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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 29, 2001

Motion XXXIII-14: by Senator Borg, second by Senator Albrecht, to approve the Senate minutes of August 29, 2001. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairperson's Remarks

Senator White: Given yesterday's horrific events in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania, perhaps the Senate should not be meeting this evening out of respect for the thousands of murdered people. But I think it is good for the Senate to meet because, for me, the Senate is not a place to push paper, or do the administrations' bidding. The Senate is the voice of an academic community. In times like these, the free voice of an institution of disinterested inquiry is unusually vulnerable. It wasn't long ago that this body had a policy called the Anti-Politicization Policy that forbade the Senate to be used to discuss just such political matters as I am addressing now. This policy was a response to the controversy over the war in Viet Nam and survived until just a few years ago.

Yesterday's events will make it very difficult for certain perspectives to be expressed in this country. Who now can safely advocate the cause of the Palestinians, as our own Jamal Nassar has done for years? Who now can safely question the use of Social Security "surpluses" when they are applied to the "war effort"? Who now can safely defend the Artic National Wildlife Refuge when it is plundered by the oil industry as part of a strategy of "national defense"? And who now can speak in support of protestors at the next WTO meetings without fear of being called a traitor?

I hope that many people will dare to continue to speak freely for these and other legitimate causes, but I urgently hope that this body will see to it that free and open debate is preserved in this institution.

Vice Chairperson/Student Government Association President's Remarks

Senator Kowalski: I am in attendance because Scott Kording, Student Government President, is currently ill. While he is away, I have taken over the presidential duties. We have been very busy. We have arranged a rally/gathering on the quad tomorrow at noon. As you also know, the President has suspended classes for this event. Our main focus in this event is to unite as a university community to show our support for those lost and their families. This is not in anyway a rally for any type of war or other actions by the U.S. This is a rally for peace and unity. We will be trying to raise money to send to the September 11 Fund in New York to help those in need. We would appreciate all support.

In the upcoming weeks, the Student Government will co-sponsor several activities. There is a going to be a Normal Downtown Renewal Forum taking place in CVA 147 on September 18 at 5:00 p.m. This is co-sponsored by the Student Affairs Office and the Town of Normal. On September 20 at 7:00 p.m., there

will be a Hate Crime Symposium in the Bone Student Center. On September 27 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., we are co-sponsoring a student-faculty conversation, which will be based on the active pursuit of learning. I would like to remind all committee chairs that the Student Government Association meets from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the Wednesdays that the Senate does not meet, so we would recommend that you not have internal committee meetings at that time. Also, last week, we started looking at the review of the student fee process and we will most likely be taking action on that next week.

Senator Brown: Some students in class today were given a challenge by a professor to do something about the tragedy that our nation has faced. What we did was decide to sell T-shirts on the quad during the rally to raise money for the National Disaster Relief Fund. In an extraordinary effort by my fellow students and I, we now have 800 T-shirts ready to be sold during the rally. We have had donations from several businesses and institutions within the University, including a loan from Dean Mills of the College of Business. We have \$100 left to be raised for the cost of these shirts. If anyone could make a donation to this project, we would really appreciate it. You know all of your money is going to a good cause. The slogan for the rally is "Looking to Tomorrow, United in Peace."

Senator Kowalski: The President will be speaking at the rally tomorrow. We would like to say thanks for the excellent teamwork and support that we have gotten to make this happen within one day. The Student Affairs Office, Provost Goldfarb and the other vice presidents have helped us to make this happen.

Senator Albrecht: We are also going to try to raise money to send to the National Relief Fund. If you are interested in helping to collect money during the rally, please see me after the meeting.

Administrators' Remarks:

- ***Professor Richard Dammer:*** The President will be delayed tonight, so he has asked me to share his remarks with you. I know the President wants to compliment the Student Government Association for its work in preparing for the rally tomorrow. I think it is going to be an extremely important gathering time for all of us to show our feelings about the tragedy that occurred on Tuesday.

These are President Boschini's remarks: "In light of the recent events in New York City and Washington, D.C., a report on the status of our comprehensive campaign will seem insignificant in relation to the horror and shock experienced by everyone. The business of the University does go on, so here is the report on the comprehensive campaign. This is my third presentation to the Academic Senate. I remain encouraged by the results of the campaign to date and I am keeping very busy with campaign-related activities. In fact, I have just returned from an alumni event in Kansas City that was initiated by a major donor from the area. Even though he was unfortunately called overseas on company business, he wanted the event to continue and sent a video in which he talked about his Illinois State University education and experience, his support for Illinois State University and his hope that others would join him in that support.

The following is a recap since my last report. Three of our campaign brochures are now complete. We have the College of Business and the Athletics brochures in hand and the main campaign brochures are at the printers. Pat Grogg has been meeting with all of the colleges and the other pieces are on schedule. We will be holding a public installation of the Tom and Janet Endes Chair, our first privately funded chair, on October 26. The public announcement of our second chair has been delayed until November 20 due to an unfortunate accident. The donor, however, is recovering nicely and insists that she will be here for the event.

We have reached our goal of 100% participation of our Board of Trustees members and are proceeding nicely with our Foundation Board and Campaign Steering Committee. We have added a number of individuals to the Campaign Steering Committee. Dr. Patricia Cross and Ambassador Donald McHenry have agreed to be honorary co-chairs of the campaign. Carl Kaston, Patrick Dienslake, Donna Zarcone, Lee Dahringer and Carl Sneed have agreed to act as campaign ambassadors. We are currently working on a number of gifts that in the aggregate total more than 17 million dollars.

We have set the dates for the public kickoff festivities. On Friday afternoon, March 22, 2002, we will hold a university family event. On Saturday, March 23, Ambassador Donald McHenry, a 1957 graduate and former United States Ambassador to the United Nations, has agreed to host a town meeting on campus. On Saturday evening, March 23, we will hold a dinner gala for all of our major donor prospects. Between September 2001 and March 2002, we will be meeting with all of our various campus leadership groups and updating them on the campaign, tonight, the Senate, then the AP Council, the Civil Service Council, the Annuitant Board, Alumni Board, department chairs, key faculty and staff and student leaders.

There are so many opportunities for us to be involved by identifying what is of interest to us, how we can best help the University achieve its goals and how we can be a part of the campaign this year. It is my hope that all members of the University family will participate in this important endeavor and invest in Illinois State University. When we invest in ourselves and our dreams and goals, we continue to build that sense of pride that we all have for this University."

Provost Al Goldfarb: These have been very painful days for our country and our campus. I want to thank all of the faculty, staff and students who have continued to do the work of the University over the past two days in spite of the circumstances surrounding them. I want to take the opportunity to thank my colleague vice presidents, Steve Bragg and Helen Mamarchev, for working very diligently in assuring the safety of all members of this campus community. I want to thank Dave Williams who worked very hard to make sure that there would be electronic communication across campus. I want to thank Eric Thomas for working on issues related to Undergraduate Studies, particularly for helping in terms of tomorrow's class issues, and Gary McGinnis for working with our international students. I also want to thank our staff in International Affairs for working very closely with those students. I want to say that I am very proud of this campus community.

As Curt pointed out, I am also very proud of the fact that this is an environment of open discourse. I want to remind everyone that we will not tolerate any prevention of such discourse on this campus. It is a campus that greatly believes in that kind of dialogue. We will also support all of our students of all backgrounds, of all nationalities. We will also support our students of all points of view as well. Finally, I want to tell our students how proud we are of them. They organized the event tomorrow that I know will be a very significant event for this campus. Last but not least, I want to express my appreciation for the concerns that many people have expressed to me asking me about my family and friends in New York. They are all fine and well and I do appreciate people asking. There are many people on this campus who have been touched by these issues, having friends and family in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania, and I know that this whole community wishes them well.

Vice President of Student Affairs
Senator Mamarchev: No remarks.

- ***Vice President of Finance and Planning***
Senator Bragg: Excused Absence

Committee Reports

- ***Academic Affairs Committee***

Senator Borg: The Academic Affairs Committee met after the last Senate meeting to establish meeting times. We will be meeting in advance of the Senate. We met this evening to set our agenda for the semester. There are a number of issues pending and we plan after our next meeting in two weeks to bring forward to the Senate possibly two or three proposals that need to be acted upon by the Senate.

- ***Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee***

Senator Wells: We met briefly this evening primarily to look at the items that would be on the agenda during the semester. One issue that we briefly talked about had to do with campus wide policies for the use of campus public space by corporations for recruitment and merchandising as well as policies governing the University's handling of student protests, both of which were prompted by a letter having to do with Disney's recruiting on campus last spring. At this point, we are just in the information-collecting mode.

- ***Faculty Affairs Committee***

Senator El-Zanati: The Faculty Affairs Committee met Monday evening and we will meet at least once every week for some time. We are looking at the issues before us.

- ***Planning and Finance Committee***

Senator Kurtz: The Planning and Finance Committee will be meeting for two hours weekly probably for the bulk of this semester. Our major task is the Provost's charge of creating intellectual communities. Thus far, we have accomplished the following. The Provost's charge has been posted on the Academic Senate's web site under the Document's section. We have established a list serve for use by committee members. We have established a web board on the Senate site for communication with the campus and to facilitate communication among members of the campus. There was a notification of this web board placed in the News section of the University home page. Because of the recent tragedy, it has been taken off the home page, but it will be restored at some point. The web board is still operational. It is in the Forum section of the Academic Senate web site. Any and all members of the community are welcome to participate there.

We have prepared an email survey of opinion to be sent out to all members of the campus community. That email was to have been distributed today, but because of the tragedies, that sending has been delayed until Monday. It will go out to all members of the campus to solicit their opinions on the proposed collegiate restructuring. There will be a one-week turn around time for response to that email survey. Also, on Monday, there will be an additional email survey sent out to the deans and department chairs. It will be essentially the same survey sent out to the rest of the campus except it will have several additional questions specific to administration. The deans and department chairs will also be invited to submit, should they desire, separate proposals and white papers. They will be given three weeks to respond.

We have broken into subcommittees. Each subcommittee was charged with looking at the current collegiate structures of Illinois State University, via the structures at other doctoral research intensive

institutions nationally on the basis of research previously supplied to us by Institutional Research and some that we are putting together. This work by subcommittees is in response to bullet number two of the Provost's charge: "recommend proposals for restructuring departments and colleges that make sense to potential and current students and faculty." We have also begun to look at the historical development of collegiate structures at Illinois State with the very able help of Jan Cook, former chair of the Academic Senate. We are looking at that historical data in response to bullet number one of the Provost's charge: "identify academic organizations that are possibly the result of incremental and patchwork changes that may now seem too artificial."

Next week, we are going to be looking at an operational definition of the concept of "intellectual communities". We also had a sense of the committee tonight that we are urgently asking for a note taker for our meetings. We want to have a process that is as open as possible to the scrutiny and the input of the campus, so we do want someone there to take notes and post them on the Senate web site weekly.

Rules Committee

Senator Reid: The Rules Committee met tonight from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We discussed a proposal by the Graduate Students Association that graduate students on the Senate be elected by only graduate students. Right now, they are within the overall election carried out by the entire student body. Also, they have proposed that they make their own appointments. Currently, they are appointed by the SGA President, who tends to be an undergraduate student. We had a very lively debate. The undergraduate students and the GSA propose that they go back and try to work this out on their own. If they cannot work it out, they will come back to us and present their different positions.

IBHE-FAC Report

Senator Crothers: The Faculty Advisory Committee met last Friday at Malcolm X Community College. We first got a briefing from three staff members of the IBHE. Doug Day, who is both the liaison to the Faculty Advisory Committee and the Deputy Director of Policy Studies, informed us that they are completing work on the University Center at Lake County, which has been a big issue. They are also working on means of implementing the proposals that are part of the Access and Diversity Report that I talked about last year. They plan to add to it a section about promoting access and diversity among faculty at Illinois institutions and the associated efforts that that would take. Additionally, they are in charge of the state-mandated report, which we are actually pioneering at some level, about the use and abuse of non-tenure track faculty. That information will be submitted to the state legislature in December and will eventually be promulgated among the various universities.

Dan Layzell, who is the Deputy Director of Policy and Technology, reported that the IBHE is going to be working with a group called the Knight Higher Education Collaborative. They are sponsoring a round table among civic, political and business leaders in the State of Illinois to discuss changes in education, particularly changes to the *Illinois Commitment*. The *Illinois Commitment* lays out what the State of Illinois has determined the purpose of higher education is. It is a shocking document in that it states that the purpose of higher education in the State of Illinois is to train people to work. It has no sense of the value of a liberal arts or fine arts education. The staff indicated that they were specifically aware of that criticism and they claim that is one of the changes that is likely to be made. The only faculty person allowed to participate in this round table is the chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee. We debated this issue with Mr. Layzell and he agreed to come back to the Faculty Advisory Committee to discuss the report, but he never yielded on adding any additional faculty.

Deb Smitley, the Deputy Director for Budget and Administrations, discussed budget issues. Last year, there was approximately 156 million dollars of new money that came to higher education; we know that that is not very likely to occur next year. Just the SURS/insurance/3 + 2 + 1 salary process would require \$90-100 million in new money. This is an issue that is going to affect all of us quite dramatically. The State is going to consider the 30 and out retirement provision in the spring, keeping the current retirement model rather than going back to the old model. They are also trying to develop a mechanism for assessing the condition of buildings in a more systematic way. We were treated to a virtual reality presentation. They have managed to make virtual reality work with headsets on PCs. You can get a whole unit for about \$3,500.

A great deal of public money goes to private institutions through the form of what is called the Illinois Monetary Assistance Program, which provides the needs-based grants to students. You can get them whether you go to public institutions, private institutions or even if you go out of state. One basis of the compilation of need is the cost of the institution; the more expensive the institution, the more money you will receive from this program. That gives about 65% of the IMAP money to private or out of state institutions. The logic of the State of Illinois is that the purpose of public money is to assist all students, not public schools. In a year when they did not want to give 17½ million dollars to fund Schroeder Hall, they gave 41 million dollars to private institutions for buildings.

We are going to write a position paper on public money going to private institutions. We are going to talk about 3 + 2 + 1 and we are going also to work on a proposal regarding how to try to allocate new monies among buildings, salaries and other things. We allowed our name to be used in support of an operation called Campus Equity Week. This is a week-long international celebration from October 28 to November 3 to try to highlight the underpayment of part-time and temporary non-tenure track faculty on both community college campuses and at universities around the world. The next meeting, on October 22, will be with the IBHE.

Senator Crothers' entire report can be found on the Senate web site at: . Click "Committee Sites" and go to the IBHE section on that page.

Senator White: The Council of Illinois University Senates, which is the statewide group that we formed last year, will be looking at this issue of the use of public money for private universities and colleges this year. In fact, we are going to have Senator Crothers' assistance in this effort.

Senator Walker: Senator Crothers is a strong voice for fine arts on the IBHE-FAC and I would like to thank him for that.

Communications

Senator Borg: I would like to extend an invitation to the Senate for two Fine Arts events. Our colleague, Senator Newsom, will be performing a piano concerto on Sunday, September 23 in Braden Auditorium with the University Orchestra at 3:00 p.m. The following Tuesday, I will be joined by two colleagues in a trio recital in Kemp Recital Hall. I will be playing the piano with a paper clip, a glass rod and a chisel.

Sense of the Senate Resolution

Motion XXXIII-15: by Senator Crothers, second by Senator Lindblom, for a Sense of the Senate Resolution supporting Senator White's comments made at the beginning of the meeting regarding the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

Senator Fowles: I think we should put the comments on the University web site. In the minutes, they will get buried.

Senator White: That will be up to the President.

Senator Borg: Called the question.

There were no objections to the question being called. The Senate unanimously approved the Sense of the Senate Resolution in support of the comments made by Senator White.

Senator Chang: I would like to suggest that, if the Senate is willing, we have a moment of silence for victims of this tragedy.

There was a moment of silence recognizing the victims of yesterday's tragedies in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Adjournment

Motion XXXIII-16: To adjourn by Senator Borg, second by Senator McNaught. The motion was unanimously approved by standing vote.

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