**Faculty Caucus Executive Committee Minutes**

**Monday, December 2, 2024**

**Immediately following the Executive Committee Meeting**

***Call to Order***

Chairperson Horst called the meeting to order.

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

None.

***Approval of the minutes of*** [***10-21-2024***](https://illinoisstateuniversity.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/s/AcademicSenate/EX2f99hfzpVOksewpxcith8BctfcRcoH40ORH2yXzawaMw?e=W7mtbm)

Motion by Senator Cline.

Second by Senator Kapoor.

Unanimous approval.

***Oral Communication: Internal Committee Chairs***

***Discussion: Discussion: CAS Senator Resignation***

The committee discussed upcoming changes to the composition of some internal committees and placement of a new Senator.

The committee decided that a current member of the Faculty Affairs Committee will step up to be chair in the spring and the incoming senator would be placed on the University Policy Committee.

The committee determined that the University Policy Committee would need to elect a new chair at their meeting on 12-11-2024.

***Distributed Communication:***

Chairperson Horst: As you heard, we hired an Ombudsperson. We worked on a the Ombuds Council policy a long time ago and we had a letter telling Tarhule to delete the Ombudsperson policy whenever he hired somebody; we just renewed that request, so we have now gotten rid of that policy. The only other place that the Ombudsperson Council is mentioned is in the AFEGC 3.3.8C. We talked about this a while ago and decided that all we had to do was delete the word, “council.” This policy belongs to the Faculty Caucus. It is straightforward.

Senator Cline: This is all very involved with union stuff.

Chairperson Horst: They can reject it, but there is no more Ombudsperson Council.

Senator Cline: Do we need to have prior consent from Legal that this change is going to be considered status quo and isn’t actually changing anything? Just out of an abundance of caution. I know it is just one word.

Chairperson Horst: There is no more Ombudsperson Council, so if it stays as it is, it would just be incorrect. I can forward it to Jeannie.

Senator Cline: Just as an advisement. This policy is surely wrapped up in some way with their negotiations.

Chairperson Horst: I think the union just decides whether they want to arbitrate it. They just decide whether they want to accept the change or not, correct?

Senator Kapoor: I’m not clear on that.

Chairperson Horst: We do a policy change, then it gets to the stage where the union can bargain on it.

Senator Kapoor: Once a contract is signed.

Senator Edwards: If ISU is just changing working conditions willy-nilly, but this does not do that.

Senator Cline: I would want to be entirely above board, just let them know that this is happening. People get nervous if you are making changes in policies that somehow align. We can alleviate that concern in the beginning by saying, “It is just one word-change. Legal says it is not in any way affecting the status-quo as it has been negotiated.”

Chairperson Horst: I’ll send a note to Jeannie. Do you want to wait to put it on the agenda?

Senator Cline: I don’t think we need to. This is just me being cautious.

***\*\*Approval of proposed Faculty Caucus Agendas- See below\*\****

Motion by Senator Cline.

Second by Senator Kapoor.

Unanimous approval.

***Adjournment***

**Faculty Caucus Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

**Immediately Following the Academic Senate Meeting**

***Call to Order***

***Roll call***

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

***Approval of the minutes of*** [***10-09-2024***](https://illinoisstateuniversity.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/s/AcademicSenate/EbDLz7irQfRKrriITDRnJp4BtaV8rB1eNoIKJ5FEpr-30Q?e=fUkthZ)

***Information Item:***

***From Martha Horst: Executive Committee***

***Policy 3.3.8C Voluntary Conciliation***

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***Potential Item from the Provost TBD***

***Elections for External and Associated Committees***

***Election of 2 faculty members to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee***

* ***Dr. Liz Sattler, CAST, 2024-2026 (replacing Phillip Sumesh, ‘23-’26)***
* ***VACANT, CAS, 2024-2027 (replacing David Marx, ‘24-’27)***

***Adjournment***