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**ASSEMBLY MINUTES
April 6, 1999**

The Assembly was opened by Chair Dan Mielke at 3:15 p.m.

I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 2, 1999 Assembly meeting were approved as distributed on eastalk.

II. Presidents Update

1. Administrative Reorganization - Dr. Creighton announced the reorganization of Alumni and Development and University Relations. The position for Director of Alumni and Development will be elevated to Vice President for Institutional Advancement (Mary Voves chairing search) and the Director of University Relations (Terral Schut chairing search) will report directly to the new VP. The facilities scheduling and conference planning has been moved to Administration and Finance (Mike Irish is supervisor).
2. Introduction of Executive Assistant to the President - Dr. Creighton introduced and welcomed Donna Heinzman.
3. Legislative Rally - Dr. Creighton thanked all who participated in the Legislative Rally. It was a lot of fun and we did some good things as a result. The government and legislative leaders are at odds over funding of K-12. Each time K-12 is pitted against higher education we lose. We really need to be funded separately. We also need to move forward as soon as possible because the governor is threatening to veto if it takes dollars away.
4. Pierce Library - Dr. Creighton conveyed his appreciation for the comments about the naming of the Library that Bruce Shepard, Provost, initiated.

III. Stipend

Burr Betts gave an overview of the current criteria for awarding stipends and the proposed alternative wordings for partial stipends. Monetary ramifications were shown. A discussion took place. It was mentioned that the dollar amount is determined by the number of applicants. The Assembly voted on the two Proposed Alternative Wordings, Alternate #2, which states: "Faculty who have received full awards in the two preceding summers are not eligible for a full award in the third consecutive summer. Faculty may receive awards in three consecutive summers as long as at least one of them is a partial award. Faculty who have received awards in three consecutive summers are not eligible for any award, partial or full, in the fourth consecutive summer" received majority vote.

IV. Honors Convocation

Dan Mielke brought forward the request from the Convocation Committee to have the Assembly approve the first Tuesday of classes every year as the day for Convocation. A lengthy discussion took place. A motion was made and seconded that the Assembly endorse Honors Convocation as an annual event and appoint the Committee the responsibility of setting the date each year. Motion passed.

V. Mission and Vision Statement

Mission - Dr. Shepard gave an overview of the development of the Mission. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Mission Statement as submitted. Motion passed.

Vision - Dr. Shepard gave an overview of the Vision Statement. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Vision Statement as presented from the committee. A discussion took place. A motion to amend the motion to approve the Vision Statement as presented and change “yet” to “and” on lines 15 and 16 was made and seconded. Motion passed (27 in favor, 26 opposed). A motion amend line 17 of the Vision Statement to read, “We prepare professionals in education, business and the allied liberal arts was made and seconded. Motion failed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Vision Statement with amendment of “yet” to “and” on lines 15 and 16. Motion passed.

VI. Academic Standards Committee

5. Advising pertaining to S/U credits per year.

John Rinehart gave an overview of the proposal to eliminate the restriction of 12 credit hours per academic year. The relevant portion of the policy would read:

Of the 186 credit hours required for the bachelor’s degree, students may elect up to 36 for S/U.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed change to the S/U Option Policy as submitted. A discussion took place. Motion passed.

VII. Committee Elections

1. Elected Committees - Dan Mielke announced that it is time to hold elections for positions on Assembly Committees. Each school was asked to bring forward nominations to serve on committees. These nominations will be brought forward and voted on at the May Assembly.
2. Appointed Committees - Dan Mielke announced that a Committee Survey for the Appointed Committees will be distributed via campus mail. The Committee Surveys are due in the President’s Office by May 15, 1999. The Executive

Committee will review these and appoint individuals to designated committees after the May Assembly.

VIII. Five-Minute Access

1. Rally Update

Mindi McAllaster thanked all that participated in the rally. It had a positive effect on the issue. The message was to invest in higher education. There were 65 participants from Eastern, including alumni clear back to 1946. Mindi conveyed a special thanks to Peggy Young and Colby Marshall for a job well done.

2. IFS Update

Bob Brandon gave an overview of the recent visit. Bob also thanked everyone who participated in the rally, there was a good turn out.

Earlier in the year names were submitted of faculty to be appointed to the State Board of Education, the names submitted are Walden, Tederman and Colero. There was some opposition regarding having a faculty member on the Board.

The new Budget Model was also discussed. It was mentioned that salary dollars will not be separate. Each institution will have to figure out how many dollars go to salaries.

3. First Year Experience

Christian Steinmetz gave an overview of the First Year Experience Program. There will be 22 sections for the course. If anyone is interested in teaching a course please contact Christian. Christian will also be selecting peer leaders (upper division students) to assist. The program will target full-time, on-campus based students (no accommodations for transfer students at this time).

The Assembly was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.