**Academic Senate Executive Committee Minutes**

**Monday, August 19, 2024**

**Hovey 419, 4:00 P.M.**

***Call to Order***

Chairperson Horst called the meeting to order and declared quorum.

***Public Comment: All speakers must sign in with the Senate Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.***

No public comments.

***Approval of the minutes from 04-29-2024***

Motion by Senator Kapoor, second by Senator Cline.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

***Oral Communications:***

***Distributed Communications:***

***Executive Committee Responsibilities 2024***

Chairperson Horst detailed the responsibilities of the Executive Committee for the new members.

***From Eric Hodges, Director of Emergency Management - New Policy 5.5 Emergency Management (Senate or non-Senate?)***

Eric Hodges and Alice Maginnis presented the new policy 5.5 Emergency Management. Executive committee members determined that this policy will be a non-senate advisory item.

Chairperson Horst: All university closures are not under this policy? This is for unplanned closures, right? In 5.5.4, it states, “Emergency Management is responsible for providing support and recommending appropriate courses of action to the University President or designee to facilitate informed decision making in the event of an incident that could warrant a University closure.” Could we add something about this being for unplanned closures?

Alice Maginnis: Or “University closures under the Emergency Operations Plan”?

Chairperson Horst: We are not talking about Election Day or something like that on the Academic Calendar.

Senator Nikolaou: What happens with the library? Is it the Dean, or your office that is going to make that determination?

Eric Hodges: We have come full circle on that. Five or six years ago, there was a desire during winter closures to keep three buildings open, even during a closure. The library, Bone Student Center, and Rec. We did that for about a year, but realized then next year that we were requiring those employees to work, and we were sending an interesting message by doing that. Who makes that decision? It is the Incident Management Team. Today, if we are closed, we are closed. We are not keeping individual buildings open. Lab schools have partial authority. If we close, they are closed. If we are open, they can make other choices. They can do a delayed start, an early dismiss, a close. If we are closed, they are closed.

***Memo - 1.7 Use of Electionic Equipment for Surveillance Purposes***

President Tarhule: This comes up every year. Mostly it is just information to let people know that this is going on, and that these are places where cameras will be. There are also some places where it is important not to divulge where the cameras are for purposes of security. There is nothing extra special.

***Presentations for the Senate 2024-2025***

The committee discussed the schedule for presentations to the Senate.

President Tarhule: On the Retention and Recruitment of Underrepresented Students report, my personal observation is we are doing amazingly well with recruitment, maybe doing some good with retention of underrepresented students. We are not doing well with the achievement outcome. I don’t know if that has been traditionally included in the report, but I think that part of the report would be especially important. Since we are presenting to the Academic Senate, the academic performance of the underrepresented students is where we have the bigger problem. When I look at the recruitment numbers, or even just walking on campus, the diversity is amazing, but the achievement outcomes have not shifted. We are still graduating black students at 24% in four years, which is exactly what we did in 2014. We are graduating Hispanic students at 39% in four years, which is exactly what we did in 2014. Those have not changed. I think having some conversations about, “We are doing well in diversity, how can we move these achievement outcomes?” If that is not already in the report, I think that should be of concern.

***Priority Reports memo from Exec 2024***

The committee agreed to submit the Priority Reports to the internal committees.

***Items from April 15, 2024***

* ***3.3.4 - Request for adding Librarianship***

3.3.4 was added to the Senate agenda as an information item on 8-28.

* ***5.1.1 Concealed Carry and Prohibited Weapons Policy***

5.5.1 was added to the Senate agenda as an information item on 8-28.

Senator Cline: In one of the lines it discusses reporting people to their supervisor. What if they don’t have a supervisor? In lieu of that is it alert the University Police?

Senator Nikolaou: Under “Reporting” where it says “…will report to the Illinois State University Police within 24 hours of the determination that a *student* poses a clear and present danger to themselves or others.” It refers only to students. Everywhere in the policy it says “faculty, staff, and students” but then for the reporting it singles out only students.

Chairperson Horst stated that she would follow up with Legal on those questions.

***Update Appendix II Faculty Caucus Description***

* ***Link to Markup***

The committee agreed to send the update to Appendix II to the Senate as in information/action item.

***\*\*Approval of Proposed Senate Agenda– See pages below\****

Motion by Senator Blair, second by Senator Nikolaou

Unanimous approval.

***Senate Action Requests***

* ***Gen Ed Revision Proposal (dist. AAC)***

After some discussion, the committee agreed that the Gen Ed Revision Proposal does not require joint-review by the AABC.

* ***3.2.13 Administrator Selection and Search Policies (dist. AABC)***

The committee agreed that 3.2.13 can go to the AABC for review.

Provost Yazedjian requested an amendment to the agenda to include an adjustment to the 2024-2025 College of Education Dean search committee structure. The committee voted unanimously to amend the agenda to include the Provost’s request.

The committee granted the Provost permission to add one additional faculty associate chosen from a list of up to four names provided by the Faculty Associates of the Laboratory Schools to the College of Education dean search committee structure described in policy 3.2.13.

Motion by Senator Cline, second by Senator Blair.

Unanimous approval.

The following Senate Action Requests and policies were postponed until the next meeting.

* ***4.1.18 Credit Earned through Transfer, Examination, and Prior Learning (dist. AAC)***
* ***Consider Editing Internal Committee Bylaws to Accommodate new Engineering senator (dist. Rules)***
* ***Deans and Chairs/Directors evaluation schedule FY25-FY30 (dist: AABC)***

***(Should Senate continue to evaluate this schedule?)***

***Policies Due for Review***

* ***6.1.37 Naming of University Facilities and Entities (AABC)***
* ***2.1.5 Student Leave of Absence (SC)***
* ***3.1.44 Amorous Relations (UPC)***
* ***4.1.4 Dress Codes (AAC)***

***Ombuds council policy discussion***

* ***Ombudsperson Council Letter to President Tarhule***

***Discussion of meeting on Oct 28 vs Oct 21***

***Adjournment***

Motion by Senator Cline, second by Senator Bever. Unanimous approval.