# Campus Assembly Minutes November 6, 2001

#### 1. Welcome

Kim Sorenson, Chair, welcomed everyone to the first Assembly of the year. The chair acknowledged the presence of Student Government and welcomed them as well.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Campus Assembly of June 6, 2001 were approved as distributed on eastalk.

## 3. President's Update

- a. **Science Center Update** Dr. Creighton indicated that bids for the Science Center are currently being accepted. It will take about four weeks to determine at which time a contract will be awarded.
- b. **Accreditation Visitation** Dr. Creighton mentioned that the interim accreditation evaluation came back with a very positive report. Dr. Creighton gave an overview of the three commendations and two recommendations. Dr. Creighton indicated that the tone of the evaluation exemplifies how well we all have done. Thank you.
- c. **Budget Update** The Budgetary recession involves a two hundred million dollar shortfall for the state. We have been asked to submit our plans in 2% increments. Eastern's priorities are to 1) do all we can to protect undergraduate education, 2) work on revenue side of the model rather than the cost side, 3) concentrate on targeted programs rather than each cell value, 4) protect small school adjustment and be included in the cell values, 5) centralized services be maintained that affect small schools.

A question and answer discussion took place. It was mentioned that there is a reorganization taking place in the registrar's office and we will be conducting a search for a Registrar. The current registrar will step down to Associate Registrar. The reorganization is an effort to make the registrar's office more pro active academically and administratively.

#### 4. Action Items

- a. Committee Approvals
  - Assembly Personnel Committee The Executive Committee moved that the campus assembly approve the appointment of John Thurber to the Assembly Personnel Committee. Motion was seconded and approved.
  - ii. Athletics Committee The Executive Committee moved that the campus assembly approve the Athletics Committee appointments to include a courtesy, 1-year non-voting appointment of Jim Tooke. Motion seconded. A discussion took place. Motion passed.
  - iii. Ad-hoc General Education Committee The Executive Committee moved that the campus assembly approve the appointment of the new members of the General Education Committee. Motion was seconded. A discussion took place. Motion passed. It was noted that the students that will serve on this committee are Ayhra Bunkers and Blake Robinson.
- b. **Resolution**: Support for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution

Rosemary Powers gave an overview of the resolution being brought forward to the campus assembly for adoption. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution. A discussion took place. It was mentioned that information regarding this resolution was taken from an article in the Washington Post. There was some question and discussion regarding the mention of contractual killing and of not supporting bombings. It was asked where the resolution would go after it has been adopted-will it go on our web site? We could have a link, whatever the assembly wants. There was concern expressed regarding the second to last Whereas statement. A motion was made to amend the statement. Motion was not seconded. A motion to strike the motion was made and seconded. A motion was made and seconded to amend the document by eliminating the second to last Whereas from the resolution. A vote of hands took place: 29 yes, 41 no, 4 abstain. Motion failed. Further discussion took place. It was moved and seconded to table the motion to approve the resolution. Motion failed. Further discussion took place. It was moved and seconded to amend the second to last Whereas statement in the original motion to state "Individuals and groups in the United States are threatening retaliation on whole countries, desiring to enact changes in U.S. law to allow contracted killings without trial, and supporting the use of torture as an investigative tool." Motion passed. A discussion began and a call

for the question was given and seconded to end discussion. Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution as amended. A vote of hands indicated 41 yes, 31 no. Motion passed.

#### 5. Five-minute Access

- a. Emergency Evacuation Matt Graves indicated that in response to several events and Senate Bill 13 enacted by legislation, we have been asked to develop a campus disaster plan. As a result, there will be a campus wide evacuation, disaster drill on Wednesday, November 28, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. Hoke Center will be excluded from the drill due to the scheduled blood drive. There will be a loss of approximately 20 minutes in class time. We are not certain whether or not fire alarms will be used. It was suggested that evacuation maps be posted in each classroom. It was asked whether or not the library is still being used as a bomb shelter. There was a concern expressed regarding disabled students and the liabilities associated with the drill. It was suggested that disability services contact the safety committee.
- b. **Final Master Plan** Matt Graves mentioned that the final product of the Master Plan would be delivered on November 8. The plans will be on display from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in Hoke 309. SERA Architects will be available to answer any questions. It was mentioned that the objective of the master plan was not what we would look like architecturally but what would campus look like if we had 2000 more students.
- c. **Provost Search Update** Peter Wordelman gave an update on the search. It was mentioned that there were 60 plus applicants. Next week the pool will be broken down into smaller groups. It is the committee's intention to have finalists on campus the weeks of November 26 through December 7.
- d. **Spring Symposium** Anna Cavinato announced to the assembly the dates of this years spring symposium. The proposal applications will be available December 3. March 13 the proposals are due, April 10 students will be notified, April 15 e-mail abstracts are due, May 20 Symposium opens, May 21 all day sessions with closing kick-off later in the evening. Tony Tovar has agreed to maintain the website. All materials and applications can be found on the web at <a href="http://www.eou/edu/sprsymp/">http://www.eou/edu/sprsymp/</a>.
- e. **Honors Program** Elizabeth Boretz informed the assembly of possible Honors Program scholarship opportunities and requested faculty send students to speak with her regarding this opportunity. Also, the Honors Program needs help in recruiting students and letting the students know that if they want "Honors Baccalaureate" printed on their diploma, they need to contact her. The Honors Program office is located in Inlow Hall, Room 105. The Honors Program is looking for self-motivated students

who are committed to their field. Information regarding the Honors Program can be found at <a href="http://www.eou.edu~jjohnson/honors.pdf">http://www.eou.edu~jjohnson/honors.pdf</a>.

- f. Arts & Sciences Dean Search Update Regina Braker informed the assembly of the progress of the committee thus far. It was mentioned that the position has been advertised in the Chronicle and at highered.job.com. The deadline is December 20, 2001.
- g. **IFS Update** Jeff Johnson gave an overview of the last IFS meeting. It was mentioned that the IFS was outraged over not being included in the search process for the chancellor. It was also mentioned that IFS is trying to be in a more proactive mode. IFS is concerned with benefits and health care. There is clear consensus that the future of health care does not look promising.

### 6. For the Good of the Order

A discussion took place regarding the move to call the question when discussing the Resolution. It polarized people and stifled the discussion. It was felt that the assembly rushed further with no regard to the motion that was made by one of the student body.

The campus assembly was reminded of the Veterans Day Recognition ceremony scheduled for Friday at 10:00 a.m. in front of Inlow Hall. There will be three gun volleys during the ceremony.

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.