credentials in support of nominations should be submitted, by 15 April, to Professor Hal Nordin, Department of Economics.