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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, Luis Clay-Méndez, John Craft, Marietta Deming, Pat Fewell, Glenn Hild, Robert Jorstad, Linda Leal, Ed Marlow, John Miller, Hal Nordin, Richard Sylvia, Mary Ellen Varble, Gary Wallace
Visitors: Robert Saltmarsh, Ryan Cunningham (*Daily Eastern News*), Amy Smith (Student Senate)
Minutes: of the meeting of September 25 were unanimously approved.

I. Communications:

Page 158 from the EIU *Internal Governing Policies* (See New Business, below)

II. Committee Reports

A. Council of Faculties, Clay-Méndez:

1. **Meetings.** The COF will meet on a revolving basis at member schools of the BOG. EIU will host the meeting on May 5 and 6. The Senate will be invited to attend, and agreed that Bob Saltmarsh, as its representative to the IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee, will also be invited to attend.
2. **BOG Distinguished Professor Award.** The committee will henceforth more-publicly (and presumably financially) recognize *finalists* as well as the winner of the award.
3. **BOG Staff Committee Reports...** concerning Accountability, Assessment, Minorities, and Age of Students will be forthcoming.
4. **Subcommittees of the COF,** including COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS (an expanded "Writing Skills") investigation committee, REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJORS, and GRADING POLICIES (chaired by Senator Clay-Méndez) will make recommendations to the COF soon. The GRADING POLICIES subcommittee was *not* charged with the task of making uniform recommendations system-wide, but is merely an information-gathering body which explores innovative and efficient techniques and ideas concerning grading policies.

B. Committee on Academic Computing, Miller, (Marlow):

1. **Computer Resource Faculty.** A group of eleven faculty members will actively work as a liaison body between Computer Services and the faculty at large, and disseminate computer-related information and help across campus. The group is the implementation of formal discussions beginning as early as 1983, and consists of three members from LAS—Doug Brandt, Bill McGown, and Don Sundheim—one member from each of the remaining colleges—Don Armel (Technology), Bob Barger (Education), John Craft (HPER), John Miller (Fine Arts), and John Walstrom (Business)—and Dixon Berry (Library Services), Martha Brown (Continuing Education), and David Dodd (Testing Services).
2. **UCAN connections.** There will be 400 connections to the Local Area Network provided free of charge by Computer Services over the coming year, with 700 projected free connections to follow over the following three years. 325 of this year's connections are to be distributed by the VPAA, with at least 275 earmarked for teaching faculty and/or student laboratories.

III. Old Business

- A. **Smoking in the Union.** Chair Carpenter reported that he had reached several people involved with the implementation of the smoking policy. Signs are now posted in McDonald's. There is still some concern (Wallace) that the law will not be enforced effectively.
- B. **Personnel.** Barbara Kemmerer (Business) was appointed as an alternate to the Library Advisory Board.
- C. **The Constitution, By-laws, and Procedures Committee.** John Miller distributed a list of articles in the *Faculty Senate Constitution and By-laws* which the committee has identified as areas of concern. The committee will continue to meet to address the issues and make recommendations. The issue of faculty membership for elections purposes has been assigned to the Elections Committee (Leal, chair, Addison, Miller) for study.
- D. **Call for Issues and Concerns.** John Miller distributed a revised summary of topics and concerns submitted to the Senate. A subcommittee (Jorstad, chair, Clay-Méndez, Marlow) will prepare recommendations for a Senate topic agenda based on these concerns for next week.
- E. **Textbook Rental Service.** There has been no formal response to last Spring's Senate-sponsored survey concerning the TRS, which suggested that 75% of the faculty desired significant changes in the system. Senators Sylvia and Marlow (TRS Advisory Committee), and Addison (who helped with the survey last year) will prepare a formal set of recommendations based on the survey for discussion and endorsement by the Senate next week. These recommendations will then be forwarded to appropriate administration officials, along with a request for timely response.

IV. New Business

Talent and Grant-in-Aid awards. There is concern that the proportion of allotment of these awards favors athletics to an inappropriate degree. Explanations of these proportions along with requests for additional information will be sought.

Adjourned: 3:42 p.m.

Next Meeting: 2:00 p.m., October 9, 1990, BOG Room, Booth Library

Respectfully submitted,

John Miller