

***Academic Senate Minutes***  
***Wednesday, March 30, 2005***  
***(Approved)***

***Call to Order***

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lane Crothers.

***Roll Call***

Secretary Paul Borg called the roll and declared a quorum.

***Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2005 and March 9, 2005***

**Motion XXXVI-58:** By Senator Mahoney, seconded by Senator Kauzlarich, to approve the Senate minutes of February 23, 2005 and March 9, 2005. The Senate unanimously approved the minutes.

***Chairperson's Remarks***

**Senator Crothers:** Unfortunately, Dan Brady will not be able to be with us this evening due to an emergency. He is planning to reschedule for us.

**President Bowman:** It is actually better that his visit will occur later in April since there has been little discussion about the budget in Springfield at this point.

**Senator Crothers:** Also, other representatives may be available. I do need to acknowledge that this is Student Body President Rinker's last meeting with us. We appreciate his service. Also, I believe that I announced at a prior meeting that the Council of Illinois University Senates will be meeting on April 8; however, that meeting had to be delayed and is scheduled for April 18. Among other things, we will discuss pensions and try to coordinate operations across the various campuses.

***Student Government Association President's Remarks***

**Senator Rinker:** I gave the first State of the Student Body Address in three years; although that is mandated by our constitution and bylaws. This has been a really good experience and I am glad that I had the opportunity to do this. The passing of the gavel for SGA will be on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Officially, at the next meeting of the Senate, we will have our newly-elected Student Body President, Josh Garrison, in attendance.

***Administrators' Remarks***

**President Al Bowman:** In tomorrow's *Pantagraph*, there will be an article on something we have been calling the 'Garden Project'. This is a project that will involve building a rather elaborate botanical garden at Ewing Manor, using part of the Ewing Manor property, as well as part of the property that makes up Ewing II and III. The funds for this project were given to the University by a wealthy donor. The market value of the fund right now is just over \$5 million. We promised the current Mayor of Bloomington, Markowitz, that we would not announce the project until the new major had been seated, so the project has been reviewed with current city staff as well as with the incoming Mayor Stockton. Unfortunately, the project was leaked to the press today and so the story has been written. It is a very positive story and it is a great project; it will really be an asset to the community. The University will be in charge of the project, but since part of it will be located on city land, it was important that the University work with the city to make this happen. The details have not been worked out, but you will certainly read about it in tomorrow's *Pantagraph*. This has been a good week for gifts; we have had a couple of other major gifts that we are finalizing this week. I have said all along that just because the campaign has ended, we will still fundraise as if the campaign continues.

We had Paul Fleosner on campus today; he is a vice president at Microsoft who graduated from ISU in 1981. He is

in charge of their networking group and gave a very good speech at Braden Auditorium this afternoon. I visited with him several times over the last year; he has opened the door to get our projects in front of Bill Gates. The Gates Foundation has already funded us with a multimillion dollar project and we are excited about where that relationship will go in the future.

Tomorrow, there will be a news conference about the multimodal project in downtown Normal. That is the transportation center that will be built along Beaufort. It has secured most of the funding that it needs and I believe that Congressmen Johnson and Weller will be there.

Lastly, I would like to compliment and congratulate the students who not only started the Student Foundation, but who have continued the work this year. They had an event at the library under the canopy at noon today. They have been raising money and have given some funds to the Physics Department for a project that they are working on. I think it is a good example of the culture of philanthropy beginning to thrive here. My hat is off to you.

#### ***Provost Remarks:***

**Provost Presley:** We have more than 2200 enrollment deposits so far, which is about 340 more than last year at this time. We were down almost that number last year, so this represents being on target for us for our enrollment goal of 3000 new freshmen. The ACT distribution of these students' return deposits is the equal of last year; increases at every score ranging from 22 to 32 and the average is 23.9. The Advisement Task Force has been meeting regularly since the beginning of the calendar year and they have now produced a draft document that I know that they have revised once. It details values, goals, philosophy, and strategies for improving advisement on campus. They are going to work on it some more and then they will be sharing it with the academic community. Searches are narrowing down for the University Registrar position and for the Director of the University College. We expect to schedule campus interviews sometime in April. I don't think that there has been any publicity on this because we have not received final word, but two ISU honors undergrads will receive Udall Foundation Scholarships. That is a remarkable achievement because it is very competitive and there are only 80 of these scholarships awarded nationally. Earlier this morning, I was able to add quite a bit to the library collection. Dean Elzy can tell you more about that.

**Dean Elzy, Milner Library:** I am pleased to share that today we signed an agreement to add the \$250 million worth of programming from the Annenberg Corporation for Public Broadcasting to Milner's collection. We will be hosting their videos, web pages and supplementary documentation on our servers so that you will get DVD quality and the ability to deliver these to your classroom and K-12 classrooms throughout Illinois. Everyone who accesses the web site in Illinois will get a screen that says "Brought to you by Illinois State University Milner Library", so this is going to be great for our campus. We are pleased to bring this to you at no cost through a partnership arrangement with Annenberg. The Associate Director of Annenberg CPB was on campus today. He reports that he has never been treated so well on any campus. He was very impressed with our education program, with our library and with the reception that he got here. We will be putting out some press releases and talking to classes about this and we hope that you will take advantage of it.

**Senator Crothers:** Can you characterize the content of this collection?

**Dean Elzy:** These cover all subject areas; the strength of it is in science and math, but there is a wide variety of other things. Some are the classic things you would see on PBS; some are workshops designed to help teachers learn how to teach certain subject areas. Some of our physics professors use them already. Just go to the web site at the present, <http://www.learner.org>, and you can see the program guides for every month's delivery, plus the archive of all of the videos that are available on demand. All of the documentation is free to download as pdf files.

**Senator Wang:** Does that mean that I can download and take them to some other campuses or states without violating the printing rights.

**Dean Elzy:** You don't need to download because the web site travels with you. The Annenberg Foundation probably isn't going to complain to much if you do it for a one-time use. They don't want you to make a practice of downloading. Annenberg will take suggestions for filling gaps in their programming. This is the first time they have housed this collection in a library.

***Vice President of Student Affairs: Absent***

***Vice President of Finance and Planning***

**Steve Bragg:** I would like to congratulate the Provost and Dean Elzy on the Annenberg collection. It is a magnificent collection. Also, thank you to Josh Rinker for his service; it has been a pleasure working with him. The College of Business dedication was another opportunity to celebrate a fine facility and a real asset for the institution. We were very pleased to have the Interim Director of the Capital Development Board in attendance. I recently toured Wilkins Hall and the construction is moving along nicely there. Our budget appropriation hearings are set in the Senate for April 13 and in the House for April 28. Since our last meeting, our University's formal compliance audit has been released. We had only one material finding. It was a finding related to the timely reporting by faculty and staff of outside employment opportunities. We have used more natural gas than we planned to; the good news is that we will still probably come in just under our \$10 million budget for utilities. It is highly unlikely that we will be able to maintain the utility budget at \$10 million next year. I will come back to you with more specific estimates as soon as we have them. I have passed out a little card for faculty and staff concerning the new University IDs. Students will be receiving a personal letter about the new IDs. This is an information card about the transition from social security numbers to other numbers for the University ID. The goal is to have all of our systems transitioned to the new ID numbers by June 1, 2005. We will have procedures for distributing new Redbird Cards and new policies introduced by then.

**Senator Crothers:** The only complaint I have ever heard about our current system is that you have to be at ISU to know, when looking at the card, whether the person is a student or faculty member. Will there be an indicator of status on the new cards?

**Dr. Bragg:** I will ask that question and report back to you.

***Committee Reports***

***Academic Affairs Committee***

**Senator Reid:** The committee made final revisions to the Distance Ed document and we will bring that to the Senate at the next meeting. We have made substantial changes based on the Senate's feedback and recommendations from the Council on Extended Education as well as from UCC and the Mennonite School of Nursing. We will bring it forward as an action item.

***Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee***

**Senator Brockschmidt:** The committee discussed the Amplification Policy and the Flag Policy. We hope to bring both to the Senate next time.

***Faculty Affairs Committee***

**Senator Wylie:** Our committee discussed a new issue, a document from the University Review Committee. It is a portion of the post-tenure review process. We are hoping to bring this as an information item at the next Senate meeting. Ira Schoenwald was also a guest at our meeting. HR is working with us on several issues relevant to faculty recruitment and retention.

**Senator Crothers:** The post-tenure review document would come to the Faculty Caucus rather than to the full Senate.

### ***Planning and Finance Committee***

**Senator Plantholt:** Steve Bragg and Deb Smitley presented recent policies that were drafted by the Board of Trustees regarding price-setting, revenue generation, affordability and use of funds. The committee found it a very useful document because it touches on a number of things the committee has been discussing in the past couple of years, including things like differential tuition or the need to separate revenue raising from priorities in those decisions. The committee will be discussing other items from that policy next year. This year, the committee still needs to get its priority recommendations to the Senate. We will therefore meet next week on the off week to work on that.

### ***Rules Committee***

**Senator Hammel:** The Rules Committee discussed several issues. The first was proposed changes to the Honors Council membership, basically just specifying that faculty members of the Honors Council will come from a range of different colleges. We hope to bring that as an information item at the next meeting. We also discussed the faculty responses to the questionnaire on the Faculty Code of Ethics, which were not large in number. There were some very interesting comments. We also discussed the process that we will undergo to nominate faculty to external committees of the Senate.

### ***IBHE-FAC Report***

**Professor Curt White, IBHE-FAC Representative:** The last IBHE-FAC meeting was here in town at Illinois Wesleyan. I was not able to attend the morning session, but I did attend the afternoon session. The big item for the meeting was a visit from Elliot Regenstein, liaison from the Governor's office to both the Board of Higher Education and the Board of Education. He reports to the Deputy Governor. He met with a fairly aggressive FAC committee on a number of issues, principle of which was the general political climate in the state having to do with higher education. It seemed to me a good opportunity to ask someone from the Governor's office to respond to the fact that Democratic Party representatives that we have talked to have characterized the Governor's attitude toward higher education as an "assault". Mr. Regenstein said, "The Governor has no wish to harm higher education. Is there no one in the administration who wishes to harm higher education? I wouldn't go that far." We asked him about HB750 and he said that the Governor's office does not see it as an education reform bill, but as a tax reform bill that will just happen to benefit education if it passes. He said that the chances of the Governor supporting it are very small because the impression is that taxes will increase. He acknowledged how the State had welched, historically, on its commitment to pensions. Mr. Regenstein shared his e-mail address with us, so I thought that that meant that it would be ok to share it with you and you can share it as well:

[Elliot\\_Regenstein@gov.state.il.us](mailto:Elliot_Regenstein@gov.state.il.us) (note that there is a "\_" after "Elliot"). April 13<sup>th</sup> is Lobbying Day in Springfield. We talked about going there and joining students in lobbying. I don't know what plans this campus has, especially SGA, for participating in Lobbying Day, so I would like to know. The higher education summit that is being basically administered by Ron Howell of the FAC is on May 9<sup>th</sup>. It is apparently getting a lot of interest in the media and I will be taking part in one of the panels. It is open to the public, but the attendance isn't the most important part of that meeting.

**Senator Crothers:** Where specifically in Peoria is it going to be?

**Professor White:** It will be at a community college in Peoria; I will get more details to you when the plans are finalized.

**Senator Rinker:** Students will take part in the lobbying effort. We are coordinating with Eastern Illinois University. We are actually sending a representative to the IBHE-SAC committee meeting this weekend who will

be finalizing our lobbying. As soon as I have more information, I will send it to you.

**Professor White:** Illinois State University will host the May meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Information Item:**

**03.16.05.01 School Designation Procedures-Revised (Academic Affairs Committee)**

**Senator Reid:** A number of years ago, we first debated this issue when several departments requested to become schools. There were a number of reasons for this, but fundamentally, they were competing with departments that were now “schools” within other universities and colleges. In order to compete for students, funding and many other things, they felt that they really needed this school status. Fine Arts lead the way; Social Work was another and we now have a request from the Department of Communication. Guidelines were drawn up some years ago.

**Senator Crothers:** Those guidelines were approved by former Provost Al Goldfarb.

**Senator Reid:** One of the major problems was that people were concerned with is that within a few years, every department would become a school and we would have to start switching back to be distinctive. Worries about this seemed to have disappeared because it is driven, not by emulation of other departments within the University, but by departments in the same field at other universities. The guidelines are meant essentially to guide the decision of whether or not a department has made a sufficient case to have a school designation. You will see that, essentially, a school is a department and a director is a chairperson. For all internal workings, there is no difference at all. There is no priority given to a school; it is just a designation that will help them in their external relations. The primary criteria, besides the fact that the department needs to vote on this and approve it, is #1 of the guidelines, a written proposal requesting this change and specific documentation of professional norms.

**Senator Crothers:** I should point out that the historical Senate practice has been to debate and endorse the name changes. However, this policy does not require that. The policy requires that it be accepted by the Provost and the President and the Provost informs the Senate Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee. That may actually assuage some of the consternation that has often emerged when we have discussed this.

**Motion XXXVI-59:** By Senator Reid, seconded by Senator Darnell, to move the item to action. The Senate unanimously approved the motion.

**Motion XXXVI-60:** By Senator Reid to accept the guidelines for school designation. The Senate unanimously approved the motion.

**Communications:**

**Korea Day Announcement**

On the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Korea’s Independence, a grass-root voluntary effort is being funneled to organize an event exclusively devoted to Korean themes. On Friday, April 8, 2005, which will be called “Korea Day”, a campus wide-event will be held to celebrate the traditional cultural programs showcasing Korea’s traditional art, folklore, music, movies, food, and martial arts. For more information, please contact Professor S.J. Chang.

**03.16.05.02 Letter to Governor Regarding Proposed Pension Cuts (From Eastern Illinois University Senate)**

The Senate received a letter from Eastern Illinois’ Senate expressing concern about the State’s proposed cuts to its pension systems. Senator Crothers inquired if the Senate would like to endorse this letter or create a similar letter for the Senate’s endorsement. The Senate agreed that a similar letter would be preferred and that the full Senate, rather than just the Faculty Caucus, should discuss the issue further at an upcoming meeting.

**03.16.05.02 SURS Board Meeting Notes, March 10-11, 2005 (From Curt White/Ken Anderson, IBHE-FAC)**

**03.18.05.01**    ***ISU Program Review Reports – Available at Milner Reserve Desk  
(Academic Plan, which contains the Program Review Reports, will come to the Senate as an  
Advisory Item)***

***Adjournment***