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# Faculty Senate

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Called to order: by Chair David Carpenter at 2:02 p.m., BOG Room, Booth Library  
Present: William Addison, David Carpenter, John Craft, Marietta Deming, Pat Fewell, Luis Clay-Méndez, Robert Jorstad, Ed Marlow, John Miller, Hal Nordin, Mary Ellen Varble, Gary Wallace  
Absent: Glenn Hild, Linda Leal, Richard Sylvia  
Visitors: Robert Saltmarsh, Ryan Cunningham (*Daily Eastern News*), Rosemarie Riggio (Student Senate)  
Minutes: of the meeting of September 18 were unanimously approved.

## I. Communications:

- A. Letter announcing the October 17-18 meeting of the BOG
- B. Letter from David Raybin, English (see Old Business, A, below)
- C. Letter from Senator Sylvia requesting that no vote be taken on By-laws issues until discussion of those issues had been summarized in the minutes

## II. Committee Reports

### A. Faculty Advisory Committee to the IBHE, Saltmarsh:

1. **Faculty Image.** The perception of the average college faculty member by the average Illinois taxpayer is not particularly favorable; in that view, college teachers are not as productive as they should be.
2. **NIU satellite campus:** Since private funds will be used to construct the campus, Northern was able to develop plans without IBHE construction approval. *However, what will happen when the buildings are complete and operating requests are made? Won't the IBHE be responsible for supporting the campus at this stage? (Nordin).*
3. **Tax Surcharge:** The Faculty Advisory Committee has sent a "strong statement" to the IBHE about the necessity to retain the state income tax surcharge.
4. **Minority enrollment:** There are serious concerns at the IBHE level about minority student recruitment and retention. Eastern is generally characterized as having a "hostile environment" for minorities—i.e. one significantly different from those which minority students are used to. *Does the "Public Ivy" image and trappings contribute to this sense of a "hostile environment?" (Jorstad)*
5. **Suggestions for the IBHE from Senate members:** *Promotion of tuition waivers or reductions for dependents and spouses (Marlow, Addison). Student population—does the attitude of forced "non-growth" of the student body have an adverse effect on funding by the IBHE? (Craft).*

### B. Council of Faculties, Clay-Méndez:

1. **Program Review:** Vice-Chancellor Pringle's number of 19 as the cutoff for "programs in danger" is not hard-and-fast, but rather a starting point for examination. Dr. Pringle himself is under considerable pressure from certain BOG members to take an even stronger stance in program elimination.
2. The Faculty Senate of the host campus will be invited to future meetings of the Council of Faculties.  
(The report will continue next week.)

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### III. Old Business

- A. **Elections and Voting Procedure.** Professor Raybin (English) has requested that last year's Spring elections be considered null and void due to the Senate By-law which indicates that elections should be held at a central polling place. Chair Carpenter pointed out that, after consultation with Professor Bock, a legitimate protest would have to have been made prior to the seating of elected members. Further, the Senate itself exercised "Council Prerogative" when it examined the issue last Spring and decided to uphold the election results.
- B. **Personnel.** Senators Sylvia and Addison were named to the *ad hoc* Summer School Committee.
- C. **The Constitution, By-laws, and Procedures Committee** (Miller—chair, Carpenter, Deming, Hild, Jorstad, and parliamentary procedure advisor Douglas Bock) will meet and formulate recommendations to the full Senate.
- D. **Call for Issues and Concerns.** John Miller distributed a summary of topics and concerns submitted to the Senate. Discussion toward formulating an agenda based on these concerns will begin next week.
- E. **Smoking in the Union.** Problems of compliance still exist (Wallace). Mr. Pyles, Mr. Hackett, and perhaps Ms. Gossett will be invited to respond and explain.

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**Adjourned:** 3:55 p.m.

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John Miller**