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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, Richard Sylvia, and Gary Wallace

Absent: Al DiChiara and Harold Nordin

Visitors: John Miller

I. Minutes of the meeting of April 3 were unanimously approved.

II. **Communications:**

A. CUPB minutes from the October, January, and February meetings

B. Listed retirements for 1989-90

III. **Old Business:**

A. Faculty elections were the topic of extensive discussion. There are numerous objections related to the lack of directions and information as to where to send completed ballots and why some names have been crossed out and some circles blacked out; some faculty members were skeptical about using the mail for this purpose. There was disapproval of the ditto sheet written by Sutliff and placed in faculty boxes, encouraging people to vote for certain candidates; no candidates from LAS were on the list (Sylvia). Some also thought this was a preliminary vote and threw their ballots in the trash (Miller). There is no time to conduct new elections, and it may be impractical to do so. A number of faculty members are not political, and may not have wanted to vote (Gosselin). Our concern is not so much with the results, but the image of the Faculty Senate. Motion was made (Kruse/Sutliff) to apologize to faculty for failures and procedures of this year's election. Motion carried unanimously. Since this is the first time ballots have been mailed, it is hoped that next year the procedure will be improved. In the meantime, Chair Schaeffer will contact the Daily Eastern News in order to provide information about returning the ballots to Al DiChiara--Sociology.

B. There seems to be an increase in advertisements placed in campus mail boxes. A draft statement on advertising on campus has been drafted and will be discussed further next week. The draft prohibits advertising alcohol on campus and sets parameters for other forms of advertisements.

C. Sylvia has been appointed to serve on the Textbook Rental Committee.

D. The Retirement Reception will take place on May 2 from 2:30 to 3:30 in the 1895 Room. The presentation of awards will be at 3:00.

IV. **New Business:**

A. President Rives visited the Faculty Senate and requested an executive session for a building name presentation. Motion was made (Kruse/Fewell) to do so. Motion carried.

B. After returning to open session, President Rives discussed the following:

1. There have been over 50 responses to his "to do" list, the bulk being from faculty members. Institutional priorities range from making the Illinois income tax surcharge permanent and other funding concerns to improving availability of computers to support instructional programs.

2. EIU ranks the highest of all Illinois universities in percentage of human resources in faculty positions, 61.2%; the state-wide average is 52.9%.

3. Faculty salaries at EIU are the second lowest in the state (Chicago State is lower). Civil service salaries at EIU are the lowest in the state. Consequently, the BHE FY90 Salary Increase Study shows EIU with the highest percentage increase in these two areas. Increases include promotion increments.

4. The number 19 in the Program Review is arbitrary, and there needs to be a differential number for graduate and undergraduate programs. Also, the report ought to deal only with majors, not subdivision of majors.

5. The Study of Undergraduate Education is a very important study in terms of preparing EIU for an assault on graduate education. Fundamentally, we are a Master's degree institution in the graduate area.

6. A chart and comparative figures of expenditures by area were distributed, showing the following breakdown: VPAA, 65.9%; VPAF, 21.7%; VPSA, 6.0%; President, 4.4%; VPD, 0.4%; and Reserve, 1.5%.

7. Thanks to the conversion project, EIU no longer is obligated to burn gas; we may burn coal or oil if the prices rise in a given area.

8. President Rives informed the Faculty Senate of plans to name the various buildings of University Court Apartments after former faculty. Each department will be encouraged to submit a nomination.

C. Marlow asked about the likelihood of the tax surcharge's becoming permanent and if there are plans to downsize if it does not. President Rives believes the surcharge will continue and that our student body will remain stable at 10,200. Carpenter asked at what point would the President recommend that faculty go on strike. President Rives replied that such recommendation would never be made, as it would be inappropriate. Sutliff asked about concerns of some colleges with the "public-ivy image" and the integrated core chosen for EIU. President Rives replied that whereas the mission of the University should be looked into periodically, no fundamental changes should be effected. Essentially, our mission remains the same as it was many years ago: to provide all students with a good preparation in the major field along with a sound Liberal Arts background. But EIU is not becoming a Liberal Arts institution. Goodrick addressed the question of BOG efforts to centralize, even to the point of changing the name of the five BOG universities. President Rives has opposed this effort, stating often that students attend a university, not a system. The marketing study does show a slant toward centralization, however.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:38 P.M. The next Senate meeting will be April 17, 2:00 P.M. in the Martinsville Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Luis Clay-Méndez