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The meeting was called to order by Tony Schaeffer at 2:00 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, Linda Leal, Ed Marlow, Harold Nordin, Tony Schaeffer, Ron Sutliff, and Gary Wallace

Absent: Kipp Kruse and Richard Sylvia

Visitors: David Lindquist and Melissa Tantum, Daily Eastern News, John Miller, Jayne Ozier, and Bill Phillips

I. Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved

II. Communications:

Memo from Daniel Thornburgh, re: Distinguished Faculty Award

III. Old Business:

A. Nordin reported on a forthcoming meeting of the Parking Committee; DiChiara will fill in for him until his return at the end of March

B. DiChiara reported on the Textbook Library Committee and the fact that Bill Addison is presently quantifying available data

D. Fewell reported on current status of faculty nominations; more names are required for Faculty Senate seats, and positions from the Home Economic and Business areas are available

E. More discussion was held concerning CAC, which makes decisions with regard to which computers are purchased for EIU and which now approves software purchases as well (Jorstad). CAC is not an appropriate forum for discussions on academic computing: its time frame does not allow for it (Fewell). There are computer-literate faculty members that should be on the CAC (Wallace). Currently, there is no schedule for the replacement of computers, and according to VP Armstrong, this is a funding problem. There is concern our computers either have or will become obsolete soon. Also, students have no access to computers (DiChiara). Since VPAA Kindrick is on the CAC, he should be invited to talk to the Faculty Senate (Clay-Méndez). There are other questions the Faculty Senate would like to ask him, as what is being done to replace Dr. Switzer? (Carpenter). Schaeffer will try to schedule a visit in two weeks.

F. Thornburgh reported that there has been a 34.7% increase in scholarship amounts available to students since 1988. In the period of 1985 through 1989, the increase has been 75.4%. In 1990, the Distinguished Faculty Awards will be \$750.00. Gosselin asked for name of a graduate student to serve on the committee for the Distinguished Faculty Awards

G. Shirley Moore will visit the Faculty Senate next week and speak about accessibility to handicapped students. If we are unable to make EIU accessible, we should state this limitation in our catalog (DiChiara)

IV. New Business:

A. Jayne Ozier spoke about Gov. Thompson's decision to recommend a 2.9% increase in the higher education budget, a figure below the anticipated 4.1% inflation rate. The BHE asked for a 8.8% increase, which included a 3% budget increase for faculty raises. This exacerbates the decision to raise the salaries of the Chancellor and BOG presidents for the second time in the past six months. The UPI is planning a demonstration in Chicago to coincide with the governor's arrival for the BHE meeting. A chartered bus will be available to faculty who wish to attend the rally. Others are encouraged to show support in a variety of ways. The no-strike clause in the contract limits response and potentially weakens our position (Carpenter). More eloquent and effectual action is needed to get attention of legislature, perhaps a day of concern could be observed university or system-wide (Clay-Méndez).

B. Motion was made (DiChiara/Fewell) to draft a letter expressing a lack of confidence in the BOG. Motion carried. The letter will be drafted by DiChiara, Fewell, and Wallace and presented to the Senate at a later date for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M. The next Senate meeting will be March 6, at 2:00 P.M. in the Martinsville Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Luis Clay-Méndez