

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR June 29, 2006 (Vol. XXXIV, No. 18)

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- I. Call to order by Chair Assege HaileMariam at 1:00 p.m.** (Martinsville Room, MLK Student Union)
Present: J. Ashley, A. Brownson, L. Curry, R. Fischer, A. HaileMariam, R. Hoberman, L. New Freeland, J. Pommier, J. Stimac, and B. Wilson. Excused: L. Comerford, M. Dao, R. Marshall, T. Sinclair and D. Van Gunten.
Guests: B. Lord (Provost / VPAA).

II. Approval of Minutes of 18 April 2006.

At the time this was presented, the Faculty Senate did not have quorum.

III. Announcements

- A. Members of the National Student Exchange are on campus today. If approved, the program could start as early as fall 2007.

IV. Communications

- A. Letter of 10 May from Ruth Hoberman, re: thanking the Faculty Senate for the Distinguished Faculty Award.
B. Letter of 5 June from Provost Lord, re: ACA Selection Committee.
C. Email of 6 June from Kathy Kimball, re: Campus-wide retention schedule. The letter concerns records retention. The state has made a request that in order to ensure the proper disposal of state records every type of examination given should be authorized for destruction prior to being shredded. There was a brief discussion over possible FERPA conflicts and privacy concerns. The Provost indicated that he would get more information for the Faculty 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 Committee: no report.
 5. Faculty – Staff Relations Committee: no report.
 6. Budget Transparency Committee: no report.
 7. Faculty Forum Committee: no report.
 8. Other Reports
 - a) Provost's Report: Provost Lord stated that this has been a very productive year in Faculty Senate and thanked those members leaving the Senate.

VI. New Business

- A. Windows PC technology. Senator Fischer expressed his concerns over the mandate to only support Windows XP or Windows Vista machines by ITS. Senator Fischer stated that many machines in the Biological Sciences must be replaced when ITS no longer supports Windows 98 or Windows 2000 since the machines cannot be upgraded. Senator Ashley indicated that during a Budget Transparency Committee meeting that VPBA Cooley indicated that excess money from the Banner switch could be used by departments to help offset expenses make these changes. Senator Ashley suggested that Chatterji and Cooley be invited to Faculty Senate early in the fall semester. Senator HaileMariam asked if Faculty Senate should write a letter to the President and Provost expressing Faculty Senate's concerns on these issues. Senator Curry stated that we should have the letter ready prior to the meeting in which we invite Chatterji and Cooley to Faculty Senate. Senator HaileMariam stated that she attended a conference at which the role of technology in learning, not presentation, was addressed and

- the results indicated that technology may not be helping learning. Senators Ashley and Fischer volunteered to draft a letter for the Faculty Senate.
- B. Booth Library – One book, one campus. Senator Fischer stated that it is unacceptable that students, staff, and faculty have not been informed of the book being chosen for this year’s “One Book, One Campus” event until after deadlines to choose books or before students left for the summer. Senator Fischer suggested that if the Library cannot do this, maybe there is someone else who could. Senator Curry agreed that getting the book information out to the faculty prior to book adoption deadlines is important. She suggested that some campuses approach “One Book, One Campus” as a chance to read a controversial book, other choose a classic. Senator Fischer indicated that the Library Advisory Board had suggested other books, but that *Grapes of Wrath* was chosen by Dean Lanham. Senator Curry said that maybe Faculty Senate should consult with the University of Illinois and see how they choose their book. Senator Hoberman said that involving freshman was crucial and that getting them involved helps make them part of the campus atmosphere. She did not believe any of the incoming freshman knew about this program or the book.
 - C. Spam infiltration. Chair HaileMariam wondered why there has been an increase in the amount of spam being received. Provost Lord said that many faculty are concerned with this, however, the filters have been lowered somewhat since many faculty were complaining about email being filtered, or flagged, as spam that was not spam. Provost Lord suggested that inviting Chat Chatterji to Faculty Senate in the fall.
 - D. Electronic Writing Portfolio. Chair HaileMariam indicated that students are having problems with registration and graduation based on the early deadlines for EWP courses. Senator Fischer stated that the EWP is a block to pre-engineering and pre-nursing students. He was aware of at least one student who was nearly denied entry to the University of Illinois since his transcript was released owing to an EWP block. Senator Fischer stated that last spring the EWP committee had indicated they would review potential changes over the summer, but he was not aware of them meeting at all and that no survey of faculty offering the EWP courses had yet been done. A general discussion began in which the consensus was reached that the Faculty Senate should formalize the concerns that have been expressed over the last two years of discussion and present them to the Provost. Senator HaileMariam stated that CAA will address Senior Seminars in the fall and with it, a streamlining of the EWP process. One possibility being looked at is the incorporation of writing into the major.
 - E. Future agenda items. Items that were asked to be placed on future agendas include making Eastern Illinois University a smoke-free campus; inviting Chatterji and Cooley to visit Faculty Senate to address the issues mentioned above (VI. A and VI. D); getting family-friendly hiring practices; and student evaluations, i.e., the quality of the Purdue Evaluations.

VII. Adjournment at 2:40 p.m.

Future Agenda Items:

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Respectfully submitted,

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