

**ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES**  
**(Approved)**

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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 August 30, 2000:***

**Motion XXXII-13:** By Senator Strickland, second by Senator Weber, to approve the minutes of August 30, 2000. Motion approved unanimously.

***Chairperson's Remarks:***

**Senator White:** Senator Schmaltz has been admitted into the hospital through the emergency room at OSF. We will update the Senate as we receive news on his condition. Senator Newgren has resigned from the Senate in order to take on additional administrative responsibilities. There will be an election in the College of Business since there was no runner up. We are still in need of a parliamentarian. In the absence of a parliamentarian, we will have to work from the rules listed in the parliamentary procedure pages.

***Vice Chairperson Remarks:***

**Senator Brown:** Announced that there were four new student Senators who have been seated at this evening's meeting. They are Paul Peterson, Sam Patry, Aja Holmes and Ken Panfilio. There will also be a student caucus tonight at 9:15 p.m.

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

**Senator Biondolillo:** Homecoming is approaching very soon. SGA is deciding what they can do to inspire pride in the University. One of the things they will do is bring back old traditions, such as a homecoming court, an event that has not been at ISU since 1968. Alumni will chose the king and queen of the court. Senator Biondollilo discussed other upcoming activities involving homecoming.

Senator Biondollilo reported, that in addition to the student who was the victim of a hate crime reported at the previous meeting, another student had been harassed because of her sexual orientation. Additionally, two other incidents such as this had occurred. He stated that SGA is working with the Human Rights Commission to try to eradicate hate crimes through education. On September 27, 2000, in the Student Services Building, room 375, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a forum on student and racial profiling. Both of the Chiefs of Police of Bloomington and Normal have been invited as well as the NAACP and the United Forces Latino.

**Senator Strickland:** The king and queens of homecoming courts seem so susceptible to parody. What kind of discussion was there about the wisdom of bringing back this aspect of the court?

**Senator Biondolillo:** We did have a discussion about that. We felt that this would be a way to get the alumni involved. If it is a problematic to have a king and queen, we could just have a homecoming court. I will bring this up in the next SGA meeting.

### ***Administrators' Remarks:***

- ***President Vic Boschini:*** Excused absence.
- ***Provost Al Goldfarb:*** The Insider's Guide to Colleges for 2001 just came out last week. They chose four institutions in Illinois, including Illinois State University. The materials on ISU were extremely complimentary.

Senator Goldfarb reported that ISU overshot its target of 3,000 freshman students this year. The show rate was 37%, which is 2% higher than it was two years ago. The average ACT score of incoming freshman has gone up and 84% were in the top half of their high school class. The data is starting to suggest that we are a school of first choice.

- ***Vice President of Student Affairs:***

**Senator Mamarchev:** Reported on the harassment of a student from Lincoln College referred to by Senator Biondolillo. There is some belief that her assailants may have been Lincoln College students. The message that we are trying to give to people is that they need to come forward and provide information. We still have our reward program going on in the Student Affairs Office.

On September 19, the career fair, which Placement Services coordinates, will be held. The Town of Normal and University Liaison meeting is scheduled for September 27.

- ***Vice President of Finance and Planning:***  
**Senator Bragg:** No report.

### ***Committee Reports***

- ***Academic Affairs Committee:***

**Senator Meckstroth:** The committee discussed the issue that was raised by Senator Reid at the last meeting regarding the deletion of the Physically Handicapped Program proposal on the Senate's Consent Agenda. This proposal referred to the Moderate/Severe Multiple Disabilities, a revised replacement program already in place. However, this program was not on the Consent Agenda for people to review and compare. Senator Meckstroth spoke with Larry Alferink, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, as well as Chris Janicak, chairperson of the University Curriculum Committee. For future program proposals, Drs. Alferink and Janicak have agreed to look at the proposals to see if there is other information that is needed to go along with them. Dr. Alferink also agreed to be a person that senators could contact if they had any questions about undergraduate program proposals forwarded to the Senate. Sandra Little of Graduate Studies would also be willing to do the same for graduate proposals.

The committee talked about working with the Student Affairs Committee in relationship to the Sense of the Senate Resolution that encouraged colleges and departments to include students on their committees, especially their curriculum committees. The committee also discussed the Constitution Exam, English Placement Test and a proposal regarding the class withdrawal policy.

- ***Administrative Affairs Committee:***

**Senator Kurtz:** The committee looked at the proposal for a Unit's Designation as a School. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

- ***Budget Committee:***



**COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION****Tonya Henderson****2001*****Communications:******Distinctiveness and Excellence Committee Report***

Discussion continued on the Distinctiveness and Excellence Committee report.

**Laura Pedrick:** Since we last met, Joe Rives and I have done presentations to several campus constituencies, including the Student Governance Association, Milner faculty and staff and Human Resources. We have seen confirmation in the trend to revise the document. There were concerns about the balance between teaching and research, the issues of distance education, ACT scores and extending the class withdrawal date. I have circulated language to the committee to address these and other concerns and I will incorporate their input into the next draft of the document, which will probably be out in early October.

Ms. Pedrick talked about the method of using focus groups to inform the University about the Distinctiveness and Excellence report and to obtain feedback on the document. Over 200 faculty and staff were invited to 12 focus groups lead by the Provost. She stated that people were very engaged in the process.

Several members of the Senate asked questions about certain aspects of the document, including the need for additional tenure track lines, questions about class size, funding for research and faculty salaries, cluster hiring around research projects shared by departments, and facility maintenance.

**Senator White:** Suggested that the Distinctive and Excellence Committee continue as a group to oversee the implementation and maintenance of the goals contained within the report.

***Communications:******Illinois Department of Education Faculty Advisory Committee Report***

**Senator Crothers:** The September meeting of the FAC was held at Black Hawk College. One topic of discussion was the draft report on diversity. The IBHE intends to aggressively defend Affirmative Action. The committee discussed the goal to decrease the barriers to higher education, which included the issue of distance education. Committee members also discussed degree completion issues. Senator Crothers reported on the Budget Context Report, which serves as the foundation in which education budgets are evaluated and actual dollars are assigned. He stated that the IBHE is continuing its deferred maintenance analysis. There was some discussion about tying university budgets to performance measures. He added that there is likely to be an increase in monies for instructional technology training. Senator Crothers' entire report can be found under Committee Sites at the Academic Senate web site: .

***President's Liaison***

**Senator White:** Stated that he had asked Phil Adams of the President's office to comment on the topics that Senator Crothers discusses from the IBHE-FAC. He added that he would like for him to routinely speak to the Senate regarding higher education from an IBHE prospective.

***Budget Issues***

**Senator Goldfarb:** Reviewed the Enhancement Fund and Academic Impact Fund expenditures for FY00 and estimated expenditures for FY01. He stated that in particular, a large amount of the expenditures were used for payouts and for permanent replacement costs. Costs also included supplements to existing positions, retention programs and instructional capacity costs.

Senate members posed many questions to Senator Goldfarb regarding the budget including departmental needs, retirement costs and operating funds.

**Motion XXXII-15:** To adjourn.

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