

## MINUTES OF FACULTY COUNCIL

Time: May 10, 1974, 1:00 p.m. Rare Books Room

Members Present: Darrel E. Bigham, Chairman; Professors Barnes, Eichman, Frost, Kinzie, Kirsch, and H. Sands

Ex-officio Present: President Rice

Others Present: Professors Arp, DeVries, Ferrell, Lonnberg, B. Marting

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and requested that only items 2 and 3 on the agenda be dealt with, since the meeting would have to be short.

### 2. Tabulation of Ballots for At-large Representative

The Chairman reported that ballots had been distributed to all faculty members by 11:30 a.m., May 6, that the ballot box in which ballots had been deposited was picked up at the President's Office at 1:00 on Thursday, May 9, that the outside envelopes with each faculty members name would be opened and checked off against the mailing list, and then the inner, unmarked ballots would be opened and the votes counted. Any ballot contained in an unsigned outer envelope or which in any other way did not comply with the rules could not be counted.

The tabulation of the ballots resulted in the election of Howard Dunn as At-large Representative with John Ferrell serving as at-large alternate.

The Chairman announced that Larry Arp had been elected representative in the Business Division and Sam Blankenship had been elected alternate. In the Social Sciences Division Daniel Scavone would be the new representative with Charles Barber as the alternate.

The Chairman announced that the Board of Trustees had approved the Constitutional revision providing for alternate representatives at its April 17 meeting.

### 3. Election of 1974-1975 Faculty Council Chairman

The Chairman recalled that it was the custom of Faculty Council to elect its Chairman by secret ballot from among those eligible without formal nomination. Since the constitution called for a majority to elect the Chairman, a second ballot might be necessary.

Professor Eichman read a prepared statement in which he requested that Faculty Council not elect him its chairman. (See attached.)

Professors Kinzie and Barnes then asked that they also not be elected Chairman.

Professor Kirsch was then elected Chairman of Faculty Council for 1974-1975.

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4. Curricular Committee Recommendation

Professor Frost said she had a procedural question to bring up about the previous vote on the Public Relations program. Since the vote by the Chairman resulted in a 2-2-2 tie, she wanted to know if that meant the program was dead at this point.

Professor Kirsch pointed out that the motion could be brought up for a vote again.

The Chairman explained that he had voted to make a tie rather than to let the program go through with two abstaining votes which were evidence of the confusion surrounding the program. He had promised also to discuss the problems with the faculty concerned and had done so and now had received clarifying communications which could be taken up at the next meeting.

Professor Frost said it was essential to define an interdiscipline program as this seems to be causing difficulty in reviewing new programs. The Chairman said he had a definition he would like to introduce and would distribute it for discussion at the next meeting. To a question from Professor Eichman about the recommendations from the Curricular Committee about CLEP test scores, the Chairman replied that the chairman of that committee would be responding again before the end of the academic year.

5. New business

Professor Barnes moved, seconded by Kinzie,

Motion: That Faculty Council vote confidence in its Chairman for 1973-1974 as a compliment for the fine job he has done during the year.

The motion carried.

President Rice reported that 150 applications for the new position of Vice President for Academic Affairs had been received. Thirty of those applying had been disqualified on the basis of their initial letters, reflecting lack of administrative experience. The others included a number of fine candidates with much experience at major institutions. Those remaining were being requested to send in fuller credentials by May 18. After that a meeting of the search committee would be called.

The Chairman reported that copies of the Annual Report had been distributed.

6. Adjournment

Faculty Council adjourned at 2:03 p.m. to meet next on June 17, 1974.

  
Thomas Eichman, Secretary

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Statement for Faculty Council, ISUE, May 10, 1974

Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a statement.

Since there is no formal nomination before the election of Faculty Council Chairman, except that when only three two-year terms are up, as is the case this year, and if each of the remaining four votes for himself, there might be a run-off, thus creating a primary election and a secondary election, since that is the custom here, I can make no formal statement declining to run. However, I can make a statement declining to serve. If elected to the office of Chairman of Faculty Council, I cannot serve.

I cannot serve because I received notice after last week's meeting from Dean Bennett that my services are not desired at this campus beyond the academic year 1974-75.

Because I must spend the next year recovering from this professional blow and preparing for my career off the bounds of this campus beyond that year, I cannot accept the burden of this office.

I make this statement most reluctantly because I consider the chairmanship of Faculty Council the most honorable position that exists on this campus and the most desirable to attain. I consider it most honorable for at least two reasons.

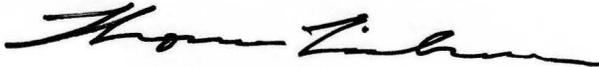
The Faculty Council Chairmanship is the most honorable position because it is filled upon election from a body of peers, themselves having been elected by other bodies of peers. Our constitution provides further that the choice can be made only on the basis of a year's close observation of the legislative actions of the person chosen. I consider this a wise provision of the constitution.

I also consider this position most honorable because of my perception of the actions of the persons who have filled it in the three years I have been an observer and member of Faculty Council. (Incidentally, I was a rather frequent observer of Faculty Council in the two years previous to my election as a representative, so much so, that when Duffy, Mrs. Green's predecessor, was taking attendance at the beginning of meetings, she got to listing me as present quite automatically; I think I may have been credited in attendance a few times when I wasn't actually there.) At any rate, in my estimation, the Faculty Council Chairmen I have observed have provided the strongest, most moral leadership of anyone on this campus. They have provided the necessary constant liaison between faculty and administrators.

This year the liaison between Faculty Council and student governance organizations has grown. I would like to see that relationship grow even further and would devote much energy to it if I were Chairman next year. However, I must leave that task to someone else, if indeed that task is to be pursued.

I ask all of you, my Faculty Council colleagues, my peers, not to write my name on your ballot for Chairman. Next year's Faculty Council Chairman must be someone whose prime commitment is to Faculty Council and to this campus. Under the present circumstances, I cannot fulfill that requirement.

Let me close by reminding you that I am not running for this office, because custom affords that option to no one; if elected, I cannot serve.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Eichman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Thomas Eichman