

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR September 9, 2003 (Vol. XXXII, No. 3)

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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, R. Benedict, D. Carpenter, D. Carwell, L. Clay Mendez, L. Comerford, R. Fischer, M. Monipallil, W. Ogbomo, J. Pommier, S. Scher, J. Stimac, M. Toosi, J. Wolski. Guests: John Hohenadel, Nicole Kull, , Amanda Santorel, Rick Sailors, Herbert Lasky, Gary Aylesworth, Frank McCormick, Kathlene Shank, John Churchill, Blair Lord.

### **II. Approval of the Minutes of September 2, 2003:**

Motion (Allison/Wolski ) to approve Minutes of September 2, 2003, with the following changes (underlined): Whereas the recruitment and retention of international faculty is of serious importance to the university, Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate requests that Eastern Illinois University's Provost develop by spring semester, 2004, an internal governing policy (IGP) to increase support and clarify procedures for providing tenure-track faculty permanent U.S. residency, and to forward such policies and procedures to the Faculty Senate for discussion. Yes: Allison, Benedict, Carpenter, Carwell, Clay Mendez, Comerford, Fischer, Ogbomo, Pommier, Scher, Stimac, Toosi, and Wolski. Abstain: Monipallil.

### **III. Announcements:**

- A. Fall Gathering scheduled at Campus Pond Pavilion, 12 September at 4:00 p.m.
- B. Dr. Jim Appleberry, the consultant for the Presidential Search will be on campus this week to schedule meetings and open forums with interested students, faculty and staff. Open sessions for faculty will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, and again at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 12, in the University Union's Effingham Room.

### **IV. Communications:**

- A. Email message (28 August) from Reed Benedict re: NCA Steering Committee and a flyer from Dean Augustine.
- B. Email message (29 August) from Nancy Farber re: Feedback from Grants/Research Committee.
- C. Email message (29 August) from Jill Nilsen re: Invitation to 9/16 Senate Meeting
- D. Email message (2 September) from Jean Dilworth re: Revised Summer-School Schedule
- E. Email message (3 September) from Bailey Young re: Phi Beta Kappa
- F. Phone call from Lou Hencken re: Facilities-naming Procedures
- G. William Weber re: Proposed Scheduling Changes for Summer School
- H. Inter-Athletics Board minutes. 2 faculty are needed to serve (2 and 3 year term)
- I. Email message from Kip Kruse re: Chairs should not serve on Faculty Senate, but could serve on CAA and COTE
- J. IGP revisions (Lou Hencken) re: Should Dept. of Athletics be self-supporting?
- K. Peter Loewen: spring 2004 may be too late for a policy on international faculty. EIU needs to hire an immigration lawyer. (Lord) Immigration lawyers are terribly expensive. It's reasonably likely that the policy will be available soon.

### **V. Old Business:**

A. Dr. John Churchill spoke about Phi Beta Kappa. He has been on campus less than 24 hours and is very impressed with Booth, the campus in general and the similarity of praise expressed by students and faculty. Phi Beta Kappa is a faculty-driven honor society that looks for centrality and excellence in liberal arts and sciences programs. 10% of the faculty must be Phi Beta Kappa members. Other desirable traits are: quality of the student body, faculty scholarly productivity, faculty compensation, foreign language requirement and fiscal health. Upheavals of late 60s were detrimental to FL requirements. There has been some recovery: Spanish is booming; French and German have declined dramatically. There's less reason to study Russian today. For Phi Beta Kappa the study of a second language is of incalculable benefits to

the students. Membership enhances the appeal of the institution and attracts better quality faculty and students. The presence of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter is one of the indexes of excellence. Other benefits are resume building, a visiting scholar program and an inherent militating for centrality and excellence. There are 162 chapters nationwide, soon to be 170. How about current fiscal woes (Carpenter)? Phi Beta Kappa looks for sufficient resources to sustain quality in a dependable future. Ultimately, students who are inducted feel a sense of purpose in life. Inductees should not be informed just right before graduation (Scher). There is some concern that limited resources may be redirected to liberal arts and harm other programs (Toosi). The Provost is the overseer of all programs, and would not allow that (Lord).

B. The Faculty Senate voted unanimously to endorse the resolution introduced last week and amended with the minutes.

C. Chairs serving on faculty committees. Perhaps we should consider withdrawing the motion. However, the e-mail from Kip Kruse shows continued interest (Allison). With only one communication, we should remove the item from the agenda (Ogbomo). Ther's no message from the faculty, and the likelihood o chairs in the senate seems remote (Monipallil). The Fcaulty Senate should let the electorate choose (Benedict). However, the majority of the faculty voted against it (Carwell). The motion was brought off the table: (Fischer/Pommier): to remove the item from future agendas. Yes: Benedict, Fischer, Minipallil, Ogbomo, Pommier, Stimac and Toosi. No: Allison, Carpenter, Clay Méndez, Comerford and Wolski. Abstain: Scher. Motion carried.

D. Committee Reports:

1. Student-Faculty Relations Committee: Will contact with the new student members (Scher).
2. James Tidwell was the only faculty expressing a desire to serve on ATAC. Motion (Wolski/Fisher) to appoint him to the vacancy. Passed unanimously.
2. Presidential Search Committee: A meeting was scheduled for September 9, but no notice was given (Clay Méndez). The next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be September 24 (Fischer).

**VI. New Business:**

- A. Rick Sailors spoke on behalf of WEIU to recognize the work of John Allison, who was the recipient of a plaque.
- B. Senator Scher also recognized the outstanding work of Professor Laureate Jean Wolski.
- C. Dean Lasky (Honors College) presented his annual report. Enrollment remains relatively stable, with 665 honors students in 2003 as opposed to 700 last year. 142 are freshmen, as compared with 172 in 2002. Early admission cutoff and cuts in scholarship funds were partly responsible. There are plans for preparation and mentoring for various scholarships (Truman, Fulbright, Marshall). Acting VPSA Stewart is the fiscal agent for the scholarship funds. Perhaps we should entertain a motion next week about the advisability of placing the jurisdiction of student grants in VPAA's office (Allison).
- D. Is there a contractual implication in the proposed schedule changes for the summer (Allison)? No. It's just a scheduling matter, with no impact on compensation (Lord).
- E. The Parking Committee should present a report. There are complaints about lack of space, fees, etc. It should be a future agenda item (Toosi).
- F. Advising system we are using now is not working. It's a strain on faculty (Pommier).

**VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.**

**Future Agenda Items:** WEIU Hiring/Expansion Plans and Mission; Evaluation of Administrators; Facilities Naming Procedures; Faculty Representation on Board of Trustees; Shared Governance for Academic Technology; International Programs; Community Service Programs and Opportunities; EIU Foundation; Faculty Participation in Establishing Fund-Raising Priorities

Respectfully submitted,

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