

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR August 21, 2007 (Vol. XXXV, No. 24)
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**Call to Faculty:** Faculty interested in being involved with Faculty Day for President Perry's inauguration should contact Lynne Curry ([lecurry@eiu.edu](mailto:lecurry@eiu.edu) or 581-7988) as soon as possible.

**Call to Faculty:** Nominations are needed for the following university councils:

Council on Academic Affairs

Council of University Planning and Budget

Academic Program Elimination Review Committee

Sanctions and Terminations Hearing Committee

(The petition for nominations is attached to the minutes and elections will be held Sept. 13.)

**I. Call to order by Lynne Curry at 2:00 p.m.** (Booth Library Conference Room, Room 4440)

Present: A. Brownson, J. Coit, L. Curry, M. Dao, R. Fischer, B. Joyce, B. Khan, R. Marshall, R. Murray, J. Pommier, J. Russell, T. Sinclair, J. Snyder, J. Stimac, and D. VanGunten

Guests: K. Born (Gerontology GA), B. Hackett (Reporter, *Daily Eastern News*), D. Jackman (Dean-CEPS), B. Major (Admissions), B. Lord (Provost/VPAA), R. Wroblewski (Photographer, *Daily Eastern News*), and B. Perry (President).

**II. Approval of Minutes of 19 June.**

Approval of the Minutes of 19 June (Brownson/Snyder) without correction – Yes: Brownson, Curry, Fischer, Marshall, Pommier, Snyder, and Stimac. Abstain: Coit, Dao, Joyce, Khan, Murray, Russell, Sinclair, and VanGunten.

**III. Announcements**

- A. Faculty Luncheon Wednesday Aug. 29 in the Grand Ballroom.
- B. New Faculty Reception 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 18 at Tarble Arts Center
- C. Convocation 7 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 28 in the Grand Ballroom

**IV. Communications**

- A. E-mail from Provost Lord, 8 August, re: new appointment to the Enrollment Management Committee
- B. E-mail from William Weber, 16 July, re: new appointment to the Faculty Development Advisory Committee
- C. E-mail from Ralph McCausland, 21 August, : Wrestling Program
- D. E-mail from Charles Dellman, 20 August, : DAC discussions

**V. Old Business**

A. Committee Reports

- 1. Executive Committee: Senator Curry reported that the executive committee

(Curry, Chair; Brownson, Vice Chair; Snyder, Reporter/Parliamentarian) met with President Perry and Provost Lord. Senator Snyder said that the Faculty Senate website is in the process of being updated, but will remain accessible.

2. Nominations Committee: no report
3. Awards Committee: no report
4. Elections Committee: no report
5. Faculty – Student Relations Committee: no report
6. Faculty – Staff Relations Committee: no report
7. Budget Transparency Committee: no report
8. Faculty Forum Committee: see New Business, below.
9. Other Reports

a) President's Report: President Perry opened by observing that the move-in for the students went well, enrollment looks good, and the faculty are focused on student success. He then stated that his criteria for the inauguration are that it be low cost, low key and involve faculty.

President Perry noted that he met with the Department of Athletics and there is general approval of the appointment of Ken Baker as the interim athletic director. He also voiced his opinion that Baker is a person of the highest integrity. President Perry closed by stating that he looks forward to working with the Senate and thanked them for their service. Senator Pommier asked about plans for the Student Recreation Center, since this will affect recruiting the new athletic director.

b) Provost's Report: Provost Lord welcomed Faculty Senate back and said that classes were off to a smooth start. He then highlighted the success of the Eastern Reads program and said that it was an exciting way to start off the semester. Provost Lord expressed his confidence that our enrollment would come in as predicted.

## **VI. New Business**

- A. There was a motion (Brownson/Sinclair) to approve Belayet Khan for the replacement of Assege HaileMariam for Fall 2007 while she is on sabbatical.
- B. Brenda Major, Director of Admissions, discussed preliminary enrollment figures for Fall 2007. The unofficial enrollment numbers as of Aug. 21, 2007 are 12,092 students on and off campus, 1,737 freshmen, and 1,093 new transfer students. Several factors have affected freshman enrollment, including prospective students applying to a number of schools, accepted students not responding to important messages from EIU, and communication obstacles due to the new banner system. Major wants to get prospective students to make a commitment to Eastern by May 1 to allow the interaction process to begin earlier. She also suggested purchasing the names of talented prospects entering their junior year of high school. Her office plans to contact prospective students by e-mail, mail and phone throughout their enrollment process. Six new admissions counselors this year will enable the Admissions Office to contact prospects on a monthly basis and guide them through their admission packet. Major added that they are trying to get transfer students into the prospect pool earlier and plan more opportunities specific to them. Additionally, her office will work on predictive modeling in order to identify factors having the biggest impact on enrollment. Eastern has been more selective regarding ACT scores to

ensure that prospective students are serious about their commitment to attending college. Admissions staff will be meeting with high school guidance counselors throughout the state over the next few months. Major stated that Eastern is doing well with honors students but is trying to add more diversity to the honors pool. Senator Curry asked if the factors affecting student enrollment are unique to EIU. Major said that a number of Illinois colleges have difficulty with enrollment and retention, but that our Hands On EIU initiative, which gives prospective students some experience at Eastern, will set us apart from other universities. Senator Stimac asked when students are given an EIU e-mail address. Major said that the university would like to assign an E# to prospective students but currently students get a net ID and password only when admitted. Senator Fischer asked how the Admissions Office can address the problem of students thinking that attending junior college is an experience that is equivalent to two years at EIU. Major said that while junior colleges may charge a fraction of EIU's tuition, students also only receive a fraction of the financial aid that would be awarded here. Senator Brownson asked what the expected yield rate is this year. Major said it is too early to tell, but the goal is 35 percent. Senator Fischer asked where students who do not attend Illinois schools are going. Major replied that students need to be educated about how much their parents will pay out-of-pocket if they attend schools outside the state. Illinois is second only to California on perfect ACT scores; scholarships make students feel valued and may impact their school of choice.

- C. The Faculty Senate committees for 2007-2008 were populated as follows:
  - Nominations Committee: Pommier (chair) VanGunten, and Marshall
  - Elections Committee: Brownson (chair), Sinclair, and Russell
  - Student Faculty Relations: Fischer (chair), Coit, Stimac, and Marshall
  - Faculty-Staff Relations: Sinclair (chair), Brownson, and Russell
  - Budget Transparency: Joyce (chair), Coit, and Dao
  - Faculty Forum: Stimac (chair), Fischer and Dao
  - Awards Committee: Pommier (chair), Murray, and Coit
- D. President Perry's inauguration will be held on 9 November. Senator Curry stated that there will be a week of events with days designated for different university constituencies (staff, students, community). She asked faculty for ideas for Faculty Day. Senator Curry stated that the university's Enrollment Management Committee needs a new member and Senator Marshall volunteered to serve.
- E. Faculty Senate will not meet Tuesday Sept. 28; the schedule for Fall 2007 meetings is posted at <http://www.eiu.edu/~FacSen>

## **VII. Adjournment at 3:30 p.m.**

**Future Agenda Items:** campus climate survey; construction updates; long-range planning; faculty handbook, First Choice/Best in Class.

Thank you to Brenda Major: Director of Admissions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Snyder

August 20, 2007

Dear Faculty,

One significant way faculty members can play a role in the University's decision-making process is by serving on university committees. Through their discussions, recommendations and decisions, these committees can directly and indirectly affect the students, faculty, and staff of Eastern Illinois University. There are several open positions on committees this fall. A list of open seats on the committees, a nomination form, and the questions to be answered by the candidates (committee specific) are attached. The nomination forms and the answers to the specific committee responses to questions are due back to Ann Brownson, 1224 Booth Library, by noon Tuesday, September 4, 2007. Please send responses to questions via e-mail to [aebrownson@eiu.edu](mailto:aebrownson@eiu.edu). The elections will be held electronically on Wednesday and Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Please consider running for a committee and do not forget to vote!

Sincerely,

Elections Committee  
Faculty Senate

**Faculty Senate Fall 2007 Special Election  
(Three year terms unless otherwise specified)**

<i>Council/Committee</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Open Positions</i>	<i>Qualifications/Information</i>
<b>Council of Academic Affairs</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1 At-Large fall semester replacement</b>	<b>Unit A members and chairs in at least their fourth semester of employment Meets 2 p.m. Thursdays</b>
<b>Council of University Planning and Budget</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1 from Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences</b>	<b>Faculty by College: Meets 3 p.m. Fridays</b>
<b>Academic Program Elimination Review Committee</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1 from School of Technology/Family and Consumer Sciences</b>	<b>Faculty by Area</b>
<b>Sanctions and Termination Hearing Committee (2-year term)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1 from Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences</b>	<b>Tenured Faculty by College</b>

**QUESTIONS**

As a candidate in the upcoming faculty Special election, your response to the appropriate questions will be published in the Faculty Senate minutes. Please e-mail your response to the relevant questions to Ann Brownson ([aebrownson@eiu.edu](mailto:aebrownson@eiu.edu)) no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday August 29, 2007.

**Council on Academic Affairs:** How do you perceive your role as an individual CAA member? What would you like to accomplish as a CAA member? What do you see as the major challenges CAA faces in the next year?

**Council of University Planning and Budget:** What do you think should be the role of faculty in University planning and budget?

**Academic Program Elimination Review Committee:** Under what circumstances do you consider it appropriate to eliminate an academic program? What kind(s) of information should the members have available in the decision-making process?

**Sanctions and Termination Hearing Committee:** No Question.

**EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

**Petition for Nomination to University Councils**

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With the approval of the individual herein designated, we the undersigned Unit A faculty or department chairs, do hereby nominate...

\_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for the  
Name of Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Council/Committee College/Area (if applicable)

Position # \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>
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Completed petitions must be returned to Ann Brownson, 1224 Booth Library, by noon on Tuesday September 4, 2007.

Answers to questions posed by the specific committees must be emailed to Ann Brownson [acbrownson@eiu.edu](mailto:acbrownson@eiu.edu) by noon Tuesday September 4, 2007.