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The meeting was called to order by Tony Schaeffer at 2:04 P.M. in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Student Union.

Present: Luis Clay-Méndez, Al DiChiara, Pat Fewell, Evelyn Goodrick, Robert Jorstad, Kipp Kruse, Linda Leal, Ed Marlow, Harold Nordin, Tony Schaeffer, Ron Sutliff, and Richard Sylvia

Absent: David Carpenter, Laurent Gosselin, and Gary Wallace

Visitors: Chris Boghossian, Daily Eastern News, Libby Jeffers (Student Senate), and John Miller

I. Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as amended: Under II, B, the correct spelling is DeRuiter; under III, H, "attent" should be "attend," and the last two items should be I and J, instead of H and I.

II. Communications:

A. President's Report to the BOG

B. Information on BOG Distinguished Professorship

C. Minutes of BOG meeting of 1-18-90 and agenda for meeting of 2-22-90

D. Memo from John North, re: Advertisement on campus.

III. Old Business:

A. Further discussion was held concerning the Committee on Academic Computing. Computer Services sets policy (Marlow), and it is almost mandatory to get more faculty into the CAC (Jorstad). Some faculty members feel very frustrated with the CAC, and one has to think twice before bringing proposals (Fewell). But even if the Committee on Computers in Instruction and Research (CCIR) is created, the CAC will still have all the power (Sylvia). Motion was made (Jorstad/Sylvia) to bring Computer Committee Proposal off the table. Motion carried. Present computer concerns seems to focus more on monetary considerations than needs (Jorstad). CAC is an advisory committee to the University Council. The problem is that ten years ago nobody anticipated the boom in academic computing. CAC is not equipped to consider computer-assisted instruction (Miller). Motion was made (Sutliff/Kruse) to table the motion again and revise it.

B. Motion was made (Sutliff/Kruse) to take the CAA motion off the table. This motion is significantly against the best interests of LAS (Nordin). There was discussion concerning the feasibility of providing choices for at-large representation or some proportionate scheme for a faculty referendum. The motion was defeated. At a future Executive Committee meeting with President Rives, this issue should be brought up, as the President did not address this concern when he visited the Faculty Senate and has not responded to the letter written by Schaeffer (Sutliff). Motion was defeated.

C. In regard to the motion on the table concerning evaluation of general education requirements, it was decided to write a letter of inquiry to Dr. Whitley to see if any consideration is already being given to assessment. We may be premature in doing an evaluation (Kruse).

D. With respect to the EIU Foundation, Nordin reported that \$6,000,000 has been pledged as endowed money to EIU, and \$10,000,000 are expected by 1995. New forms are being considered by the Foundation and, instead of the Capital Campaign, the name of Second Century Campaign will be used.

IV. New Business:

A. Marlow brought up concern about the apparent non-progress in handicapped accessibility at EIU. There are numerous places and some buildings that are not at all accessible to handicapped students. However, there does not seem to be a public outcry (Kruse). It is difficult to ascertain how many handicapped students do not choose EIU because of this situation. Addressing this concern will provide impetus for taking corrective action (Fewell). It was suggested that VP Williams and Judith Anderson be invited to speak to the Faculty Senate about this matter. We should draw the attention of Affirmative Action, as this is their problem also (Sylvia).

B. The Parking Committee will begin to meet in the near future.

C. New voter eligibility guidelines for Faculty Senate positions will be as follows: F-t Faculty, A & P Personnel, except deans, vice-presidents and president.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M. The next Senate meeting will be February 27, at 2:00 P.M. in the Martinsville Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Luis Clay-Méndez