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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, Pat Fewell, Laurent Gosselin, Evelyn Goodrick, Robert Jorstad, Kipp Kruse, Ed Marlow, Tony Schaeffer, Ron Sutliff, and Gary Wallace

Absent: Al DiChiara, Linda Leal, Harold Nordin, and Richard Sylvia

Visitors: Phillip Laird, Daily Eastern News, Lewis Coon, Chris McCormick, John Miller, and Dean Moore

I. Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as amended: under III, E (Jorstad) should be placed after "EIU;" and IV, A should read 6% instead of 3%.

II. Communications:

A. Memo from Calvin Smith, re: University of Detroit salary agreement and its pertinence to EIU

B. Memo from Keith Kohanzo, re: Judicial Board faculty appointments

III. Old Business:

A. Clay-Mendez spoke about the Council of Faculties' meeting of March 4 and 5 at Western Illinois University. A more detailed report will be presented next week.

B. VPAA Kindrick is no longer a member of CAC. Dr. Colbert is taking his place.

C. Dean Moore and McCormick spoke in regard to handicapped accessibility. In 1988 Dean Moore suggested to VP Armstrong that the 504 Compliance Committee be reconvened to address handicapped students' needs, using information provided by Dr. McCormick. Although Dr. Armstrong did not think this action was necessary at that time, she expressed interest in finding out what the concerns were. Since then, several modifications and arrangements have been made, mostly as a result of complaints or requests, and an Ad Hoc Committee on Disabilities and Accessibility was formed later that year. This committee produced a report that was distributed to the President, each vice-president, each director/coordinator who is in the area of Academic Development, and members of the Committee. Although much remains to be done to make EIU accessible, the general feeling is that the University is in compliance with federal and state laws. Special arrangements are made for parking, classroom availability, etc. as individual needs arise. Regrettably, people who do the planning do not understand fully all the variables involved, as they are seldom handicapped themselves (Moore). There has been a dramatic increase in special requests: last year, 38 students contacted McCormick. Capital funding has been requested for further improvements in accessibility. NEPRs are rarely funded if they originate from the administration. We need someone on campus who is knowledgeable or specifically trained on how to address handicapped concerns and procure grants and alternate sources of funding. Perhaps we have an ethical obligation to make it known that EIU is not a very accessible university (Gosselin). In other BOG institutions there are many handicapped features, such as automatic door openers, that we do not have (Clay-Mendez). We are lagging behind other schools, since we did not begin to make these changes when they were first implemented elsewhere; but we have no choice now: if students choose EIU we must comply with the law of accessibility to all public places (McCormick). An excerpt of the award-winning videotape of VP Williams making the rounds on a wheelchair was shown.

IV. New Business:

A. Motion was made (Carpenter/Sutliff) to go into closed session. Motion carried. The Faculty Senate returned to open session after personnel matters were discussed.

B. Calvin Smith offered for consideration a statistical model of comparative salaries developed by the University of Detroit. Jorstad suggested that a copy be sent to the president of the UPI chapter.

C. The Faculty Senate's Executive Committee will meet with President Rives on Thursday, March 8.

D. Motion was made (Fewell/Kruse) to accept nominations as published. Motion carried. See attached.

E. Concern was expressed about the current status of the BOG Assessment Study of Student Outcomes (Gosselin). There are six campus committees who are presently engaged in this process. This study was publicized earlier this year (Kruse), and the President's Council is involved in it (Sutliff). Perhaps more information can be obtained when Dr. Pringle visits EIU for the Academic Program Review, on March 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M. The next Senate meeting will be March 13, at 2:00 P.M. in the Martinsville Room. Dr. Kindrick will be in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Luis Clay-Méndez