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The meeting was called to order by Staff Senate Vice President Gilbert at 1:04 p.m., Schahrer Room, Union

Present: Kathy Cartwright, Vickie Gilbert, Dennis Jones, Jeanne Simpson, Jean Liggett, Sandy Bingham-Porter, Maggie Dell, Teresa Sims, Anita Thomas, John Flynn, Adam Due, Micky Carrel

Absent: Wayne Bosler, Lynn Kimbrough, Danny Cross

Visitors: Dr. Elise Post, Lloyd Leonard, President Jorns, Vice President Hencken

Minutes: A motion (Cartwright/Liggett) to approve the minutes of April 25, 1994 passed with the correction of 'Mr. Gilbert was sent fourteen people with test scores'. (2 abstentions)

I. Old Business

A. Smoking Subcommittee (Sims/Gilbert/Miller/Due)

Senator Sims reported the smoking subcommittee met with the Student Senate committee on April 25 to discuss the smoking survey results. The Student Senate passed a resolution to alter the smoking policy of the University Union. The modifications include the removal of smoking in the Mezzanine and the lounge directly in front of the Bookstore.

Senator Sims spoke with Mr. Ed Adams about the possibility of placing a 'smoke eater' in the Vending Lounge. A motion (Sims/Thomas) to request the Director of the University Union (copy to Mr. Hencken) to determine the feasibility of a 'smoke eater' in the Vending Lounge was made and passed.

A motion (Sims/Simpson) to support the Student Senate resolution was made and passed.

II. Correspondence

A. Parking Committee Minutes, April 20, 1994

B. President’s Council Minutes, April 20, 1994

III. Reports

A. President Jorns

Lobbying at the State level continues. The supplemental appropriation appears to have a good chance of passing. If EIU receives the appropriation, our financial status will be in better shape. Fiscal year '95 appropriation will probably go through unchanged. There are House and Senate bills that may effect Eastern's budget. The state government will pass laws that appear to be very beneficial but never seems to supply the money to enact the law. Ultimately the costs are borne by Eastern. A potential example is the House Bill to allow employees of higher education to send their children to any state university at one half the cost. Eastern would probably receive many of students if this bill is passed. There will be no additional income to offset the costs of the additional students.

B. CUPB (Flynn/Carrell/Thomas)

Senator Flynn reported the CUPB met April 27, 1994. Director of the Budget, Kim Furumo presented the budget and explained reserve accounts. Dr. Jorns explained personal services expenditure shortages were mostly due to sick leave payouts. Dr. Jill Nilsen updated the CUPB on the planning initiative.

C. Learner’s Support Group (Dell)

Senator Dell is waiting on verification of a May 18 meeting from Human Resources. They are trying different meeting times to attract other Learners to the meetings. Learners and former learners are encouraged to attend the meeting.

D. Screening Committee for Assistant VPAA (Liggett)

Interviews are presently in progress. May 9, 10, and 11 at 1:30 p.m. in BOG room in Booth Library.

E. Child Care Center Committee (Sims)

Senator Sims reported the committee’s main objective is to look into prior research and determine if it is still accurate. A motion (Sims/Bingham-Porter) to invite Lisa Dallas to sit on the committee as a staff member representative was made and passed.

F. Development Advisory Committee (Jones)

Senator Jones reported the committee met April 14, 1994. Ms. Karla Evans has been named Assistant Director of Development. The Eastern Alumnae have been mailed. Donations to the Foundation total over one million dollars. The Five Million Campaign has raised over $200,000. There will be a new position as of July 1, Assistant Vice President of Capital Campaigns. Homecoming information deadline is in June for the Eastern Alumnae. They are looking for nominations for the Distinguished Alumnae award.

IV. New Business

A. Staff Senate Meetings in the Summer

A motion (Jones/Bingham-Porter) to meet once a month in June, July and August was made and passed. A motion (Simpson/Flynn) to cancel the May 23 meeting was made and passed.

Meeting dates: June 27, July 25, August 25

B. Civil Service Statutes

Senator Liggett expressed concern that some Civil Service employees could not go to the Human Resource office to pick up the new Civil Service Statutes. Dr. Post replied that any Civil Service employee may call and they will be mailed to them.

IV. Adjournment

The next meeting is on June 27, 1994 in the Schahrer Room, Union at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bingham-Porter
Staff Senate Secretary