

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
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Call to Order

Chairperson Curt White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Senator Crothers called the roll and declared a quorum.

Approval of Minutes of May 3, 2000:

Motion XXXII-4: To approve the minutes of May 3, 2000. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairperson's Remarks:

Senator White: Welcomed the new Vice President of Student Affairs, Helen Mamarchev, as a member of the Senate.

Vice Chairperson Remarks:

Senator Brown: Asked the student senators to caucus for a short time after the meeting to elect four new student senators.

Student Government Association President's Remarks:

Senator Biodolillo: Stated that the Student Government has many ambitious goals to help both the Academic and the Student Government to become a more efficient system.

Administrators' Remarks:

- **President Vic Boschini:** He stated that he had spent a lot of time this summer on fundraising and that there were a lot of great successes. Once a month, we will be hearing about this during the fall semester. We have two big efforts this year, one is the Distinctiveness and Excellence Report and the other one is the Governance Task Force Report. If you have any input on either of those, please contact Senator Boschini, Senator Goldfarb or Senator White. President Boschini also discussed budget issues.

Senator Crothers: Asked when these budget decisions were being made, was there serious conversation about what the street level effect would be and was there prep work done?

Senator Boschini: The answer, since February 10, to both questions is yes. He encouraged Senator Crothers to read the information that will be distributed by Senator Bragg and then there could be a more in depth discussion about it.

Senator Reid: Can we talk openly about budget issues? Will there have to be major reallocations to meet priorities?

Senator Boschini: Yes, we can talk openly. The difficulty is making choices about expenditures.

Several senators made departmental budgetary needs known.

- **Provost Al Goldfarb:** Will distribute a chart for the AIF funds and the also the Enhancement Fund in the next Senate packets. After the Senate has had a chance to review this material, Senator Goldfarb will hold a discussion on how priorities are set for expenditures. The Senate will continue its conversation on the budget at a caucus after the Senate meeting of September 13, 2000.

Senator Goldfarb reported that there was a fairly significant increase in the number of freshman enrolling this year. The Admissions Office is looking at predictors for enrollment such as an increase in ACT scores. The institution has changed the tuition ratio from 3 to 1 to 2 to 1 for out-of-state students. We also now have an application fee. This may help to ensure that only students who seriously plan to attend will apply. On September 6, we will unveil our web application; through this application, students from anywhere can apply on line. Our goal is to try to make the institution more visible.

- **Vice President of Student Affairs:**

Senator Mamarchev: We are developing a new spirit in Student Affairs. Every Friday, everyone on campus is encouraged to wear red and white for Red and White Spirit Day. It has to do with having pride, pride in our jobs, our university and ourselves.

Senator Mamarchev also talked about the attack on a student at ISU based on the assumption that he was gay. PRIDE students will hold a meeting regarding the situation and members will also talk with Senator Mamarchev regarding developing campus-wide responses. She added that this kind of behavior is completely intolerable. In addition, she reported that she would continue to have discussions with the Town of Normal Police and the City Managers.

- **Vice President of Finance and Planning:**

Senator Bragg: Stated that we are continuing the process of relocating the University Farm. This summer, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of the Grow Mark Research Farm. Construction continues on campus for the performing arts center and the In Exchange area on School Street. Additionally, he reported that we have a new eight-year electrical contract, in which rates are set by the energy use now.

Senator Bragg distributed information on the university's budget. The Senate will hold a caucus on September 13 after the Senate meeting to discuss the information.

Committee Reports

- **Academic Affairs Committee:** No report. The committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. before the next Senate meeting on September 13.
- **Administrative Affairs Committee:** No report. The committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. before the next Senate meeting.
- **Budget Committee:**
Senator Strickland: The Budget Committee will begin its review of the Academic Impact Fund. He asked Budget Committee members to send him an email as to when they are available to meet.
- **Faculty Affairs Committee:**

Senator El-Zanati: The major issue for the Faculty Affairs Committee is non-tenure faculty use. The committee will meet prior to the next Senate meeting.

· **Rules Committee:** Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. prior to the next Senate meeting.

· **Student Affairs Committee:**

Motion XXXII-5:

Senator Kowalski: Proposed a Sense of the Senate Resolution: The Academic Senate wishes to express its sympathy for the anonymous student who was a victim of a hate crime beating on August 26, 2000. The Senate further wishes to express its support for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community at Illinois State University.

The motion was seconded by Senator Crothers. The Senate unanimously approved the resolution.

Action Items:

External Committee Elections:

Motion XXXII-6: Motion by Senator Weber to elect the slate of faculty members to external committees of the Senate. The Senate unanimously elected the following individuals to the respective committees.

Faculty Elections:

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Mark Langer, Milner	2000 - 2002
Michael Brunt, Speech Path - CAS	Fall 2000

COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION

Vicky Morgan, C&I - COE	2000 - 2001
Dianne Ashby, SED - COE	2000 - 2002
Kathy Clesson, Lab Schools-COE	2000 - 2002
Rex Morrow, C&I - COE	2000 - 2002
Diana Jones, HPER - CAST	2000 - 2002

COUNCIL ON GENERAL EDUCATION

Wendy Black, C&I - COE
(Terms to be defined by Rules Committee for CGE members)

HONORS COUNCIL

David Loy, FIL - COB	2000 - 2003
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STUDENT CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD (SCERB) HEARING PANEL

Wayne Beneson, C&I - COE	2000 - 2003
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UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Richard Boser, IT - CAST	2000 - 2001
Robin Carr, ENG - CAS	2000 - 2002
Pam Lindsey, Mennonite	2000 - 2002
Joe Trefzger, FIL - COB	2000 - 2003

UNIVERSITY FORUM COMMITTEE

Linda Willis-Fisher, ART-CFA 2000 - 2003

CAMPUS COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**(Senate Ratified Civil Service Council Nominations)**

Christa Lawhun, Civil Service Council Chairperson

2000-2001

Martha Burk, Milner

2000-2002

Motion XXXII-7:

Senator Brown: Motion by Senator Brown to elect the slate of student nominees to external committees of the Senate. The Senate unanimously elected the following individuals to the respective committees.

*Student Elections:***ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE****2000-2001**

Shelly Clumpner

Tim Mackin

Josh King

Joe Kalis

Beth Davidson

Elizabeth Marquardt

Cori Martin

Ryan Carlson

Candice Halbert

UNIVERSITY FORUM COMMITTEE**2000-2001**

Kayla Waters

Darius Brown

Derek Johnson

Laura Vercler

Jennifer Dowling

STUDENT CENTER PROGRAMMING BOARD**2000-2001**

Bonnie Schuenemann

Catherine Floeter

Edward Lee

Communications:

06.26.00.03 Deletion of Physically Handicapped Sequence Proposal - Graduate Sequence. To Consent Agenda on Senate Web Site 8/30/00. The deadline for a request that the proposal go to the Academic Affairs Committee is September 13, 2000.

Web Address: </consent.html>.

Senator Reid: Noted that the program would be replaced by another, however, there was no information on the replacement program. He asked if the new program had already been approved. He stated that it would be helpful if the department included this information.

Senator White: Stated that we are getting everything that we previously got for program approvals. He asked that the Academic Affairs Committee seek clarification on this issue. This question can be resolved without the proposal coming before the full Senate.

Illinois Board of Higher Education-Faculty Advisory Committee Report

Senator Crothers: There were two meetings during the summer, one in Carbondale and one in DePaul. The one at Carbondale focused on the policies of Alverno College, a non-grading institution in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A representative from the institution talked about how they created curriculum that is intended to build skills as well as creating ways to assess skills in a non-graded environment.

At the June meeting in DePaul, there was a presentation on cultural diversity in the classroom and recruiting for cultural diversity. Another topic discussed was a project in which, on a peer review basis, faculty from around the United States would create on line segments of courses that other faculty at participating institutions could use in their own courses. Additionally there was discussion about Franklin University, an out-of-state, independent school being chartered to offer courses in the State of Illinois. Franklin University is now offering business junior/senior level courses on community college campuses and using community college faculty to teach the courses, but using Franklin University's name. There was in depth discussion on this issue. The committee also discussed university assessment methods.

The next meeting is of the IBHE-FAC is one week from Friday. One of the topics of discussion will be the 3 + 1 + 1.

Distinctiveness and Excellence Committee Report

Laura Pedrick: The Distinctiveness and Excellence Committee has representation from all constituencies of the University. Three sources of the report were the Board of Trustees' vision statement, the Illinois Commitment, the vision document for higher education in the State of Illinois, and most significantly, the Fisher Report. The Fisher report called for the University to investigate its distinctiveness as a public ivy model.

The four goals that guided the development of the plan were: 1) that as university, we should articulate what we believe in; 2) that our identity should make us distinct from other public universities in the state; 3) that we should recognize and promote our areas of excellence; and 4) that the action plan should encompass every part of the educational experience. Some of the core values that the committee put forth were pursuit of learning, diversity, creative response to change and individualized attention for students.

Committee representatives will meet with at least 12 groups on campus to solicit input on the report--Civil Service Council, AP Council, Student Government Association and others. All constituencies are encouraged to email their opinions to Provost Goldfarb or Senator White, as well as post opinions on the web board at <http://webboard.ilstu.edu/~educatingIllinois>. The committee will meet again on September 12 to review the comments.

The current report is a draft document subject to change. Even after it is approved, it will be a dynamic document that the campus will hopefully go back to each year and make relevant changes. Senate members

further discussed the report, some members specifically reporting departmental needs.

Executive Session: Honorary Degree Recipients

Motion XXXII-8: By Senator Crothers, seconded by Senator Weber, to move into executive session. The Senate concluded its business in executive session and returned to open session.

Motion XXXII-9: To adjourn by Senator El-Zanati. Motion approved unanimously by standing vote.

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