

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR 28 April 2009 (Vol. XXXVII, No. 18)

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### **I. Call to order by Chair John Pommier at 2:00 p.m.** (Booth Library Conference Room)

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

Guests: B. Lord (Provost and VPAA) and J. Snyder (Associate Dean, LCBAS).

### **II. Approval of Minutes of 14 April.**

Approval of the Minutes of 14 April as corrected (Van Gunten / Fero) – Yes: Best, Brownson, Fero, Hoberman, Li, Mullins, Murray, Padmaraju, Pommier, Stimac, Van Gunten, White, and Worthington.  
Abstain: Coit and Russell.

### **III. Announcements**

- A. Chair Pommier reminded the Faculty Senate that the Retirement Reception is being held at 3 PM in the University Ballroom (East).

### **IV. Communications**

- A. Email of 2 April from Gail Richard, re: Intercollegiate Athletic Board.
- B. Email and Memorandum of 20 April from Jenny Sipes, re: Director of Financial Aid.
- C. Email of 20 April from Ann Brownson, re: CSU Presidential Search.
- D. Email of 27 April from Charles Delman, re: Communication to Faculty Senate [comments on the proposed cell phone statement].
- E. Email of 27 April from Jonathan Coit, re: Dist. Fac. Award bylaws.

### **V. Old Business**

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

1. Executive Committee: Senator Brownson stated that she and Senator White had attended the recent CIUS meeting in Carbondale. Five other universities were represented at the meeting during which time the discussion focused on budget, facilities, and senate compositions. Senator Brownson indicated that Eastern was doing well when compared to the other universities. At the meeting, Senator Brownson indicated that there was a discussion of the Presidential search at Chicago State University and how the EUI Chapter of the UPI has sent a letter in support of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee's resignation over what they perceive as lack of being listened to by the CSU Board of Trustees. Senator Brownson indicated that there was the appearance that the Board had reached a decision without advice from the search committee. There was even an editorial in the Chicago Tribune asking Governor Quinn to disband the Board. Senator Brownson presented to the Faculty Senate a short letter of support that she asked the Faculty Senate to endorse. Senator Brownson (Hoberman) moved that the letter be sent to the CSU Faculty Senate. Senator Hoberman asked who was selected as finalists for President of CSU. Senator Brownson stated that the finalists were Carol Adams, secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services, and Wayne Watson, retiring chancellor of City Colleges of Chicago. Senator Brownson stated that protest on the campus happened over a perceived lack of transparency in the search process. Senator Hoberman asked if the search committee had recommended other candidates to which Senator Brownson said she wasn't sure, but did state that 13 of the 15 member committee, including the CSU Provost, had resigned from the search committee. Senator Van Gunten stated that the author of the newspaper articles was a candidate for the position. Senator Brownson stated that the author was a candidate, but that this wasn't sour grapes on the author's part. Senator Best asked if the President was the appointed executive of the Board of Trustees and as such the Board of Trustees had the authority to hire who they wished. Senator Best stated that while it might be unwise, was it unethical? Senator Stimac reminded the Senate that the regulations for the BOT at CSU state that it is in the Board's authority to make the final decision as to whom to hire as president then asked if the Eastern Faculty Senate were to involve itself in the internal affairs of CSU what would stop any other Faculty Senate or

other group from involving itself in Eastern's affairs. Senator Best added that different school had different practices around the state. Senator Coit stated that the Board convened an advisory board, which it then apparently ignored the recommendation from. At the suggestion of several senators, the original letter was re-worded. Senator Hoberman asked if the Faculty Senate has sent a similar letter in the past. Chair Pommier stated that we had. Senator Van Gunten stated that she was uncomfortable with the information being presented in the letters coming from just two short articles, but that she would support a statement on transparency of process. Senator Stimac asked Chair Pommier if the previous letters of support in "similar circumstances" were in fact letters of support in extreme events such as the shootings at Virginia Tech and NIU. Chair Pommier replied that they were. Yes: Brownson, Coit, Fero, Hoberman, Li, Mullins, Murray, Padmaraju, Pommier, Van Gunten, Worthington. No: Best, Russell, Stimac, and White. Motion passes 11-4-0.

2. Nominations Committee: Senator Van Gunten stated that Peter Wiles has been appointed as the COS representative to the Library Advisory Board and Robin Murray to the University Union Advisory Board. Senator Van Gunten (Worthington) made the motion to approve the appointed committees as they stand (attached at the end of these minutes). Motion passed unanimously.
3. Elections Committee: no report.
4. Faculty – Student Relations Committee: no report.
5. Faculty – Staff Relations Committee: no report.
6. Faculty Forum Committee: no report.
7. Other Reports
  - a. Provost's Report: Provost Lord stated Jone Zieren's last day will be 30 April and that the search for a director of Financial Aid is progressing. A mid-summer start is anticipated. The search for the Interim Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities is progressing and that he hopes to make an appointment prior to commencement. Provost Lord reported that at the recent BOT meeting that new tuition increases of 9.75 percent were approved. Provost Lord also stated that Dr. Weber was approved as Vice President of Business Affairs. The Provost stated that the four students who presented research previously presented to NCUR (National Conferences on Undergraduate Research) did an outstanding job. With respect to the cell phone comments, Provost Lord reminded the Faculty Senate that he proposed a statement of principle and that comments made in the fourth communications item by Charles Delman, which were read into the minutes (see below) are not necessarily the Senate's concerns. [Charles Delman (27 April communication to the Faculty Senate): "While we are in favor of improved campus security, we believe that the current proposal regarding cell phones is flawed. First, the proposal lacks uniformity and reliability since the policy for each classroom can vary. The University should propose a standard policy that achieves the stated result of providing "that a university-initiated campus security text message can be received and disseminated to the classroom in a timely manner" while otherwise introducing minimal interference into instructors' classroom policies. Second, by placing all "authority and responsibility" with faculty, this language imposes a new working condition that is likely subject to negotiation and places faculty members in potential legal jeopardy. Finally, it should be noted that, in the event of a campus-wide emergency, it is unlikely that the cell-phone communication system could cope with the heavy demand required for a mass alert. We urge you to reject the current proposal and instead consider these factors in developing an alternative policy.] The Provost understands that different faculty have different policies in their classroom and that he attempted to fashion a statement of principle that honored that tradition and that he has attempted to adjust the statement to reflect changing technology. Provost Lord stated that the statement was flexible and was not a mandate. Senator Fero asked about legal consequences of the statement. Provost Lord replied that he had consulted the University General Counsel, but that the General Counsel was trying to minimize liability issues for the university. Senator Stimac asked Senator Murray what her faculty thought since the discussion was held for her to talk with her faculty. Senator Murray stated that faculty had mixed feelings about the statement. Senator Hoberman stated that she would prefer a statement that does not force faculty to have their student switch off the cell phones and have faculty to use their own. Provost Lord asked the senators to help wordsmith the statement. Representative Alexander stated that faculty are getting good at identifying students using cell phones in class. Senator Russell asked if the word "responsible" could be removed from the first sentence since different faculty have different class needs. Senator Hoberman stated that she thought the last sentence was problematic.

An *ad hoc* committee (Senators Hoberman, Pommier, and White, and Representative Alexander) was appointed to review the statement until the next faculty meeting.

- b. Budget Transparency Committee: no report.
- c. Bylaws Committee: Senator Coit passed around a statement in which e wanted to modify the bylaws to address the Distinguished Service Award Committee and to make it a standing committee of the Faculty Senate. After a brief discussion, Senator Coit (Murray) made the motion to approve the following for inclusion on the bylaws:

“G. Awards Committee The Awards Committee will composed of at least thee members of the Faculty Senate. The purpose of the committee shall be to oversee the Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award and the Distinguished Faculty Award. The committee shall meet as needed.

- 1. Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award. Committee shall be comprised of three Faculty Senators, elected from the Faculty Senate at large. Faculty Senate shall initiate annual notification concerning the nomination. Award will be presented during the Fall commencement ceremonies.
- 2. Distinguished Faculty Award Committee. The Distinguished Faculty Award Committee shall be composed of four faculty members, two student members, and one alumnus/alumnae. Three of the four faculty members shall be appointed by Faculty Senate. The fourth faculty member shall be appointed by the University President. Two students, one graduate and one undergraduate, shall be appointed by the Student Senate. One alumnus/alumnae of Eastern Illinois University shall be appointed by the Eastern Illinois University Alumni Association. Faculty Senate shall initiate annual notification concerning the nomination and appointment of members of the Distinguished Faculty Committee. Award will be presented during the Spring commencement ceremonies.”

The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Awards Committee: no report.

#### **V. New Business**

- A. Executive Elections. For the 2010 – 2011 Academic Year the following senators have been elected to the executive committee: Chair – John Pommier, Vice Chair: Dawn Van Gunten, and Recorder: Jonathan Coit. By acclamation, their elections were approved.
- B. The summer meeting date for the Faculty Senate was set for 23 June at 2 PM in the Booth Library Conference Room.
- C. Chair Pommier recognized Senators Hoberman, Mullins, and Stimac, and Representative Alexander for their service to the Faculty Senate.
- D. Provost Lord recognized Chair Pommier for his service as chair of the Faculty Senate this past academic year.

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

**Future Agenda Items:** Summer meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stimac

April 28, 2009

Yan Searcy, President  
Chicago State University Faculty Senate  
9501 South King Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60628-1598

Dear Yan and Members of the Chicago State University Faculty Senate,

We write to support the faculty, staff, and students of Chicago State University in their efforts to achieve a collaborative and transparent search process for a new president. We believe that the faculty, staff, and students of CSU comprise the university, and that their interests should be considered through this process.

Very sincerely,

The Eastern Illinois University Faculty Senate

John Pommier, Chair

Ann Brownson, Vice Chair

John Stimac, Recorder

## **Faculty Senate Appointed Positions on University Boards and Councils AY:2009 - 2010**

### **Academic Tech Advisory Committee (ATAC) (2-yr. Term)**

David Boggs - (2011)

### **Achievement and Contribution Award Committee (1-yr. Term)**

(Faculty Senate submits two names by April 15)

Ann Brownson (2009)

### **Apportionment Board (2-yr. Term)**

Mark Kattenbraker - (2011)

Sham'ah Md-Yunus - (2011)

James Ochwa-Echel - (2011)

### **Awards Committee (1-yr. Term)**

(Faculty Senate appointed in fall)

(Chair, Louis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award) - 2010

(Chair, Distinguished Faculty Award) - 2010

### **Campus Recreation Board (3-yr. Term)**

Douglas Brandt - (2012)

Nancy Farber - (2012)

Rob Sipes - (2011)

### **Continuing Education Advisory Council (1-yr. Term)**

Carrie Dale - (2010)

### **Environmental Health & Safety Committee (1-yr. Term)**

Rigoberto Chinchilla -(2010)

### **Enrollment Management Advisory Committee (1-yr. Term)**

(Faculty Senate appointed in fall)

### **Faculty Development Advisory Committee (3-yr. Term)**

CAH: Kathryn Bulver - (2012)

CEPS: Kiran Padmaraju - (2012)

LCBAS: Diabe Wyatt - (2011)

COS: Teshome Abebe - (2010)

### **Financial Aid/Grants Committee (3-yr. Term)**

Frank Mullins - 2011

Vanessa Landrus - 2011

Mei-Ling Lee - 2011 (serves first year as alternate)

Larry White - 2010

Lola McElwee - 2010

**Health Services Advisory Board (3-yr. Term)**

Elizabeth Gill - (2012) (first year as alternate)

Pamela LeVine - (2011)

Kathleen O'Rourke - (2010)

**IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (4-yr. Term)**

Les Hyder - (2012)

Irene Coromina - (2012) (serves as alternate)

**Institutional Review Board on Human Subjects in Research (IRB) (3-yr. Term)**

CAH: Jean Wolski - (2010)

CEPS: Rich Cavanaugh - (2010)

COS: Craig Eckert - (2010)

LCBAS: Richard Wilkinson - (2010)

**Intercollegiate Athletic Board (IAB) (3-yr. Term)**

Jim Davis - (2012)

Matt Gill - (2012)

John Oliver - (2012)

Richard Flight - (2011)

Andrew White - (2011)

Henry Davis - (2010)

Jake Emmett - (2010)

**Judicial Board (2-yr. Term)**

Ann Brownson - (2011)

Diane Burns - (2011)

Leo Comerford - (2011)

Ayse Costello - (2011)

April Flood - (2011)

Heather Jia - (2011)

Amitabh Joshi - (2011)

Simon Lee - (2011)

Tim Mason - (2011)

Kip McGilliard - (2011)

Letitia Moffitt - (2011)

Dawn Paulson - (2011)

Dawn VanGuntten - (2011)

Debbie Cunningham - (2010)

Jim Davis - (2010)

Sham'ah Md-Yunus - (2010)

Stephen Mullin - (2010)

Henry Owen - (2010)

John Stimac - (2010)

Karen Swenson - (2010)

Cheryl Warner - (2010)

**Library Advisory Board (3-yr. Term)**

CAH: Lola Burnham McElwee - (2012) (first year as alternate)

CAH: Joe Gisondi - (2011)

CAH: Robert Petersen - (2010)

CEPS: Stephen Lucas - (2012) (first year as alternate)

CEPS: Kiran Padmaraju - (2011)

CEPS: Marie Fero - (2010)

COS: Peter Wiles - (2012) (first year as alternate)

COS: Tina Veale - (2011)

COS: Rick Anderson - (2010)

LCBAS: Abdou Illia - (2012) (first year as alternate)

LCBAS: Jeff Snell - (2011)

LCBAS: Thomas McDonald - (2010)

**Parking Advisory Committee (2-yr. Term)**

Rendong Bai - (2011) (serves as alternate)

Thomas Costello - (2011)

Heather Jai - (2011)

**Parking Appeals Committee (1-yr. Term)**

Abdou Illia - (2010)

Besty Pudliner - (2010)

**Philanthropy Communications Committee (1-yr. Term)**

(Faculty Senate Appointed in the fall)

**Proposal Initiative Fund Counsel (3-yr. Term)**

Ann Brownson - (2010)

Lynne Curry - (2010)

**Publications Board (3-yr. Term)**

Letitia Moffitt - (2012)

Terri Johnson - (2011)

Gene Deerman - (2010)

**Radio-Television Center Board (2-yr. Term)**

Marie Fero - (2011) (first year as alternate)

Joe Heumann - (2010)

**Records and Registration Advisory Committee (1-yr. Term)**

Henry Owen - (2010)

**Research & Creative Activity Advisory Board (3-yr. Term)**

CAH: Jean Wolski - (2010)  
CEPS: Rose Gong - (2010)  
COS: Brenda Wilson - (2010)  
LCABS: David Melton - (2010)

**Student Government External Relations Committee (1-yr. Term)**

David Butts - (2010)  
Marita Gronnvoll - (2010)

**Student Success Center Advisory Committee (5-yr. Term)**

Assege HaileMariam - (2012)  
John Henry Pommier - (2012)

**Textbook Rental Advisory Committee (2-yr. Term)**

Joshua Birk - (2010)  
Keith Wilson - (2010)

**Tuition and Fees Review Committee (1-yr. Term)**

Frank Mullins - (2010)

**University Union Advisory Board (3-yr. Term)**

David Butts - (2012)  
Frank Mullins - (2012)  
Robin Murray - (2012)