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Called to order: by Chair David Carpenter at 2:07 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: Ryan Cunningham (*Daily Eastern News*)
Minutes: of the meeting of November 27 were corrected to indicate that the meeting was held in the Dean's Conference Room of Booth Library

I. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Agenda for the December 6 meeting of the BOG.
- B. Minutes of the October 18 meeting of the BOG.
- C. Letter from Curtis Cline of the Student Senate regarding the textbook rental system.
- D. "President's Report..." to the BOG, to be presented at the December 6 meeting.
- E. Letter of November 26 from John Guzowski regarding the textbook rental system.
- F. Letter of November 26 from Vice President Armstrong requesting a nominee for the Campus Recycling Committee.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Elections. Definition of "Faculty."** The Faculty Senate Constitution (which addresses other campus elected bodies as well) is unclear and ambiguous regarding the definition of "faculty"—those who may serve on and vote for campus councils such as Faculty Senate, CAA, CGS, COTE, COF, and others. In order to change (and clarify) the wording of the constitution, the Senate must pass any recommended changes by a two-thirds majority of its membership and then bring this change before the faculty for majority approval.

Extensive discussion focused on whether or not administrators, and at what level, should qualify as "faculty" for these purposes. Also deliberated was the status of "temporary" appointments. Various definitions were put forth, and a motion to approve the following definition (Clay-Méndez/Marlow) was defeated 8-3-2:

(Faculty): All permanent bargaining-unit staff holding the rank of Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor or holding appointment as Lecturer. Excluded are those staff or faculty members who hold the title of Chairperson, Dean, Vice President, or President (including Assistant and Associate titles for the preceding administrative positions). The term permanent here means staff holding other than temporary, substitute, or part-time appointments.

The issue was tabled (Miller/Jorstad, 11-0-1). The Senate would welcome information and opinions regarding the issue.

- B. Textbook Rental System.** President Rives will visit the Senate on December 11 and discuss his recent decision to continue the rental system.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BOG Council of Faculties, Clay-Méndez. At the most-recent meetings, it was reported that:

1. **Faculty Excellence Awards.** That part (50%, \$600 this year) which accrues to the salary base will be put forth by the UPI as a permanent contract component. There is opposition to this at the BOG staff level.
2. **Program Review.** There is sentiment among the BOG staff that the criterion of the number of majors in a program (19) as an indication of the viability of that program might not be the best approach. Instead, a more appropriate yardstick might be the number of *graduates* which a program produces.

Adjourned: 4:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: 2:00 p.m., December 11, 1990, BOG Room, Booth Library

Respectfully submitted,

John Miller