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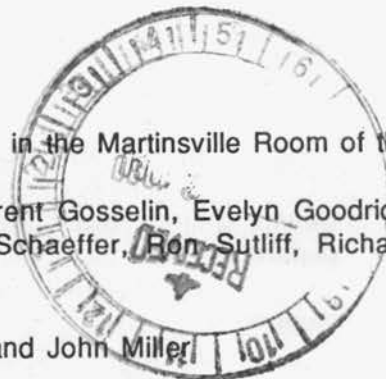
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The meeting was called to order by Tony Schaeffer at 2:06 P.M. in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Student Union.

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

Absent: Pat Fewell

Visitors: Phillip Laird and Jennifer Pierce, Daily Eastern News and John Miller

I. Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as amended: under III, A it should read, "There is a system wide committee studying the feasibility of eliminating the 120-hour cap" and "However, raising it could present a hardship to students and parents, since students may be unable to complete their degree in four years."

II. Communications:

A. Memo from Daniel Thornburgh, re: Distinguished Faculty Award

B. Memo from VP Williams, re: Parking Committee

III. Old Business:

A. Schaeffer reported on the Executive Committee meeting with President Rives:

1) In respect to the general education requirements, it was suggested that VPAA Kindrick and Terry Weidner be invited to present a summary of the process to date. Dr. Rives is unwilling to get involved in curricular matters that have been decided by a duly-elected faculty body. A special meeting of the faculty has been called for Tuesday, February 6, at 2:00 P.M. in the Effingham Room.

2) "Public ivy" is a marketing strategy that suggests some of the benefits of EIU, small class sizes, professors teaching freshman and sophomore level courses, more individual attention, etc. However, this may be a false image and we may be perpetuating a myth, as some classes have 50 students (DiChiara). The term is an oxymoron and essentially contradictory (Sylvia).

3) President Rives is unable to anticipate what--if any--effects the new general education requirements will have on enrollment.

B. Nordin reported on the Development Advisory Committee:

1) The Second Century Campaign Brochure is in process and photographers may be visiting classes and taking pictures.

2) The Telefund has been a success; the cost has been \$3.00 per call and the average call has raised \$25.00. Results have been disappointing in some areas, such as Fine Arts and HPER.

3) The Capital Campaign is doing a feasibility study about the goal of raising 20-30 million dollars. Local support will be sought.

4) There is a plan to make the fiscal year consistent for all organizations.

C. Clay-Méndez reported on the Council of Faculties meeting held at Northeastern Illinois University January 28 and 29:

1) There are two CoF subcommittees currently preparing recommendations: one deals with the majors--requirements, changes, courses, hours, electives, etc.; the other with grading policies--definition of grades, appeals, repetition of courses, pass/fail, credit/no credit, faculty practices, grade inflation and GPA.

2) The current BOG Teleclass is well under way. John Simmons (WIU) is taping "Beliefs and Believers." Teleclass proposals for next year are encouraged. Even those who submitted for 1989-90 must do so again.

3) The Minority Internship Program is headed by Sandra Westbrooks, formerly of EIU and now working in the System Office.

4) Brochures on the BOG Distinguished Faculty Award will be distributed shortly. There will be one award per university, selected by faculty from non-BOG institutions.

5) Dr. Pringle will meet with VPAA's to discuss programs with 19 or fewer majors. Quality, minority enrollment and other considerations will be taken into account.

- 6) The SUE process is still in progress, and an assessment plan will be considered next.
 - 7) A new, System-wide Committee on Assessment and Retention is being created. Faculty Senate chairs and a member of the Council of Faculties will represent the faculty. A department by department procedure will be developed, emulating the "ISU Plan."
 - 8) The BHE voted to eliminate the use of the word "provisional" when referring to students.
 - 9) July 1, 1991 is the time line for the Graduate Study Review.
- D. DiChiara reported on the Textbook Rental Committee:
- 1) There were some coding problems that precluded processing some of the questions in the faculty survey. However, plenty of pertinent data was gathered.
 - 2) There will be a two year shelf-life cycle for books.
 - 3) Concerns remain in regard to what is considered a "textbook," the requirement that the same text be used in multiple-section courses and that the input of faculty to change textbooks is undermined by some policies. Notwithstanding, the Rental System is receptive to change.

IV. New Business:

- A. VP Williams would like to have nominations for the newly-formed Parking Committee. The Traffic and Safety Committee is now defunct. Motion was made (Kruse/Clay-Méndez) to nominate Nordin as one of the members. Motion carried.
- B. There is concern that changes in the established guidelines for the Walter and Lucille Khlem Memorial Scholarship are intrusive and unenforceable (Sylvia). Maybe the best course of action should be boycotting the process (Gosselin). Nevertheless, the Khlems have donated the money and they should be entitled to require high moral values, non-use of alcohol and absence of sexual promiscuity, if they choose (Wallace).
- C. The Evaluation of Administrators sub-committee will be meeting soon, and Gary Wallace was appointed to serve. Instruments used at UNI and the one being designed at WIU will be consulted.
- D. Motion was made (Sutliff/Kruse) to amend motion of November 28 to read as follows: CAA should consist of a) one member from each college, b) three at-large faculty members, c) three students, and d) chairs should be allowed to serve. Discussion focused on the fact that this would not allow proportionate representation of LAS, the college with the largest number of faculty (Nordin). Perhaps the CAA should represent the number of majors, not faculty (Marlow). We should ensure nobody feels disenfranchised (Schaeffer). A good approach might be to survey the faculty through a referendum simultaneous with the Spring faculty elections (Goodrick). Motion was made (Gosselin/DiChiara) to table previous motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M. Next week the Faculty Senate will sponsor a special meeting with Drs. Kindrick and Weidner, on February 6, at 2:00 P.M. in the Effingham Room. Please note change of room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Luis Clay-Méndez