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The meeting was called to order by Tony Schaeffer at 2:05 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, Linda Leal, Ed Marlow, Tony Schaeffer, Ron Sutliff, Richard Sylvia, and Gary Wallace

Absent: Harold Nordin

Visitors: VPAA Kindrick, Dr. Charles Colbert, Dr. John Miller, and Phillip Laird, Daily Eastern News

I. Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

II. Communications:

- A. Memo from Calvin Smith, re: advertising
- B. Memo from Shirley Moore, re: disabilities
- C. Amendment to BOG regulations concerning bereavement leave
- D. An interim report pursuant to Senate Resolution 460 for Governance of Higher Education in Illinois by the Illinois Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation
- E. Reports from the Committee on Scope, Structure, and Productivity of Illinois Higher Education

III. Old Business:

A. DiChiara reported on plans for additional parking being considered by the Parking Committee. DiChiara also reported on concerns of the Textbook Rental Advisory Committee, among which is the fact that the Committee cannot make policy or decide what constitutes a text; the President's Council has the ultimate say.

B. Clay-Méndez reported on the meeting of the Council of Faculties. According to Dr. Pringle, EIU received a 2.9% increase overall, the highest of any BOG university. The salary increases for the Chancellor and university presidents are to make them comparable to salaries of other administrators. With respect to the Annual Program Review, there are misconceptions related to the status of programs with enrollments of 19 or less students. A low number merely indicates that there is a need for close attention. 20 or more majors produce 5 or more graduates. Nevertheless, many discussions are held. Far more status quo* programs return to status quo than are eliminated. In the 19 years since the first Program Review, only 3 faculty members lost jobs as a result and only one program has been eliminated by the BOG. March 19, at 1:00 P.M. is the Program Review at EIU.

IV. New Business:

A. VPAA Kindrick spoke to the Faculty Senate about the following:

1) The emphasis on productivity and accountability is just starting: the BOG is interested in pursuing it further, demanding to know what is being done with monies. As academicians, we may find this concept distasteful.

2) Committees on Assessment and Retention have been funded through NEPR's in six departments--BOT, ART, JOU, HST, SOC and HEC---. Among items discussed are student outcomes and skills in incoming students. Purpose is to provide feedback for us and our students, assuring that they graduate with the right knowledge. Every subsequent year, six other departments will be added. This data is being gathered not for political use, but as a proactive approach. Steve Whitley and Shirley Moore serve on a System-wide committee. The IBHE will support efforts to seek this sort of information. Concern was expressed (Goodrick) about mixing money inquiries with academic concerns in the Alumni Survey, handled by Steve Falk. But the latter's intent is to establish a database, as the previous was lost when computer network failed and obliterated data (Kindrick).

3) The search to replace Dr. Switzer will begin as soon as his Administrative Educational Leave ends. Meanwhile, his duties are being assumed by administrative personnel. It will be an open, internal search, as there are qualified candidates to consider here. If no suitable candidate is found, then the VPAA, who makes the final selection, will look further. Tentative replacement date is August 15, 1990.

4) Despite the disappointing recommendations by the Governor, the implementation date for General Education recommendations is still Fall, 1991.

B. Dr. Colbert addressed concerns voiced in previous Senate meetings in regard to the CAC:

1) Increased faculty representation has been included as an agenda item to be discussed at a forthcoming meeting of CAC.

2) He sees no need to proliferate committees by creating another computing body. CAC can handle concerns and welcomes input by faculty. Attendance is always good, and may even improve if meetings are held on Wednesdays instead of Fridays. The environment is not intimidating, although the nomenclature can be obscure at times.

3) The purpose of requiring signatures when purchasing software, which is considered constraining by some faculty (Kruse), is to maintain some control on purchases, especially of hardware.

C. Schaeffer distributed a letter written to Michael Ryan on behalf of the Faculty Senate, requesting that beer signs be removed from Lantz gym.

D. Discussion was held as to whether or not departmental affiliation should be provided along with names of at-large candidates. This was the practice last year, and the matter will be pursued further next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 P.M. The next Senate meeting will be **March 20, at 2:00 P.M.** in the Martinsville Room. The meeting will be brief, due to the **Annual State of the University Report by President Rives, to be given in the Coleman Hall Lecture Room, at 3:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Luis Clay-Méndez