

**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 October 11, 2000:***

**Motion XXXII-38:** By Senator Weber, second by Senator Chang, to approve the minutes of October 11, 2000.

**Senator Hampton:** The minutes need to be corrected to reflect that the vote on the governance proposal was 32 votes against the proposal, three in favor and three abstentions.

The vote to approve the corrected minutes was unanimous.

***Chairperson's Remarks:***

**Senator White:** Welcomed Jack Howard of Management and Quantitative Methods to the Senate; he replaces Senator Ken Newgren. Senator White reported that a letter had been sent out, co-signed by the Provost, the President and Senator White, encouraging faculty to take part in the Capital Campaign and also the Distinctive and Excellence proposal. He stated that he would be eager to hear any responses to the letter.

***Vice Chairperson Remarks:***

**Senator Brown:** No report.

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

**Senator Biondolillo:** The Student Government Association's response to the shared governance proposal will be forwarded to the President and to the Academic Senate.

***Administrators' Remarks:***

· **President Vic Boschini:** Reported on the possible recipients of the Honorary Degree.

**Senator White:** Senator Boschini, at our last meeting, which you were unable to attend, I discussed our lunch with you and Chairperson Sulaski and our discussion on the proposal to add a faculty member to the Board of Trustees. Would you say something about your reasons for not wanting to have a faculty member on the Board of Trustees?

**Senator Boschini:** The legislature would have to change the constitutions of the board. We don't make state laws; we just enforce them. Therefore, if you have a concern about the Constitution of our Board, then I would say work through your legislator and get that changed. My opinion about this issue passing in the legislature is that it is never going to happen.

The reason that I personally would not be in favor of placing a faculty member on the Board is because to

be in favor of that in my position would be to say that I am not doing my job. Harvard was the first university with a Board of Trustees. They established a lay Board so that no employee of the university would be on the board. However, they specifically placed the president on the board to voice the concerns of the faculty. So, in my opinion, it's the president's job to represent the faculty's concerns on the board.

**Senator Reid:** Can you make a distinction between yourself and the office you fill? The problem is not with you and you trying to represent us; the problem is that you will not always be the person filling this office. Secondly, presidents, no matter how hard they try, are not going to really have a sense of what is going on with the faculty. From one point of view, if the president can never be totally informed, the board is making decisions that are partially uninformed. With a faculty member on the board, they would be more informed.

**Senator Boschini:** I don't think that *any* one person would know everything that is going on on campus.

**Senator Strickland:** To follow your logic, do you oppose a student on the board?

**Senator Boschini:** No, not at all. The students are not employed by the university. The board was set up so that it would be a lay board on which no employees of the university could serve.

**Senator Crothers:** I would like to partially correct the history of the lay board. It wasn't really a lay board. It was an Ecclesiastical board for the express purpose of stopping the faculty from teaching certain types of radical ideas that they did not want taught. So the notion of the lay board as a benevolent factor is not one that resonates to your faculty.

**Senator Razaki:** When we asked for support from President Boschini, we were asking for it in the sense of strengthening shared governance. Your opposing it or supporting it will never get us that position on the board; it is a political battle, but we at least wanted to have the moral support of our administrators. Your primary role on this campus is as an administrator and not as a faculty member. You have to look at competing interests from the various standpoints, the faculty being just one, so I don't think that you can always be as strong a proponent of the faculty point of view.

**Senator Boschini:** I think I am representing the faculty to the Board.

**Senator White:** I want to point out that the language of our Constitution describes the President as the person responsible for communicating the point of the view of the faculty to the Board.

**Senator Reid:** Does it say sole responsibility?

**Senator White:** No, I don't believe it does.

**Senator Reid:** Would you support this issue in the legislature?

**Senator Boschini:** No, because I don't believe in it. In my opinion, a civil service employee would get on these boards in the State of Illinois before a faculty member because most people in Springfield view themselves as civil servants and they see more of a kinship with that employee group. To me, there seems to be very little sympathy for a faculty representative. The question I get when this question arises is why would we put on one person and not someone from all three groups; in other words, put on faculty, AP and civil service.

**Senator Reid:** How do we change that attitude?

**Senator Boschini:** I think that a lot of it involves the education of legislators. It depends on us getting people in the legislature to believe that what we are doing is important to the mission of the State of Illinois.

**Senator Campbell:** Listening to your comments and with my opinion of the legislature's thoughts on faculty in general, I would agree that it is very unlikely that the legislature would agree to have a faculty member on a board. My question deals with the issue of shared governance in the future. What recommendation might you have that would enable us to begin to build a presence within the President's office so that regardless of who sits in your seat, the faculty would have an established pattern of sharing their issues and having those issues conveyed to Springfield?

**Senator Boschini:** That is the crux of this whole issue. I think I have done many things in that direction already. For one, I have tried to involve the chairperson of this group, Senator White, in a lot of things. For instance, he attended the budget hearings in Springfield and the budget hearings here when they come to campus. I agree that we need to build a formal structure.

**Senator Campbell:** Can those types of things be formalized so that they exist in the future?

**Senator Boschini:** Yes, I will try to do that as much as I can. All leadership is personality centered, but I think that if we build as much as we can, we can protect this for the future. I pledge to do that.

**Senator White:** Either Administrative Affairs or the Rules Committee could provide language that we might put in the bylaws to formalize the role in some of these areas.

**Senator Weber:** We have been pushing in this direction for quite some time. I am wondering if the actions in this direction could this possibly result in a less congenial interaction between the Board and the faculty.

**Senator Boschini:** Specifically in this case, I don't think that has happened. I think that is the risk that you run with any political battle, but it is a risk worth taking if you think that the issue is important.

**Provost Al Goldfarb:** This weekend is Family Weekend. We will do the groundbreaking on the College of Business building on Saturday. It is clearly a historic event for this campus. During the last couple of weeks, we have had some outstanding lectures. Last night we had a wonderful lecture by one of our newest Distinguished Professors, Dr. Orser, from Sociology and Anthropology. Dr. Orser has been doing research on historical archeological digs in rural Ireland. Tomorrow afternoon, I am having an open meeting with tenure track faculty. The meeting is at 4:00 p.m. in the Bone Student Center. It is an informal meeting where I will talk about some of the issues in Academic Affairs and also hear concerns.

**Vice President of Student Affairs:**

**Senator Mamarchev:** We hosted Trustee Nancy Froelich as Trustee in Residence on October 12. She joined us for lunch and we visited the areas with which Student Affairs works. Thanks to those of you who attended our Disability Concerns Open House last week. Last Sunday, I attended the Interdenominational Youth Choir, which was hosting a statewide conference. This coming weekend is

Family Weekend. We have all kinds of open houses all over the campus and we appreciate all the support and participation of many of the academic departments involved in this.

We are regrouping the Commission for a Pluralistic University. The present members had a diversity retreat and went through a proposal for restructuring. Senator White was the representative for the Academic Senate. At the conclusion of the retreat, it was decided that a small group from the membership would bring forth a proposal to the President. It is likely that the commission will now be called the Committee for Diversity.

UPAC has asked me to ask Dr. Boschini to encourage a review of ISU's alcohol policy. That will take place and there will be a university-wide committee appointed to look at this. There will be representation from all of the governance areas and various departments, and of course students. I will continue to update you on this.

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

**Senator Bragg:** Let me pass on my thanks and compliments to Academic Affairs for the Distinguished Professor program. I think that this is a very special program, something that sets us apart as a university. I ask your indulgence on the closing of the pathway between Stevenson and Williams Halls for the In Exchange program. I know that that is a great inconvenience. We are making progress on the excavation and foundation work. The artistic work will come later. Weather permitting, we are hoping to get all four surfaces and all sidewalks done this winter; we will then be able to open that area up. The artist will then proceed in the spring.

**Senator Crothers:** You had suggested that you might get a chance to follow up on the state funds to Roosevelt University.

**Senator Bragg:** I am meeting with the Board of Higher Education on November 3 and I will bring up the issue at that time.

**Senator Reid:** What is the latest projected date for the completion of the Fine Arts Center construction?

**Senator Bragg:** We will take possession of that building this coming summer. We will get utilities in the spring.

***Committee Reports***

· ***Academic Affairs Committee:***

**Senator Meckstroth:** The Academic Affairs Committee met for a joint discussion with the Student Affairs Committee regarding the Equitable Treatment of Students Policy sanctioned activities list. We then discussed the course withdrawal policy and we will be bringing forward that proposal as an information item tonight.

· ***Administrative Affairs Committee:***

**Senator Kurtz:** Administrative Affairs did not meet tonight, but we will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. before the next Senate meeting to begin discussion on the evaluation of the President. In the meantime, I will be communicating by e-mail with members of the committee about the Department of Social Work's request for designation as a school.

- **Budget Committee:** The Budget Committee did not meet tonight. We will meet two weeks from tonight at 6:00 p.m.
- **Faculty Affairs Committee:**  
**Senator El-Zanati:** The Faculty Affairs Committee did not meet tonight, but we are in the pre-implementation stage of the survey on the use of non-tenure track faculty. We are also requesting another faculty caucus to discuss the issue of placing a faculty member on the Board of Trustees.
- **Rules Committee:**  
**Senator Weber:** The committee met this evening at 6:00 p.m. There are two information items from the Rules Committee on the agenda. However, for the Entertainment Committee's constitution change, there is still insufficient information to make a final decision on that. Therefore, we are asking that that item be removed from the agenda. We drew up a Sense of the Senate Resolution regarding the work of the governance committees. We also have begun our discussion on the proposed changes that might be made to the current governance structure.
- **Student Affairs Committee:**  
**Senator Kowalski:** We met with the Academic Affairs Committee this evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the list of sanctioned university activities. We will bring this forward as an information item at the next meeting.

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**Action Items:**

**10.19.00.02**    ***Ratification of Civil Service Election of Campus Communications Committee Representative***

**Motion XXXII-39:** To ratify the election by the Civil Service Council of Marcia Strum as a Campus Communications Committee member. The motion was approved unanimously.

**10.25.00.02**    ***External Committee Student Elections***

**Motion XXXII-40:** To elect the following students to the respective external committees of the Senate. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Council on General Education**

Dennis Grimes

**Honors Council**

Karen Quill

Ryan Prevo

**Library Committee**

Lori Miller

**Academic Standards Committee**

Julie Ishmael

Kyle Hohmann

Benjamin Crisp

**Athletic Council**

Non-Athlete: David Stokes

Athlete: Andrea Lovelle

Athlete/Non-Athlete Seat: Jason Layman

**Information Items:****10.22.99.01A Proposal Regarding Constitution Exam**

**Senator Meckstroth:** The Academic Affairs Committee has reviewed the proposal relating to the Constitution Exam graduation requirement. The Committee voted unanimously to support the proposal from the Council on General Education with just a couple of minor modifications. According to the catalog, students currently may substitute Political Science 105 for the Constitution Exam graduation requirement. The proposal that we are bringing forth is an addition to this option. The proposal recommends that the completion of any one of the courses in the Middle Core Individuals and Civic Life category fulfills the Constitution Exam requirement.

**Senator White:** Does this language need to be added to any General Education documents in addition to the course catalog?

**Dr. Louis Perez, Director of General Education:** It would be in both places. The Constitution is currently a graduation requirement, not a General Education requirement.

**Senator Razaki:** How much of the Constitution is taught in the proposed four courses as compared to the current coverage on the Constitution Exam.

**Dr. Perez:** The four courses, because they are taught in different departments, are taught differently. Therefore, I cannot give a general response except to say that I can make those syllabi available to anyone who wants to see them. The way the Constitution is handled in POS 101 and 106 is very similar to how it is handled in Political Science 105. The way the Constitution is taught in Philosophy is more theoretical than in Political Science. The course in Criminal Justice covers the Constitution as to how it primarily applies to the justice system.

**Senator Walker:** Do you anticipate a larger number of transfer students taking these courses?

**Dr. Perez:** Transfer students very often bring with them some IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) course that articulates with POS 105. The idea is that our native students have been discriminated against because they are the only ones who have to take the Constitution Exam.

**Senator Landau:** Must students who have graduated from teacher training programs take the Constitution Exam?

**Dr. Perez:** No, they have the option of taking Political Science 105. By taking Political Science 105, they would fulfill the requirement both for the graduation and for accreditation.

**Senator Landau:** You made reference to some revisions to the proposal. Would you repeat those?

**Senator Meckstroth:** We have left out the word "four" in the proposal because it would be possible in the future that at some other course, other than the four currently in the category, would meet those criteria and

be accepted into the General Education Program. Therefore, we are saying that *any* one of the courses within the Individuals and Civic Life category fulfills the requirement. The other change is that instead of "should" fulfill the requirement, it "will" fulfill the requirement.

**Dr. Eric Thomas:** This will be retroactive to 1998, which was the start of the General Education Program.

**Senator Brown:** Does that mean that those in the 1998-1999 catalog cannot take the Constitution Exam?

**Dr. Eric Thomas:** They may take the test, but they also have the option of taking one of the courses to fulfill that requirement. We still have to offer the Constitution test for all the people who came in under a catalog before 1998.

The item will be on the next Senate agenda as an action item.

### **03.17.00.02** *Graduate School Bylaws Revisions (Rules Committee)*

**Dr. Sandra Little:** The changes in the Graduate School Bylaws have to do with changes in technology and enabling our grad council to place their minutes on the web. The other changes involved giving Mennonite College of Nursing representation and ensuring student voice in terms of the Graduate Council.

**Senator Weber:** There is a minor editorial change on the last page. Under section four, we substituted "with" for "and".

This item will be on the next Senate agenda as an action item.

### **10.19.00.01** *Communication of Senate Issues to Faculty Members (Executive Committee)*

**Senator White:** Communication of Senate issues to faculty members is an issue being brought forth by the Executive Committee and in many ways is connected with conversations about shared governance. One of the complaints about the Senate and its function on campus is that it has seemed to some to operate in a vacuum--that it does not receive substantial information from the community that it represents and that it does not relay enough about what it does. In the last year or so, several Senate members have taken upon themselves the responsibility of attempting to communicate to their colleges. Not every department is represented on this body, so we had some discussion in the Executive Committee of the Senate about this communication issue and we decided to propose the language you see before you. We propose that this language be added to the Blue Book at the very end. It would oblige Senate representatives from their respective colleges to caucus at the beginning of each year to select one person as the official college liaison. It would be that person's responsibility to communicate to the college through the deans information about issues before the Senate. This will all probably be handled by email.

**Senator Reid:** Why does the information go through the dean?

**Senator White:** Basically because the deans are the ones who will have the email list serves for all of the faculty members.

**Senator Reid:** How are we going to be sure that the deans will forward the information?

**Senator White:** If we were to put this in the Blue Book, it would give it some official force. The other option is that we get college list serves sent to us so that we could use them. I would assume that deans would be willing to cooperate with us and that when an official Senate liaison to a college asks them to put a message

on the faculty list serve, they would do that.

**Senator Walker:** I don't think we were specific about how it would be done within the college. My thinking was that one good way of communicating would be through the College Council; it would be nice to have Senate representatives sitting on College Councils. Something else I would like to see is more information coming up to the Senate from the colleges. I would like to see the Senate involved in issues and concerns that are at the college level, which faculty and students would like for us to address. To me, that is an effective way to make change through shared governance.

**Senator Reid:** I would suggest that we not limit it to one liaison for all colleges.

**Senator White:** I don't believe that the Executive Committee is imagining that the senators who have made a habit of keeping in touch with their constituents in their departments and areas will no longer do that.

**Senator Reid:** Could you add "one or more liaisons" from their respective colleges?

**Senator White:** We can discuss that in the Executive Committee meeting next time and if we don't change it, you can offer an amendment.

#### **Communications:**

**Motion XXXII-41:** by Senator Weber for a Senate Resolution from the Rules Committee. The resolution is as follows: "The Academic Senate would like to formally thank all of the shared governance committees for their time, effort and perseverance. The committees have taken a significant step towards bringing about critically needed changes in the shared governance system at ISU. Although the Senate did not adopt the proposal for shared governance, it wholeheartedly agrees with the committee's principles and values. The Senate is committed to progressively developing and implementing its own series of proposals to address many of the issues identified by the shared governance committees." The motion was seconded by Senator Wells. The Senate approved the Sense of the Senate Resolution. There was one no vote and one abstention. The remainder of the votes was in favor of the resolution.

**Motion XXXII-42:** By Senator Weber, second by Senator Brown, to adjourn. The motion was approved by standing vote.

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Names	Attendance	Approval of Minutes	CCC Election Motion 38	External Com. Election Motion 39	Senate Resolution Motion 40	Adjourn Motion 41	Motion 42
		Unanimous	Unanimous	Unanimous			Unanimous
Biondolillo	X				YES		
Bono	ABSENT						
Boschini	X				ABSTAIN		

Bragg	X	YES
Brown	X	YES
Campbell	X	YES
Chang	X	ABSTAIN
Crothers	X	YES
Dicker	EXCUSED	
El-Zanati	X	YES
Fowles	EXCUSED	
Goldfarb	X	YES
Goodwin	ABSENT	
Hampton	X	YES
Holland	X	YES
Holmes	EXCUSED	
Howard	X	YES
Kowalski	X	YES
Kurtz, Barbara	X	YES
Kurtz, Lindsay	EXCUSED	
Landau	X	YES
Lanthrum	ABSENT	
Mamarchev	X	YES
Meckstroth	X	YES
Meier	X	YES
Miles	X	YES
Morgan	EXCUSED	
Mushrush	EXCUSED	
Noyes	X	YES
Nur-Awaleh	X	YES
Panfilio	X	YES
Patry	X	YES
Peterson	X	YES
Ray	X	YES
Razaki	X	YES
Reid	X	YES
Sass	ABSENT	
Schmaltz	EXCUSED	

Strickland, Aishia	x	YES
Strickland, Ron	x	YES
Story	x	YES
Thomas	x	YES
Thornton	x	YES
Van Draska	x	YES
Walker	x	YES
Weber	x	YES
Wells	x	YES
White	x	NO