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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: David Carpenter, Luis Clay-Méndez, Pat Fewell, Laurent Gosselin, Evelyn Goodrick, Robert Jorstad, Kipp Kruse, Linda Leal, Ed Marlow, Harold Nordin, Tony Schaeffer, Ron Sutliff, Richard Sylvia, and Gary Wallace

Absent: Al DiChiara,

Visitors: Laura Durnell, Daily Eastern News and John Miller

I. Minutes of the meeting of March 20 were unanimously approved as amended: under IV, D the following should be added: Chair Schaeffer was admonished about disclosing issues discussed in closed sessions (Carpenter/Gosselin).

II. **Communications:**

- A. Minutes of the BOG meeting of 2-22-90
- B. BOG agenda for the 4-5-90 meeting
- C. President's report to the BOG for 4-5-90
- D. IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee meeting minutes of 3-2-90
- E. Library Advisory Board miscellaneous minutes and agendas
- F. Student Publications Board meeting minutes of 3-2-90
- G. Memo from Luis Clay-Méndez, re: articles from The Chronicle of Higher Education
- H. Memo from President Rives, re: appointment of Craig Eckert to the Environmental Health and Service Committee

III. **Old Business:**

A. Faculty elections have been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. Motion was made (Kruse/Fewell) to extend the due date for the return of the ballots to Friday the 13th of April. This deadline will allow time for absentee voting and will make it possible to have results known by the following Faculty Senate meeting.

B. Discussion was held concerning the letter Chair Schaeffer was asked to write about having a member of the faculty serve as chair of the Search Committee to replace Dr. Switzer. In the letter, Schaeffer added--as a personal opinion--that a faculty member was not qualified to serve in this capacity. This undermines the effectiveness of the request (Carpenter) and goes against the spirit of the original motion (Gosselin). When writing as representative voice of the Faculty Senate, his own personal views should be excluded, perhaps better expressed via a separate memo (Clay-Méndez). It is also questionable that a faculty member is not qualified to serve in such a capacity (Goodrick). Originally, Schaeffer had nominated himself and Carpenter to serve in the committee, but later complied with the request to nominate three more; from the five, VPAA Kindrick will select two. It appears that Dr. Colbert will chair the Search Committee.

C. Many views were expressed with respect to the nature of an executive or closed session. First of all, it must deal with personnel matters (Kruse). Also, it appears to be indiscreet to reveal information brought forth during these sessions until matters become part of the public record. Trust in this commitment is an essential part of the closed session, and we must re-establish this trust, as this is a critical issue (Gosselin). Untenured faculty feel particularly sensitive about this. Sometimes words used in closed sessions have been quoted verbatim by persons who were not involved in the process (Carpenter). This has also happened on other occasions (Sutliff). But this has been an unusual year, as the Faculty Senate has undertaken to act as a check and balance on the Administration (Sutliff). However, some of these accusations are not based on fact, and we must guard against the perception that faculty and the administration are not congruent, as this would be divisive and untrue (Kruse). Notwithstanding, the Faculty Senate's constitution calls for watchfulness, which is not necessarily contentiousness (Carpenter).

D. Nordin reported on the Parking Committee, including several recommendations currently under study. Among these are the raising of fines for various infractions, additional parking spaces and limiting driving privileges for local students.

E. Sutliff reported on the Sports and Recreation Board, underlining questions concerning the current state of the new Lantz facility. These include plans, equipment to be ordered, etc.

F. Schaeffer is preparing a draft proposal of guidelines for advertising on campus to be submitted to President Rives for consideration, as there seems to be no such policy currently.

IV. New Business:

Motion was made (Fewell/Carpenter) to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M. The next Senate meeting will be April 10, 2:00 P.M. in the Paris Room. **Please note change of room.** President Rives is scheduled to visit the Faculty Senate.

Respectfully Submitted,
Luis Clay-Méndez