

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR December 9, 2003 (Vol. XXXII, No. 15)

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I. Call to order by Chair David Carpenter at 2:00 p.m. (Library Conference Room, Booth Library):

Present: J. Allison, A. Brownson, D. Carpenter, D. Carwell, L. Comerford, B. Lawrence, W. Ogbomo, J. Pommier, S. Scher, J. Stimac, J. Wolski. Excused: R. Benedict, R. Fischer. Guests: B. Lord, T. Martin, K. Weisbacher, A. Sartore, N. Zegler.

II. Approval of the Minutes of December 2, 2003: Motion (Wolski/Stimac) to approve. Passed unanimously.

III. Announcements:

- A. Carpenter: A meeting of the Senate's Executive Committee will be held with the President and Provost on Wednesday, December 10, at 2:00 p.m.
- B. Katie Weisbacher: The Pan-Hellenic Council named Jeffrey Stowell (Psychology) as their Distinguished Professor of the month.
- C. Carpenter: A meeting of the Council on University Planning and Budget will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 12, in the Arcola-Tuscola Room. Carpenter will attend as the Senate's representative.
- D. Lord: The search for a Dean of the Honors College will be a national search. Scher reminded Senator's of an unresolved split between the Senate and CAA regarding the composition of the Honors Council. Carpenter reiterated plans to meet with the CAA's Executive Committee.
- E. Allison: The Executive Committee awaits the President's disposition concerning CUPB membership and looks forward to a productive dialogue.
- F. Lord: The Provost has been consulting with a small panel from Minority Affairs, as well as with Cynthia Nichols, students, and members of Student Affairs, to help identify an Interim-Director.
- G. Carpenter: Chair Carpenter corrected his misstatement that Dr. Nilsen, Karla Evans and Steve Rich were to visit with the Senate last week. The visit will occur early next semester.
- H. Senator Scher stated that nominations for the Distinguished Faculty Award should reach him by 4:00 p.m. on February 20, 2004. He noted that nomination forms are available through the CAA's and Faculty Senate's web sites, Academic Affairs, and elsewhere.

IV. Communications:

- A. Season's-Greetings Card from Dale Wolfe and the Admissions Office.
- B. Catherine Thomas: The Council on Faculty Research seeks a three-year representative from Booth Library. Senate members agreed to wait until the new CFR structure is in place to determine how to proceed.
- C. Senator Scher: As chair of the Senate's subcommittee to establish a Luis Clay-Mendez Distinguished Faculty Award, Scher reported the subcommittee's recommendation of an award to be "given to EIU faculty members who best exemplify the dedication of Dr. Luis Clay-Mendez by their service to the University, their profession, and the community at large (Local, National, and International)." The subcommittee (Scher, Pommier, Allison) proposed that the Senate form a subcommittee of three Senate members to select one faculty member annually and that any member of the EIU community be eligible to nominate a faculty member. **A motion (Scher/Wolski) to approve the recommendation passed unanimously, and there was a follow-up vote resulting in the appointment of Scher, Pommier, and Brownson to the first award subcommittee: Allison (Brownson, Pommier, Scher), Brownson (Brownson, Pommier, Scher), Carpenter (Allison, Brownson, Scher), Carwell (Allison, Pommier, Scher), Comerford (Scher, Pommier, Allison), Lawrence (Brownson, Pommier, Scher), Ogbomo (Brownson, Pommier, Scher), Pommier (Brownson, Allison, Scher), Scher (Brownson, Allison, Pommier), Stimac (Brownson, Pommier, Scher), Wolski (Brownson, Pommier, Scher).** Chair Carpenter thanked the subcommittee members in general and Senator Scher in particular for pursuing a means to honor Distinguished Professor Clay Mendez and worthy colleagues.
- D. Jeff Cooley (12/8): Memorandum requesting the Senate to name "three individuals willing to represent the Faculty Senate on the screening committee for the Facilities Planning and Management Director search." A number of Senators noted the short time-line for making nominations at the end of the semester and pointed out that on other occasions the Senate had forwarded a single name for representation on search committees. Since the Senate will not meet again until after the first scheduled meeting of the search committee, Senators agreed to depart from the usual practice of sending out a call for volunteers. **Lawrence moved and Ogbomo seconded that Senator Allison serve on the search committee. The motion passed unanimously.**
- E. Joe Heumann (12/9): Memorandum asking if the Senate is aware that Eastern's administration is "cutting back on summer school teaching slots." Heumann also inquired whether Eastern has diminished commitment to help students "graduate on time." In response, Provost Lord stated that, while the total budget for summer school has not changed, new provisions of the *Contract* change certain arrangements for Continuing Education.

V. Old Business:

A. Committee Reports

Elections: Senator Lawrence noted that a person from Physical Sciences is still needed for the Council on Faculty Research. Allison said that, in the previous Senate Minutes, he had placed a second call which extended the deadline to the end of the semester. Lawrence explained discrepancies in Senate's *By-Laws* and proposed changes: **A motion (Lawrence/Allison) was made to approve the following changes (the motion will be discussed at the Senate's January 13 meeting):**

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II. A. 5. The Nominations Committee shall be responsible for the nomination of bargaining-unit faculty members for the following Faculty Committees and Student-Faculty Boards: Apportionment Board, Affirmative Action Advisory Board, Campus Recreation Board, Council for Faculty Research, Environmental Health & Safety Committee, Financial Aid Appeals Committee, Health Service Committee, IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee, Intercollegiate Athletics Board, Judicial Board, Library Advisory Board, Multicultural Affairs Board, Parking Advisory Committee, Performing Arts Board, Publications Board, Radio-TV Board, Textbook Library Advisory Committee, University Union Advisory Board.

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II. B. 2. Annual elections shall be conducted each Spring semester for membership on the Faculty Senate, the Council on Academic Affairs, the Council on Teacher Education, the Council on Graduate Studies, the University Personnel Committee, the Academic Program Elimination Review Committee, the Council on University Planning and Budget, the Enrollment Management Advisory Committee, the Admissions Review Committee, and the Sanctions and Termination Hearing Committee.

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II. B. 8 b. Vacancies on the major committees of the Senate, except the Council on Faculty Research, shall be filled in like manner as in the section above, the list of alternates varying with the number of positions originally to be filled.

Faculty/Staff Senate: Allison stated that the Staff Senate has appointed members to its liaison group and that he will arrange a meeting with them.

- B.** Internal Governing Policy Regarding Employment of Foreign Nationals: Senator Ogbomo clarified a distinction between sponsorship for permanent residency and the processes to attain citizenship. Senator Stimac inquired about attorney support for faculty members. Lord indicated that the University would serve as legal sponsor, not legal council. **The Senate voted to approve an IGP expressing a policy specifying Eastern's role in hosting and sponsoring foreign nationals (Scher/Lawrence). Passed unanimously.**

- C.** Scher asked the Senate to include the topic of Community Relations and Student Retention at the Spring Faculty Forum. **A motion (Scher/Lawrence) to include the topic passed unanimously.**

Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.

Future Agenda Items:

Activities of Enrollment Management, Academic/Faculty Advising, Evaluation of Administrators, Faculty Representation on the Board of Trustees, Shared Governance for Academic Technologies, Community Service Programs and Opportunities, EIU Foundation, Faculty Participation in Fund-Raising Priorities, Luis Clay-Mendez Award, Composition of Honors Council, CUPB Membership, Discussion with Jill Nilsen, Karla Evans, and Steve Rich.

Respectfully submitted,
John Allison