

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR 25 August 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, M.-L. Li, A. Methven, M. Mulvaney, R. Murray, K. Padmaraju, J. Pommier, J. Russell, D. Van Gunten, D. Viertel, A. White, M. Worthington, S. Lambert
Guests: C. Bruner (DEN), B. Lord (Provost and VPAA), D. Markley (President's Office), and W. Perry (President).

II. Approval of Minutes of .

Approval of the Minutes of 28 April as corrected (Brownson/Van Gunten) – Yes: Best, Brownson, Coit, Fero, Li, Murray, Padmaraju, Pommier, Russell, Van Gunten, White, Worthington. Abstain: Methven, Mulvaney, Viertel.

III. Announcements

- A. Senator Brownson announced an open house at Booth Library Monday 8/31 from 3-5pm, and reminded Senators about the upcoming Harry Potter exhibit 10/5-11/14. Chair Pommier urged Senators attend the Faculty Luncheon September 1, 12pm.

IV. Communications

- A. Email re: Faculty Governance research
B. Report from Senator White re: stoles worn by students at graduation
C. Email from CAA Chair Kathleen Bower re: academic calendar
D. Report of 30 April, from Gail Richard, re: Intercollegiate Athletic Board
E. Campus Mail, from Gail Richard, re: Intercollegiate Athletic Board 2008-09 Annual Report
F. Email of 8 May, from Derek Markley, re: Childcare Taskforce
G. Email of 6 July, from Les Hyder, re: IBHE Public Agenda
H. Memorandum of 21 July, from President Perry, re: VPER
I. Memorandum of 10 August, from Provost Lord, re: cell phones
J. Communication to Senator Best re: vegetarian food at Faculty Lunch

V. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee: Chair Pommier passed out a draft list of meeting subjects for fall semester 2009. He noted the Faculty Forum is currently 11/3, and passed on the Executive Committee's suggestion of Emergency Management for the forum's theme.

Committee Assignments for 2009-2010:

Executive Committee: Chair Pommier, Vice Chair Van Gunten, and Recorder Coit.

Nominations Committee: Senators Worthington (chair), Best, and Methven.

Elections Committee: Vice Chair Van Gunten (chair), Senators Brownson, Murray, and Li.

Faculty-Student Relations Committee: Senators Fero (chair), Brownson, and Padmaraju.

Faculty-Staff Relations Committee: Senators White (chair), Li, and Mulvaney.

Faculty Forum Committee: Senators Padmaraju (chair), Fero, White, and Recorder Coit.

Budget Transparency Committee: Senators Murray (chair), Best, and Methven.

Awards Committee: Senators Russell (chair), Viertel, and White.

2. Nominations Committee: Senator Brownson volunteered to serve as Faculty Senate representative on the Enrollment Management Advisory Committee. Senator Murray (White) moved to approve the appointment. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Pommier volunteered to serve on the Philanthropy Communications Committee. Senator Brownson (Fero) moved to approve the appointment. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Elections Committee: Vice Chair Van Gunten stated a fall election would be necessary to fill nine positions. Chair Pommier noted that the Senate will also consider a Constitutional Amendment to Article 11, Section 1 of the Faculty Constitution (the Amendment procedure), which would allow future amendments to be circulated via email rather than Campus Mail. After a brief discussion about whether the current language could be interpreted as permitting this, Pommier offered to discuss the issue with University Counsel Rob Miller.

The Fall 2009 election was scheduled for October 6-7.

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 thanked faculty for their involvement in a successful PROWL. He noted that about 1200 students participated in the Student Service Day, and their work received a favorable story in the JGTC newspaper.

He stated discussions will continue this fall regarding Integrative Learning, beginning with a discussion with EIU Deans.

Lord said VPER Nielson will retire this year, and in searching for her replacement the job title has been changed to VP for University Advancement, which reflects a change in the position's focus to fundraising and development work. As part of the change, WEIU will now report to Provost Lord. Best stated that Nielsen has been an exceptional liaison between EIU and the state Legislature and asked if the new VPUBA will work in a similar capacity. Lord stated that responsibility would remain in the VPUBA position, and noted the continued involvement of the President's office in liaising with the Legislature. In addition, Lord noted the Office of Planning and Institutional Research will now report to VPBA William Weber, in part due to VPBA Weber's skill and experience in that area.

The search for a VPUBA has begun, Lord stated, and applications are beginning to be received, with formal review by the 16-person committee to begin on September 1. The current search timeline would produce a candidate before Nielson retires.

Lord stated that at the next EIU Board of Trustees meeting the Board will be asked to approve 3 degrees to be made available to nontraditional students in an online format: B.A. in General Studies (through the College of Continuing Education); B.A. in Career and Organization Studies (College of Business); and B. S. in Nursing. Lord noted that none of these programs would compete with majors currently offered on campus. If the Trustees approve then the North Central Association would begin an accreditation review, which would include a campus visit in November 2010.

Lord delivered a status report on the University Budget and the Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants, determined by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). Lord stated the Legislature has approved only a partial budget for fiscal 2010, including only half the funding for ISAC. ISAC chose to fully fund all awards, but only for fall semester, and it remains to be seen if the Legislature will grant further funding to ISAC this fiscal year. This affects roughly 2800 students, all of whom have begun courses for the fall semester.

Lord noted that while EIU was funded by the Legislature at the same level as fiscal 2009,

roughly \$4 million of the University's state funding is actually coming from federal stimulus package funds.

Lord stated that CAA Chair Bower, on behalf of CAA, has asked him to convene a task force to revisit the rules with which the University's academic calendar is determined, and that the Senate would be asked to appoint a representative on that committee.

Derek Markley delivered an update on the NCAA's reaccreditation of EIU. The Committee, chaired by Dr. Jill Owen, began work the previous week. They must submit a written report to the NCAA by April 2010. In Fall 2010 the NCAA visit the campus, and submit a list of issues the Committee must address by Spring 2010.

President Perry noted discussion regarding Integrative learning would continue this semester, and the issue would be part of his address at the Faculty Luncheon.

- b. Budget Transparency Committee: no report.
- c. Awards Committee: no report.

VI. New Business

A. Cell Phone Policy: Chair Pommier noted that the Senate had appointed an adhoc committee at the April 28 meeting of Chair Pommier, Senators Hoberman and White, and Student Representative Alexander, to make recommendations on Provost Lord's draft cell phone policy. Senator Best stated that the Provost and the Committee found ways to address most of the problems raised with the draft policy, and suggested that within three years the technology may completely change, rendering this system obsolete. For now, he noted, the policy provides a way to reassure parents about our students' safety. Senator Murray noted that questions had been raised about the wording of the policy in the August 10 letter; some faculty were concerned that it inappropriately shifted liability for notification from the administration to faculty. Lord stated that in his view the letter did not do this, but represented a formal request from the administration to faculty. Pommier asked if text messaging was the best technology for emergency notification. Lord replied that the red boxes in new and recently redone campus buildings are currently the ideal system, as they have emergency lights, siren, and intercom capability. He noted that as buildings are rehabbed the systems are being added. In addition, all campus buildings have sirens. He stated that while it is possible remotely to turn on classroom computers, it is not possible to do the same with classroom digital projectors. Lord noted that students are now required to opt out of receiving an emergency text message, rather than being asked to opt in.

VII. Adjournment at 3:30 p.m.

Future Agenda Items:

A. The impact of H1N1 virus.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Coit
August 30 , 2009

August 27, 2009

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. Thus, at this time, the Faculty Senate would urge you to consider running for election to one of the university committees that have openings in the Fall 2009 semester. A list of the open seats on the committees, a nomination form, and the questions to be answered by the candidates (committee specific) are attached. The nomination form and the answers to the specific committee responses to questions are due to Dawn VanGunten, 2134 Buzzard Hall by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2009. Please send responses to questions via email to dvangunten@eiu.edu The list of candidates and their personal statements will be distributed with the September 15th Faculty Senate minutes. The elections will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 6th and 7th, via electronic ballot. Please consider running for a committee and do not forget to vote!

Sincerely,

Elections Committee
Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate 2009 Fall Elections
(All positions are three year terms unless otherwise noted)

<i>Council/Committee</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Open Positions</i>	<i>Qualifications/ Information</i>
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Council on Graduate Studies	5	1 from Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences	Graduate Faculty in at least 4th semester of employment by College: Meets 2 p.m. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Council on Teacher Education	9	1 from College of Sciences—Departments of Communication Disorders /Economics/ Political Science/Psychology/Sociology/ Anthropology	Faculty in at least 4th semester of employment by area: no department may have more than 2 reps. Meets 2 p.m. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Council of University Planning and Budget	11	1 from College of Arts and Humanities	Faculty in at least 4th semester of employment by College; Meets 3 p.m. Fridays
Sanctions and Terminations Hearing Committee	16	1 from College of Education and Professional Studies	Tenured Faculty by College (2 year terms, staggered)
University Personnel Committee	22	1 from College of Education and Professional Studies	Tenured Faculty by College
	23	1 from Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences	Meet between March 1 and April 30 each year
	24	1 from College of Sciences (1 year replacement)	
	25	1 from College of Arts and Humanities (1 year replacement)	