

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR October 26, 2004 (Vol. XXXIII, No. 10)

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### Call to Faculty: Faculty Forum Chair Fischer requests that ideas on potential Faculty Forum topics be submitted to any Senator.

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

Present: J. Allison, J. Ashley, R. Benedict, A. Brownson, D. Carpenter, L. Comerford, R. Fischer, A. HaileMariam, J. Kilgore, M. Monipallil, W. Ogbomo, J. Pommier, J. Stimac, B. Wilson, and J. Wolski.

Guests: B. Lord (Provost and VPAA), W. Hine (Dean, SCE), M. Hanner (Dean, COS), D. Miffler (VPAA, Student Government), M. Kulp (VPSA, Student Government), K. Fischer (Student Government), J. Peryam (reporter, *Daily Eastern News*), and L. Choy (photographer, *Daily Eastern News*).

#### II. Approval of Minutes of 19 October 2004.

Motion (Wilson / Kilgore) to approve the Minutes of 19 October 2004. Yes: Allison, Ashley, Benedict, Brownson, Carpenter, Comerford, Fischer, HaileMariam, Kilgore, Monipallil, Stimac, Wilson, and Wolski. Abstain: Ogbomo.

#### III. Announcements

- A. Senator Fischer announced that the Faculty Development Committee is co-sponsoring, with the Honors College, a focus group on "More Difficult or More Complex? Teaching in Honors" that will be held November 3, from noon to 1 p.m. in Lord Dining Room, Pemberton Hall.

#### IV. Communications

- A. Draft of Letter to Editor, from Les Hyder for IBHE Faculty Advisory Council
- B. Council of Chairs' Minutes of 29 September 2004
- C. Memo of 18 October from Karla Sanders, re: Academic Retention Committee's Retention Forum on 10 November from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Union.
- D. Email of 21 October from Dean Lanham concerning the motion passed last week on One book / One campus. The Library Advisory Board met on 20 October and will be discussing the motion additionally.
- E. Email of 25 October 2004 from Jeff Boshart, re: Ethics Training
- F. Matt Kulp, VPSA, Student Government, asked for feedback from the Senate on a proposal to use "sandwich" boards in the North and South Quadrangles to announce RSO events. His attendance at the Council on Student Government Associations (COSGA) Annual Meeting at Texas A&M gave him the idea of better presenting to students current activities that RSO and other groups, e.g., departments, are having by using a sandwich board, or free-standing placard. These may be placed near sidewalks so students could quickly identify current events without trying to find a single sheet of paper among the many stapled to notice boards. Senator Kilgore suggested that there may be some aesthetic issues and asked if the sandwich boards would quickly become poster boards outside. Kulp responded by stating that the current thought would be to have only a limited number of sandwich boards. RSOs would submit their designs for approval to the Student Government before using one for a limited time, e.g., 2 weeks. Many of the Senators approved of the attempt at getting students better informed, and hopefully involved, in campus life, however, concern was voiced as to who would be in charge of the approval process, design criteria, board location, and the potential at losing green space on campus. Senators Benedict, Monipallil, and Pommier expressed concern over the potential loss of campus beauty. Senator Stimac asked if SPIN (Student Panther Information Network) wasn't already being used effectively for such tasks. Kulp replied that not many students knew of SPIN. Senator Pommier suggested that all avenues of marketing needed to be investigated before one or two were chosen to try. He suggested marketing tools used at other schools be looked at as well. Senator Monipallil urged that there be clear guidelines in the type of advertisement, the construction of the board, and time span of the announcement or the campus image might suffer. Kulp responded that it is his intention to have such measures in place before the boards are begun. Senator Wilson said that one effective technique being used in CDS is to have "commercials", or announcements, shown using PowerPoint® during class change in the classrooms. Senator Fischer appreciated the effort and encouraged any strategy that would lead to greater student involvement. Senator Kilgore echoed his appreciation and suggested that pictures would help faculty in a decision such as this. Senator Kilgore further suggested that there be some trial period of the technique and that Student Government might work with a faculty adviser, possibly from Art. Senator Comerford was

also sympathetic of Student Government's attempt at getting students involved, but was concerned that if the boards were left out two weeks, the novelty might wear off and students would start to not see them. Senator Comerford suggested a shorter period between changing the boards – perhaps as short as one or two days. Senator Benedict suggested that the *Daily Eastern News* might also be used to announce events. Kulp replied that it was, but only a limited amount. Senator HaileMariam appreciated the ideas suggested by Kulp, but asked who would be in charge of enforcing the boards' adherence to the criteria and removal as well as how Kulp knew students were not already getting the information. Kulp replied that he, or a designee, would be in charge of the enforcement. He did not have hard numbers to support the argument that students were not getting the information, but did report anecdotal evidence. Chair Carpenter thanked Kulp for his ideas and urged him to bring new proposals to the Senate.

## **V. Old Business**

- A. Committee Reports
  - 1. Executive Committee: no report
  - 2. Nominations Committee: no report
  - 3. Elections Committee: no report
  - 4. Faculty – Student Relations: no report
  - 5. Faculty – Staff Relations: no report
  - 6. Faculty – Forum Committee: Senator Fischer urged any faculty to submit ideas of potential Faculty Forum topics to any Senator (see Call to Faculty).
  - 7. Budget Transparency Committee: no report
  - 8. Other Reports: Senator Fischer urged faculty interested in the Faculty Development Committee Director position to apply.
- B. Faculty Forum is scheduled for 8 February 2005

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Required Ethics Training: discussion began with the question as to what is the concern. Senator Kilgore stated that some faculty have expressed concerns that they have felt threatened by a potential \$5000 fine if they don't complete the training and added that comments made on the UPI-listserve have been mild with initial concerns on potential freedom of speech issues being reduced. Senators Wilson and Monipallil both stated that having worked for other state or federal agencies, this training was very easy. Senator Pommier stated that the "mandatory" part of the training might be considered the difficult part of the act. Senator Comerford asked if the training was a one-time event or if it would be annual. Provost Lord replied that as the law now stands, the training is annual. The general consensus was that the training is not proving the burden initially thought.
- B. Gender Issues, Gender Equity: Discussion is postponed until the middle of November when appropriate people can be invited to the Senate.
- C. Senator Brownson informed the Senate of a new notice from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) (<http://grants.nig.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-04-064.html>) which states that researchers who receive grants, in whole or part, from the NIH must make a final version of their manuscripts public within six months. There is a web-based comment form for those interested in this notice ([http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/public\\_access/add.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/public_access/add.htm)).
- D. Potential items to add to the "Future Agenda" section of the minutes were discussed. Senator Pommier suggested that in keeping with some of the comments made by Senators concerning sandwich boards being placed on campus, as well as comments made by President Hencken during the Faculty Luncheon, that campus beautification should be added. Senator Pommier stated that there are concerns over how cigarette butts are disposed. Senator Kilgore suggested that the addition of a day care center and the question of faculty spousal hiring could be addressed. Both issues have an impact on potential new hires.

## **VII. Adjournment at 3:00 p.m.**

### **Future Agenda Items:**

Future Agenda Items: Board Trustees' Visit To/With Faculty Senate; Faculty Representation on BOT; Community Service Programs and Opportunities; EIU Foundation; Faculty Participation in Establishing Fundraising Priorities

Respectfully submitted,

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