

Academic Senate Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, January 14, 2008, 4:00 P.M.
(Approved)

Call to Order

Senate Chairperson Dan Holland called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of November 26, 2007

Motion XXXIX-28: To approve the Executive Committee Minutes of November 26, 2007.

Ms. James: The minutes might change slightly after Senator Kalter listens to her comments on the tape.

Senator Holland: You had some corrections; I saw that.

Senator Kalter: Just really brief ones. What are they? I don't have them with me.

Ms. James: She is going to listen to the tape.

Senator Borg: Why don't we approve them pending any corrections that might come about?

The minutes were approved pending any corrections.

NOTE: After listening to her taped comments, Senator Kalter made no recommendations for revisions to the minutes of November 26, 2007.

Distributed Communications:

10.16.06.01 *From Susan Kalter: Native American Student Recruitment and Retention (Previously Distributed to Executive Committee on 10/30/06; Dist. To Senate 1/23/08)*

12.18.07.01 *From Susan Kalter: Native American Student Recommendations (Dist. To Senate 1/23/08)*

Senator Holland: We have distributed communications from Senator Kalter about Native American student recruitment and retention.

Senator Kalter: I just forwarded these because we have Jon Rosenthal as a speaker coming out of Academic Affairs. I am fairly sure that his presentation was part of the task of looking at this letter from last year, so I thought it would be a good idea to forward those. I do have one slight correction to the Senate Agenda, which is that it is "Ann" Haugo, rather than "Amy" Haugo. The reason that she is on there is because she had presented to last year's committee, so rather than having them have to invite her, I thought that it would be more efficient for her to just come to the Senate meeting.

01.09.08.01 *From Kathleen Lonbom: Milner Library Bylaws-Revised (Dist. To Rules Com.)*

Senator Holland: Next we have the revised bylaws from Milner. I am actually somewhat surprised to see to them since we only recently approved them.

Senator Borg: There were serious problems with them about a year or so ago. They included, among other things, standard procedures.

Senator Holland: Yes, we had them remove all of that. They included procedures and we told them that if they did that, every time they changed operating hours, they would have to have them approved by the Senate. I don't think that they have done much change at all. Actually, they did not give us a strike-through version.

Ms. James: Senator Alferink, would you for me to request a strike-through version?

Senator Alferink: Yes, that would be most helpful to the committee.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate for January 23, 2008:

Academic Senate Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 23, 2008
7:00 P.M.
OLD MAIN ROOM, BONE STUDENT CENTER

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2007

Documents re: Presentation:

10.16.06.01 Native American Student Recruitment and Retention (Susan Kalter)

12.18.07.01 Native American Student Issues (Susan Kalter)

Presentation: Changing Demographics of Higher Education Students and Native American Student Recruitment (Jon Rosenthal, Office of Enrollment Management and Academic Services)

Native American Student Recruitment Issues: Amy Ann Haugo, THE Faculty Member

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Body President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

- *President Al Bowman***
- *Acting Provost Jan Shane-Murphy***
- *Vice President of Student Affairs Steve Adams***
- *Vice President of Finance and Planning Steve Bragg***

Committee Reports:

- *Academic Affairs Committee Chairperson: Senator Waterstraat***
- *Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee Chairperson: Senator Lonbom***
- *Faculty Affairs Committee Chairperson: Senator Borg***
- *Planning and Finance Committee Chairperson: Senator Fazel***
- *Rules Committee Chairperson: Senator Alferink***

Communications

ADDITION:

01.14.08.01 Educating Illinois Document -Draft

Adjournment

Motion XXXIX-29: By Senator Fazel, seconded by Senator Alferink, to approve the Senate Agenda of January 23, 2008.

Senator Holland: We have the one correction to “Ann” Haugo.

Senator Borg: I have one other correction. I suggest we revise it to “Acting Provost Jan Murphy”.

Senator Holland: There is one thing that I would like to add as a communication. The Educating Illinois document is coming into the final draft. The Senate, I think, is one of the groups that really will give feedback if they are reminded about it. I also want to remind the Senate about the focus groups.

Provost Murphy: Is there anything that Deb and I should provide for the packet, like a draft version of it, dates of the focus groups?

Senator Holland: Mostly, I want dates of the focus group; I will announce that in my Chair’s Remarks.

Senator Borg: Do you think that it would be helpful to have a copy?

Provost Murphy: It’s so much smaller than the last one.

Senator Borg: It also would be a good prompt if they have something in hand.

Senator Holland: I don’t want to kill trees, but its short enough now.

Senator Fazel: This is the final version at this point, but it’s a draft? Is the university going to vote on this eventually or are we just going to give feedback and then the committee will finalize it?

Senator Holland: That is not until May.

President Bowman: The Board gets an update at the February 15th meeting, but they don’t vote on it.

Senator Fazel: How about the faculty or the Senate?

Senator Holland: That is one of the things that we wanted to bring up; I know that something was done with the Senate last time. Now, whether that was a Sense of the Senate Resolution....

Senator Borg: I think that it was an endorsement. We have gone through sort of an official endorsement each time. It is not exactly the same thing as approving it legislatively.

Senator Holland: Because I don’t think that we get to do that.

Senator Borg: No, we don’t; but I am pretty sure that we have done it that way.

Provost Murphy: That makes sense. Truly, what we have done is that we reached a point, and that was November 7th, where we said, ‘this is the draft for circulation for the next three months’. We collected every comment; we talk through every comment that comes in, but comments that would have come to us as a task force between November 7th and now are not going to be reflected in a document until, I think, about the time of the February board meeting. We are trying not to do iterations everyday on this.

Senator Borg: Could I suggest that at some time that the comments that have been collected since November get integrated? At that point, I would like the Senate to deal with that version, perhaps in April.

Senator Holland: At this point, what I really want is to get the Senate to respond. Would we like copies?

Senator Stewart: Is it on the web somewhere?

Provost Murphy: It’s on the web; I wonder if we put a copy in the packets if we are not more likely to get comments

back.

Ms. James: I would say that it would probably be more likely to get comments if we have a copy in the packets.

Senator Holland: Can we do it double-sided? That's not that bad.

Senator Fazel: We are going to be discussing this in the Planning and Finance Committee, so we have to look at this as if it will change. This is not the final version?

Provost Murphy: No.

Ms. James: Could I get a clarification on this? I know that you when you gave a presentation on Educating Illinois to the Senate in November, you said that you would back in March. Is there still going to a presentation in March?

Provost Murphy: It will be whenever you guys want it; that will be your call.

Senator Holland: Once the task force has put in the changes. That will be...I know that we have a three-hour meeting scheduled in February.

Ms. James: So probably in March.

Provost Murphy: I think that March would be a safe bet.

The Senate Agenda, as amended, was unanimously approved.

Senator Alferink: Didn't we have the Service Awards as an Information Item last time and not vote on it?

Ms. James: That was sent back to you and you were going to take it to committee. You had taken the Provost reporting out.

Senator Alferink: That was the Disestablishment Policy.

Senator Holland: You are right; we have to go back and...

Ms. James: Well, actually, no. The Service Awards came before the Senate. I sent you an e-mail about the revisions and you said that you had to talk to your committee about it. You had taken the Provost reporting out. The Disestablishment Policy never even came to the Senate.

Senator Alferink: That was not with this one. The Blue Book addition for the University Service Awards...

Ms. James: Right. There was a Provost reporting issue and you said that you did not want to poll the committee members by e-mail during the break. I will send you that e-mail.

Senator Alferink: It's not a big issue.

Ms. James: If you want to add the Service Awards...

Senator Alferink: Ok. I will take it to the committee and then take it to action. It's just a minor revision. It's really just informing the Provost rather than reporting to him.

Adjournment

