

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR 26 August 2008 (Vol. XXXVII, No. 1)

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**Call to Faculty:** Faculty interested in being nominated, and potentially serving, on the search committee for the Vice President for Business Affairs should contact Ann Brownson ([aebrownson@eiu.edu](mailto:aebrownson@eiu.edu)) before **Tuesday, 2 September, at 12-noon.** Faculty Senate will submit four names from which one will be chosen to serve.

### **I. Call to order by Chair John Pommier at 2:05 p.m.** (Booth Library Conference Room)

Present: J. Best, A. Brownson, J. Coit, M. Fero, B. Joyce, M.-L. Li, K. Padmaraju, J. Pommier, J. Russell, J. Stimac, D. Van Gunten, A. White, and M. Worthington. Excused: R. Hoberman and R. Murray.

Guests: B. Perry (President), B. Lord (Provost and VPAA), D. Jackman (Dean, CEPS), J. Snyder (Assoc. Dean – LCBAS), B. Grudzinski (Student Government), R. Kambic (*Daily Eastern News* reporter), and R. Wroblewski (*Daily Eastern News* photographer).

### **II. Approval of Minutes of 22 April.**

Approval of the Minutes of 22 April (Brownson / Van Gunten) with correction – Yes: Brownson, Coit, Pommier, Stimac, and Van Gunten. Abstain: Best, Fero, Li, Padamaraju, Russell, White, and Worthington.

### **III. Announcements**

- A. No announcements.

### **IV. Communications**

- A. Email of 26 August from Bailey Young, re: locked doors in classrooms.

### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. Committee Reports**

1. Executive Committee: no report. The Executive Committee this year will be composed of senators Pommier (chair), Brownson, and Stimac.
2. Nominations Committee: Two University boards or committees had senators fill vacant positions. The one-year term on the Enrollment Management Advisory Committee will be filled by Senator Brownson (unanimous vote of yes). The one-year term on the Philanthropy Communications Committee will be filled by Senator Pommier (unanimous vote of yes). The Nominations Committee this year will be composed of senators Van Gunten (chair), Coit, and Worthington.
3. Elections Committee: Senator Brownson indicated that the position on CFR that was vacant will be filled. The Elections Committee this year will be composed of senators Brownson (chair) and Li.
4. Faculty – Student Relations Committee: no report. The Faculty – Student Relations Committee this year will be composed of senators Fero (chair), Brownson, and Padmaraju.
5. Faculty – Staff Relations Committee: no report. The Faculty – Staff Relations Committee this year will be composed of senators White (chair), Li, and Padmaraju.
6. Budget Transparency Committee: no report. The Budget Transparency Committee this year will be composed of senators Coit (chair), Best, and Russell.
7. Awards Committee: No report. The Awards Committee this year will be composed of senators Russell (chair), Coit, and White.
8. Faculty Forum Committee: no report. The Faculty Forum Committee this year will be composed of senators Padmaraju (chair), Coit, Fero, and White.

#### **B. Other Reports**

1. Provost's Report: Provost Lord welcomed the senators back to the Senate and thanked them for their service last year and looked forward to working with the Senate this year. He reminded the senators that the Doudna rededication ceremony will be the weekend of 24 – 26 October. The Provost asked

that faculty interested in potentially serving on the VPBA search committee submit their names to the Faculty Senate. Senate will submit four names to the Provost on 2 September. Provost Lord added that the Senate's idea concerning a Fall Faculty Forum is a good idea since he will shortly be circulating a memorandum on integrating academic and personal education of the students.

**V. New Business**

- A. Welcome to Faculty Senate. President Perry welcomed faculty and senators back and said that the work the Senate does is critical to the functioning and governance of the University. He added that he is looking forward to working with the Senate this coming year. One way that the University is making an impact is on the relatively large number of earned doctorates who originally obtained their bachelor's degrees from Eastern. President Perry also praised the quality of undergraduate research at Eastern, noting Rebecca Grove (adviser Kraig Wheeler, Chemistry) who was just named a Barry M. Goldwater Scholar for 2008 – 2009. President Perry added that grants, journals articles, books published, and other indicators of success have all increased. He added that he is impressed with the spirit of volunteerism shown by the faculty and staff during move-in, EIU Reads, and orientation during the last couple of weeks. This indicates how faculty value the integration of students' academic and personal development. Chair Pommier thanked the President.
- B. He asked that an *ad hoc* subcommittee of the Faculty Senate form to review and update concerns with the current Faculty Senate By-laws. Senators Best, Coit, and Pommier volunteered to review the by-laws.
- C. Chair Pommier welcomed the senators to the Faculty Senate and said he was excited about the agenda for the upcoming semester (attached at end of minutes).

**VI. Adjournment at 3:05 p.m.**

**Future Agenda Items:** By-laws, Doudna tour, Enrollment Management, President's Council, Capital Campaign, Athletics, CATS, Faculty Benefits, Faculty Forum, Research, Greening of Campus.

Respectfully submitted,

John Paul Stimac

### **Tentative Faculty Senate Schedule – Fall 2008**

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| 26 August    | Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440 | Appointments          |
| 2 September  | Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440 | Doudna Tour           |
| 9 September  | Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440 | Enrollment Management |
| 23 September | Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440 | President's Council   |
| 7 October    | Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440 | Athletic Director     |
| 21 October   | Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440 | CATS                  |
| 4 November   | Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440 | Faculty Benefits      |
| 11 November  | Fall Faculty Forum – University Ballroom | Fall Faculty Forum    |
| 18 November  | Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440 | Research              |
| 9 December   | Booth Library Conference Room, room 4440 | Green Campus          |

*Note: Unless otherwise stated, all meetings begin at 2 PM and are held in the Booth Library Conference Room.*