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The meeting was called to order by Tony Schaeffer at 2:01 P.M. in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Student Union.

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

Absent: Robert Barford

Visitors: Cathy Podwoski, Daily Eastern News, and John Miller

I. Minutes of the meeting of January 16 were unanimously approved as amended: under I, the minutes amended were of December 5; III, A should have the following addendum: "The account is low, but the Chair announced that there would be supplemental funds available." Under III, B it should read "Since it could be polarizing and divisive;" and, under IV, B, The Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee should have been included among the committees that need to become active in the Spring.

**II. Communications:**

A. Minutes of EIU Foundation Executive Committee from 1-4-90

B. The School Law Newsletter--Summer Quarter Issue

C. Memo from VP Williams, re: Parking Committee

D. Information concerning various Student-Faculty Boards

E. Phone call from Accounting, re: Distinguished Faculty Award

F. Announcement of the meeting of the CAC on Friday, 1-26-90 at  
the BOG room.

2:00 P.M.. in

**III. Old Business:**

A. There was extensive discussion on the General Education requirements and related matters. There is a system wide committee studying the feasibility of eliminating of the 120-hour cap. Perhaps the cap should be eliminated (Schaeffer). However, raising it could present a hardship to students and parents, since students may be unable to complete their degree in four semesters (Gosselin). However, already many students end up with more than 120 hours (Sylvia). The 120 hours represents an ideal number, reflecting four academic years of 30 hours each (Gosselin). We should not speak about the 128 hours and general education requirements at the same time (Goodrick). There is also concern about the effects the recommendations may have on enrollment (Marlow). The main frame of the program is set, but the specifics have not been determined yet (Kruse). Many questions remain among the faculty (Wallace). President Rives should be invited to the Faculty Senate to discuss these questions and concerns (Nordin). Also, CAA Chair Terry Weidner should be invited to elaborate on the process (Clay-Méndez). Weidner may be biased, so Kathleen Shank and Ken Sutton should also be invited (Sutliff). Another question is what procedures are there in place when dealing with the many other SUE recommendations (Sutliff).

B. Motion was made (Carpenter/Sylvia) to bring back tabled motion (Kruse/Clay-Méndez) to repeal the Faculty Senate's initiative to survey the faculty on CAA recommendations. As representatives of the faculty at large, we have not seen raw data about philosophy on higher education (Sutliff). A lot of effort went into doing the survey (Sutliff). But the questions raised in the Faculty Senate do not find answers in survey. Rather, this questionnaire may be construed as an attack on the process itself (Sylvia). The roll call vote to repeal the survey was: (YES): Kruse, Schaeffer, Carpenter, DiChiara, Fewell, Gosselin, Jorstad, Clay-Méndez, Nordin and Sylvia; (NO): Goodrick and Sutliff; (ABSTAIN): Marlow and Wallace. The motion carried.

C. Motion was made (Kruse/Gosselin) to ask Chair Schaeffer to send a letter to President Rives expressing the need to develop a comprehensive assessment in 2-3 years--college by college, major by major--studying the effects that the general education recommendations have had. In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that there was a similar recommendation in the SUE report. Therefore, our letter should reflect the language of the SUE recommendation, thus reinforcing the latter (Sylvia). Maybe it would be better to make the assessment in four years--a graduation cycle--and determine the effects on majors, the support offered by library holdings, etc. (DiChiara) Motion was made (Fewell/Carpenter) to table the motion on the floor until the language of the SUE report is reviewed.

**IV. New Business:**

A. The Faculty Senate should explore, either in the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting with President Rives or some other fashion, what other universities are doing curricular realignments (Wallace). We are competing with them for enrollment and making our standards more stringent might cause a loss of enrollment (Marlow).

B. Concern was expressed about the "public-ivy" business image that is being promoted for EIU (Goodrick). What exactly does the term mean?

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M. The next Faculty Senate meeting will be January 30, at 2:00 P.M., in the Martinsville Room.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Luis Clay-Méndez