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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, Marietta Deming, Pat Fewell, Glenn Hild, Robert Jorstad, Linda Leal, Ed Marlow, John Miller, Hal Nordin, Richard Sylvia, Gary Wallace, Anne Zahlan

Visitors: Matt Campbell, Matt Mansfield, Jennifer Pierce, Cathy Podwojski, Jeff Madsen, Stuart Tart (*Daily Eastern News*), Lola McElwee (*Charleston Times-Courier*), Jeff Raymond (*Decatur Herald and Review*), Birdina Gregg, Matthew Monippallil, Bret Loman (WEIU), Lewis Coon, Greg Simpson, Roger Miller, Darrell Schmitt, Amy Jobin, Marina Yu, Becky Phipps

Minutes: of the meeting of March 12 were unanimously approved.

## I. COMMUNICATIONS AND RESPONSES

- A. Letter of March 11 from Garret DeRuiter regarding Senate minutes and the SGE & R
- B. Letter of March 11 from VPSA Williams requesting a member for a search committee for a position in placement. *Senator Sylvia will serve.*
- C. Letter of March 13 from Eileen Sutker expressing interest in serving on the CFR
- D. Copy of letter of March 13 from Richard Kelly to President Rives regarding the hiring practices investigation
- E. Letter of March 14 from President Rives asking for two faculty members to serve on the forthcoming search committee for the VPBA. *Names of Senators Addison, Craft, and Marlow will be submitted.*
- F. Letter from Keith Kohanzo documenting Judicial Affairs cases over the past year
- G. Letter of March 18 from Kenny Wake regarding the Apportionment Board
- H. Letter from Matthew Monippallil regarding the vote of no-confidence
- I. Letter of March 19 from Bob Megginson regarding the UPI decertification petitions
- J. Letter from Jill Nilsen regarding graduate student input into the textbook rental system
- K. Letter from Roy Lanham offering the intermediary services of the Association of Campus Ministries in Senate communication with the administration

## II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Vote of "no confidence."** The issue was removed from the table (Wallace/Jorstad, unanimous). Senator Wallace presented amended versions of his resolution calling for an expression of a lack of confidence in President Rives and Associate Vice President Robeson, and a summary of steps taken so far to alleviate problematic situations. Senator Miller proposed an alternative resolution which expressed grave concerns about current situations, but avoided language of "no confidence" or "lack of confidence." A straw poll indicated that the Senate preferred Senator Wallace's resolutions, which were then adopted:

Resolution (Wallace/Marlow, 13-0-2): *The Faculty Senate regretfully expresses a lack of confidence in the leadership and credibility of Associate Vice President Victor E. Robeson.*

Resolution (Wallace/Sylvia, 13-0-2): *The Faculty Senate regretfully expresses a lack of confidence, at this time, in the leadership and credibility of President Stanley G. Rives.*

The Senate then agreed (Fewell/Leal, 12-0-3) to proceed with a university-wide referendum on the expression of confidence or lack of confidence, to be conducted over a two-day period during the week of April 8.

- B. Study of Graduate Education and Research.** The Senate agreed to review the document and make recommendations (Deming/Fewell, 11-0-1).
- C. Evaluation of Administrators.** Sample forms for chair evaluations will be distributed at the next meeting.
- D. Garfield Avenue.** Citing numerous problems and inconveniences with the continued closing of this street, the Senate (Nordin/Clay-Méndez, 11-2-1) recommended that the barricade come down and the street be opened to traffic.
- E. UPI Decertification Petition.** Dr. Coon reported that preliminary reports indicate that the IELRB will reject the petitions (due to a lack of a requisite number of signatures from the *entire* BOG membership).

### III. NEW BUSINESS

The “Weaver initiative” concerning the dissolution of the BOG and BOR systems. After discussion, the Senate adopted the following:

*The Faculty Senate calls the attention of faculty and staff to Representative Mike Weaver’s reported intention to introduce legislation to dissolve the Board of Regents and the Board of Governors systems. The Senate urges faculty and staff to contact Representative Weaver and other legislators to express their views.*

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Adjourned: 4:24 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** 2:00 p.m., April 2, 1991, BOG Room, Booth Library. Tentative agenda items: Referendum of lack of confidence planning, *Study on Graduate Education and Research*, reports of the parking, evaluation of administrators, and foundation committees, and the COF.

Respectfully submitted,

John Miller, Luis Clay-Méndez