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I. Call to order by Anne Zahlan at 2:03 p.m. (Conference Room, Booth Library)

II. Approval of the Minutes of March 18, 2003.
Motion (Clay Mendez/Wolski) to approve Minutes of March 18, 2003, with the following addition: The Faculty Senate expressed its gratitude to its Computer-Privacy Committee. Yes: Benedict, Brandt, Carpenter, Carwell, Clay Mendez, Dilworth, Fraker, Lawrence, Monippallil, Ogbomo, Toosi, Wolski, Zahlan. Passed.

III. Announcements: None.

IV. Communications:
A. Memo (17 March) from Brenda Wilson and Nancy Marlow re: Appointments to Achievement and Contribution Awards Selection Committee
B. E-mail message (17 and 24 March) from Jan Dowland re: Facilities Update
C. E-mail message (26 March) from John David Reed re: Technology Governance
D. E-mail message (26 March) from Bryan Miller re: Technology Governance
E. E-mail message (26 March) from Herb Lasky re: Honors Council
F. E.mail message from Bob Fossum re: Faculty Representation on IBHE
G. E-mail message (1 April) from Les Hyder re: Faculty Representation on IBHE
H. E-mail message (13 February) from Blair Lord re: Statewide Testing Initiative

V. Old Business:
A. Committee Reports:
   1. Executive Committee: Chair Zahlan distributed Minutes of the Council of Illinois Senates meeting of 21 March 2003, informed the Senate that the State of the University Address is scheduled for 15 April and the Faculty Retirement Reception is scheduled for 29 April. Vice Chair Brandt reported that the executive committees of the campus senates met with Interim President Hencken on 20 April to hear a report on the potential budget emergency and proposed cost-saving measures and possible cuts.
   2. Student-Faculty Relations Committee: No report.
   3. Faculty-Staff Relations Committee: No report.
   4. Elections Committee: Motion (Benedict/Dilworth) that the Faculty Senate approve the results of the Faculty Elections. Yes: Benedict, Brandt, Carpenter, Carwell, Clay Mendez, Dilworth, Fraker, Lawrence, Monippallil, Ogbomo, Scher, Toosi, Wolski, Zahlan. Passed. The Senate thanked Senator Brandt for managing the elections in a remarkably organized and efficient manner.
   5. Other Reports: Senator Ogbomo informed the Senate that the position of Budget Director had been offered to and accepted by one of the finalists. The Senate thanked the Distinguished Faculty Award Selection Committee for its fine service this year. At this point Chair Zahlan excused herself from the meeting. Hearing no objection, Vice Chair Brandt suspended the published order of business to move to VLC.
VI. New Business:

C. Campus Facilities: Update from and Discussion with Carol Strode and staff. [Jim Nantz distributed an informational pamphlet issued by Facilities Planning and Management. Gary Hanebrink presented information about entrance and exit flow in campus buildings, web-based safety training, and three new laws (Selective Agent Act, U.S.A. Patriot Act, and the Bio-terrorism-Response Act). Steve Shrake handed out an informational sheet, “Construction Update/Spring 2003,” and presented supplementary information about various campus projects. Gary Reed discussed the ESCo (Energy Service Company) Phase II project and energy-savings opportunities on campus, the possible future of the coal-conversion plant, and planned upgrades of electrical wiring on campus. Carol Strode reported that Eastern usually has about $1.7 million each year to use for deferred maintenance, although this year there is only about $1.3 million available for such.]

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Future Agenda Items:
Phi Beta Kappa; Functioning of Council on University Planning and Budget; NCA Re-accreditation Process; Legislative Update from State Senator Righter; Senate Constitution and By-laws.

Respectfully submitted,
David Carpenter

PLEASE NOTE: Faculty should send their ideas and suggestions about future technological needs to Senator Doug Brandt (cfdeb@eiu.edu).