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Called to order: by Chair David Carpenter at 2:05 p.m., BOG Room, Booth Library  
Present: William Addison, David Carpenter, Luis Clay-Méndez, John Craft, Pat Fewell, Robert Jorstad, Linda Leal, Ed Marlow, John Miller, Hal Nordin, Richard Sylvia, Mary Ellen Varble  
Absent: Glenn Hild, Ron Sutliff, Gary Wallace  
Visitors: President Rives, Vice President Kindrick, Antonia Rice (*Daily Eastern News*)  
Minutes: of the meeting of July 17 were unanimously approved.

## I. Communications:

- A. Invitation to the September meeting of the Board of Governors
- B. Letter from President Rives requesting an LAS representative for CUPB
- C. Letter of Resignation from Senator Ron Sutliff

## II. Discussion with President Rives and Vice President Kindrick

- A. Executive Sessions (2:10—2:40, 3:10—3:20)
- B. Miscellaneous Topics:

1. **AY '91-'92 Budget Requests, President Rives:** Though a 20% increase will be requested, BOG approval is only the initial step in a process which has traditionally seen cuts at each stage. "It's a long way from the BOG approval to actual appropriation."
2. **Enrollment, President Rives:** Though final figures will not be available until the 10th-day rosters are tabulated, current enrollment will be very close to the 10,200 figure which was *last* year's goal. This figure will reflect fewer incoming freshmen and more transfer students.
3. **Program Review:** The BOG will look closely at programs with fewer than nineteen majors, with an eye toward modification or elimination. Unfortunately, several such programs are closely aligned with EIU's mission (science education and others) (Rives). EIU is already studying the situation in a preliminary review, with Deans developing rationales for the support of programs with seven or fewer majors (Kindrick).
4. **Textbook Rental Service:** Recommendations of last year's Faculty Senate-sponsored survey: Will they be implemented? (Sylvia). A recent Illinois Auditor General's report lauded the TRS (one of two in Illinois along with SIUE) as a significant money-saving institution. The savings to students is of importance to the public, and while cost is not the only criterion, the TRS is perceived as valuable because of its cost effectiveness (Rives).

Later Senate discussion involved last year's faculty survey and the disenchantment with some features of the TRS by many faculty members. The survey disclosed that a majority of the faculty responded, and approximately 75% felt that the TRS should be modified or eliminated. Any monetary savings should be carefully weighed against such overwhelming faculty opinion (Sylvia, Addison). Sylvia will provide President Rives with results of a study which compares various aspects of textbook rental systems across the country.

5. **General Education.** Community colleges are concerned about possible changes in transfer requirements as a result of EIU's General Education implementation (Fewell). The BOG VPAA's are aware of and will meet to discuss the issue (Kindrick).

### **III. New Business**

#### **A. Personnel:**

1. Al DiChiara has left EIU; Bill Addison has assumed his Senate seat.
2. Sabbatical replacements: Glenn Hild for Laurent Gosselin, Mary Ellen Varble for Ann Zahlan.
3. Committee appointments: Ed Marlow and Richard Sylvia to the Textbook Rental Advisory Committee; Luis Clay-Méndez to the Council of Faculties; Luis Clay-Méndez, Linda Leal, and John Miller to the Elections Committee; Gary Wallace, Ed Marlow, and Pat Fewell to the Appointments Committee.

**B. Coleman Hall/Blair Hall space allocation.** There is still concern about the appropriateness of the space allocation (Nordin). Current plans along with committee recommendations will be reviewed.

**C. Faculty Survey.** It was informally agreed that the Senate will distribute an invitation to faculty to suggest important agenda items for this year. John Miller will draft the invitation and present it at the September 4 meeting.

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**Adjourned:** 4:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** 2:00 p.m., September 4, 1990, BOG Room, Booth Library

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**John Miller**