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The meeting was called to order by Tony Schaeffer at 2:02 P.M. in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Student Union.

Present: Robert Barford, David Carpenter, Luis Clay-Méndez, Al DiChiara, Pat Fewell, Laurent Gosselin, Evelyn Goodrick, Robert Jorstad, Kipp Kruse, Ed Marlow, Tony Schaeffer, Ron Sutliff, Richard Sylvia, and Gary Wallace

Absent: Harold Nordin

Visitors: Jeff Madsen, Daily Eastern News, Bill Lair, Times Courier, Brett Gerber (Student Senate), and John Miller.

I. Minutes of the meeting of were approved as amended: under III, B.1, instead of "was deemed an attempt" it should read "concern was expressed that it might." Sutliff asked that minutes show that he was asked to write questions for a new survey. Motion was made (Gosselin/Kruse) to clarify that opinions contained in the minutes of December 5 were not representative of the Faculty Senate as a whole. Rather, they were voiced by individual senators and visitors.

II. Communications:

A. President's Report to the BOG (01-18-90)

B. Memo from President Rives, re: Distinguished Faculty Awards

C. Agenda and Minutes of LAB

III. Old Business:

A. Regrettably, there are no sufficient funds available for Distinguished Faculty Awards. Instead of a nominal monetary award, it might be more meaningful to present selected faculty with a plaque and some form of recognition.

B. Discussion centered around the proposed faculty survey on CAA decisions. Considering President Rives' acceptance of the CAA recommendations, the survey will no longer provide useful information (Schaeffer). A lot of effort went into writing the survey, and recommendations will not go into effect until 1991 (Sutliff). Since it is polarizing and divisive, a better idea may be to recommend that a comprehensive, in depth study be conducted in three years to determine what effects, if any, these changes have had (Kruse). Motion was made (Kruse/Clay-Méndez) to repeal the Faculty Senate's initiative to survey faculty attitudes concerning the SUE report and CAA actions. The idea of a survey is misconceived; it is not proper to question CAA actions (Barford). There is apprehension that waiting until CAA recommendations are implemented may be too late: enrollment may drop in some areas, faculty may be lost, etc. (Sutliff) There has been no opportunity for reaction after CAA package came out (Marlow). According to the Senate Constitution, a 90-day consultation period should be provided between recommendation and implementation (Sutliff). We ought to know what other universities are doing along general education requirements (Wallace). Perhaps we should abandon the 120-hour cap on degree programs (Schaeffer), or advertise that some programs take 4 1/2 or 5 years to complete. The core curriculum is a concept gaining popularity all over the United States (Barford), and the BOG Council of Faculties made recommendations for a core curriculum that parallels the one approved for EIU (Clay Méndez).

C. Motion was made (Sutliff/Fewell) to table previous motion.

D. The closed session of October 17, 1989 was to discuss the naming of the Art Studio Facility, which is now public record; the closed session of October 24, 1989 was to discuss personnel matters that are now public record: Dr. Armstrong spoke to the Faculty Senate about new personnel titles in the VPFA's office.

IV. New Business:

A. President Rives visited the Faculty Senate and spoke about the following:

1) FY 91 Budget EIU faired relatively well, receiving the highest percentage recommendation for the 12 state universities, 9.4%. This provides the following: 6% increase for faculty/staff salaries; 4% cost increase; 10% increase for library materials. Capital Budget Recommendations include a new Physical Plant Facility and Renovation of Buzzard Hall.

2) Regency Apartments Plans are to rename the complex "University Court." There are 11 buildings to be renamed as well. President Rives would like to receive recommendations of outstanding professors at EIU. They may not be current employees. Perhaps each college can develop ways to determine who might have been outstanding. A university-wide committee will sift recommendations to take eventually to BOG for final approval.

3) State of the University Report President Rives asked what topics the Senate would like for him to address in his March 20 report. Among the items suggested were: the current state and implementation of the SUE report, growth on campus (funding, capital projects, etc.), admission standards and course-specific requirements mandated by legislature, majors, faculty access to computers, campus safety, reallocation of space in Blair Hall and Coleman Hall, the study on graduate education, athletic facility, research for marketing study, and alcohol consumption on campus.

4) Other matters discussed dealt with Blair Hall and Coleman Hall. No decision has been made yet. Architects are considering plans for housing business graduate assistants. At the January meeting of CUPB more will be reported. Due to time constraints, President Rives asked that discussion of other concerns be postponed until the next time he visits the Senate.

B. Faculty Senate will conduct faculty elections in the Spring. The following committees will be involved in the process: Election Committee (DiChiara, chair); Appointment Committee (Carpenter, chair); Nominations Committee (Fewell, chair).

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M. The next Senate meeting will be January 23, 2:00 P.M. in the Martinsville Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Luis Clay-Méndez