

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

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**Volume**

***Call to Order***

Chairperson Lane Crothers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

***Roll Call***

Senator Borg called the roll and declared a quorum.

***Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2002***

**Motion XXXIV-19:** By Senator Mehta, second by Senator Anderson, to approve the Academic Senate minutes of September 11, 2002. The minutes were unanimously approved.

***Chairperson's Remarks***

**Senator Crothers:** As many of you may recall, former Senator Curt White was instrumental in creating the Council of Illinois University Senates. This is an organization made up of the Senate chairpersons from the 12 public institutions in the state. Nine of us met at ISU on Wednesday. I discovered during the meeting that shared governance at ISU is in good shape relative to the atmospheres at some of the other universities. We also discussed a wide variety of patterns of employment of non-tenure track faculty. We plan to push statewide to enhance the communication between faculty and Boards of Trustees at the state institutions. Another task we will undertake is an effort to enhance awareness of the effects of the budget cuts on public higher education institutions. Finally, we are going to attempt to begin to develop our own budget so that we can begin some independent action. Hopefully, this council will become a powerful force in adding to the conversations regarding public universities in Illinois.

**Senator Reid:** How is the group going to develop a budget for itself?

**Senator Crothers:** I will speak to President Boschini about such a budget. Southern's chairperson suggested fundraising activities.

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

**Senator Bathauer:** We are gearing up for homecoming. Student Trustee Nick Maroules and I have been working diligently at the task of restructuring the student fee process. Additionally, the SGA is continuing to discuss campus beautification and the possibility of a daytime transit system.

**Senator Razaki:** What is the status of ex-officio members voting in the SGA Assembly?

**Senator Bathauer:** We are going to have the Rules and Recognition Committee look at that subject again and make recommendations to the Assembly.

***Administrators' Remarks***

· **President Vic Boschini:** Excused Absence.

- **Provost Al Bowman:** The Provost's Office has authorized 65 tenure-track searches for FY04. There are no plans to delay any of those searches and are encouraging departments to move ahead. Restoring instructional capacity and increasing our tenure-track ranks is a high priority. An accreditation team was recently on campus evaluating the Computer Science and Information Systems Majors. All indications are that both programs will be accredited. It will make ISU the first university in the country to have accreditation in both of those areas. Another accreditation team evaluated the Social Work Masters Program. We have every indication that this program will be re-accredited.

We hosted a group of development bankers from an Asia Pacific group. The group met at ISU with the College of Business faculty and State Farm and Caterpillar officials. The ultimate consequence of these meetings is an agreement between the Asian Pacific organization and the University to provide technical expertise and training and research opportunities.

Two issues have come to me regarding our move from tier 4 to tier 3 in *U.S. News and World Report*. One is 'should we have been in tier 4 to begin with?' Based on their criteria, that is where we were placed. The other issue is that if the ranking is flawed, does the move really mean anything. The move relates to changes in our retention and graduation rates. Most of the changes can be traced back to *Educating Illinois* and our progress in implementing that strategic plan.

**Senator Reid:** Is the Asian Pacific group going to provide us with general funding?

**Senator McGinnis:** There will be a broad range of opportunities with this group. They are the major development bankers in 37 countries.

**Senator Reid:** Are they going to pay us to do research?

**Senator McGinnis:** That is down the road. The meeting will lead to agreements on research and training, which we will do predominantly in business.

**Senator Razaki:** What steps are we going to take to move to the next tier?

**Provost Bowman:** We have been looking at the profiles of institutions that are in tier 2. If we are able to implement all of the goals in *Educating Illinois*, I am convinced that we will move to tier 2 over the next few years. The movement to tier 3 was actually based on last year's numbers and our 2002 numbers, particularly in terms of the profile of the freshman class, are the best that we have seen.

- **Vice President of Student Affairs Helen Mamarchev:** As Senator Bathauer indicated, we are looking forward to kicking off a wonderful homecoming week filled with activities. Yesterday, we had our initial kick off to celebrate 15 years of the Intercultural Programs and Services Office. Our Student Health Services has also been going through a re-accreditation process. During the site visit, the reviewers were highly complimentary of our facility, staff and the services that we provide.
- **Vice President of Finance and Planning Stephen Bragg:** I would like to present a budget overview of the changes to our budget during the last six to nine months. The first table in the packet is a bar chart of our spending authority from State General Funds. In FY00, we had spending authority of \$82.971 million. That rose to \$87.762 in FY01. At about this time last year, we had an original appropriation of \$93.385. However, the Governor asked us to hold back \$1.064 million, which was relative to a percentage

figure in the entire higher education budget. Also, since there was a significant shortfall in the State's group health insurance program, we were "asked" to contribute \$3.078 million to that program.

We were optimistic about the budget for FY03. However, in February 2002, the Governor made the \$1.064 million rescission permanent and, in March, Central Management Services extended the \$3 million insurance cut through fiscal year 2003. The Governor also took another \$2.1 million in a negative base adjustment in order to help balance the FY03 budget. The result is discretionary spending authority of \$84.596 million. General Funds and tuition revenue are the two major sources of funds that are discretionary spending for the institution, so we have had to increase tuition. Unfortunately, there were also cuts in the student financial aid program. I am convinced that the IBHE has that program as its number one priority for any new dollars that might be available this year. I see a very high probability of a flat budget for FY03 or only very, very small increases.

**Senator Razaki:** Has there been a change in the total number of students or the number of credit hours from 1982 to 2002.

**Senator Bragg:** There has been some fluctuation, but basically, it has stayed about the same.

**Senator Holland:** Is there anything new about public funds going to private institutions?

**Senator Crothers:** It was a central topic at the Council of Illinois University Senate meeting on Monday. We discussed focusing on capital monies. Approximately \$57 million of public monies were spent on buildings for private institutions, almost all at Chicago, Northwestern and Loyola.

### ***Committee Reports***

#### ***Academic Affairs Committee***

**Senator Lindblom:** Senator Maroules will head up a subcommittee with the SGA to establish a working group to monitor inclusion of students on department and college curriculum committees. The committee also discussed the possibility of student involvement transcripts as well as the two-year review of curriculum reform, which is a substantial streamlining of the curriculum process. As soon as the Rules Committee has concludes its discussion on that topic, we should be able to bring it to the Senate fairly quickly.

#### ***Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee***

**Senator Lartz:** We discussed the policy on freedom of expression and we hope to forward that to the Senate in the next four to six weeks. We also revisited the implementation date of the weeklong Thanksgiving break.

#### ***Faculty Affairs Committee***

**Senator Winchip:** We are going to work on determining the status of some of the issues that were left in the spring, including the *Final Report on Non-Tenure Track Policy and Philosophy*. We have started a process for reviewing the current Distinguished Professor policies and assessing the need to revise those. It was also brought to the committee's attention that there are efforts on campus dealing with faculty recruitment and retention.

#### ***Planning and Finance Committee***

**Senator Kurtz:** The committee was very grateful to Vice President Bragg for an extremely informative

presentation on the current budget status and the budget processes followed by the University. We plan to build upon that discussion at our next meeting.

***Rules Committee Chairperson***

**Senator Reid:** We will bring a proposal to the next Senate meeting regarding the approval of the Faculty Caucus Agenda by only the *faculty* members of the Executive Committee. We will also bring forward a proposal to add a representative from the Lab Schools to the Senate.

***Communication:***

***Memorial Statement for Professor Maurice Scharton***

**Senator Lindblom:** With the Senate's indulgence, the English Department has asked me to read a brief statement regarding Dr. Maurice Scharton, the faculty member in our department who was killed tragically in a motorcycle accident about three weeks ago.

This statement is by Professor Janice Neuleib: Maurice Scharton came to ISU in 1977 having finished his Masters at Utah State and his Ph.D. at Kansas State. He quickly became a popular teacher of rhetoric, writing, grammar, as well as a teacher of teachers through grants and workshops. His wit and good humor made learning a pleasure for all his students. One former doctoral student perhaps said it best: "He shaped who I was to become." As a scholar, he changed the course of teaching by writing books, book chapters, and articles which always moved at the cutting edge of research and teaching in the field. He liked to say that his research was a way to take his teaching to an audience beyond the ISU community. Not only was he prolific in his publishing, but he also edited the oldest English journal in the United States, the Illinois English Bulletin, and, through the Illinois State Writing Project, worked with teachers from across the state to help them improve their own writing and their teaching of writing. He was tireless in his desire to "gladly learn and teach", though he would have wanted us to say it in the Middle English of Chaucer, Maurice having been always the English purist. His department has many, many empty hearts and many students who will miss the challenge and excitement of his classes.

***Adjournment***

**Motion XXXIV-20:** To adjourn. The motion was approved by standing vote.

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**ATTENDANCE**

Date: 09/25/02		NV = NON-VOTING	
		Approval of Minutes	Adjourn
Members	Attendance	Motion 19	Motion 20
		Unanimous	Unanimous
ALLEN	X		
ANDERSON	X		
APER	X		

ARMSTRONG	X		
BARONE (Chair of Chairs Council)	X	NV	
BATHAUER	X		
BAUM	X		
BERG	X		
BORG	X		
BOSCHINI	EXCUSED	NV	
BOSER	X		
BOWMAN	X	NV	
BRAGG	X	NV	
BRASSEUR	EXCUSED		
BURK	X		
CHUSID	EXCUSED		
CLEMMONS	X		
COLIZ	X		
CROTHERS	X		
CRUMPLER	X		
CUNNINGHAM	X		
DEUTSCH	X		
FEASTER	X		
FOWLES	EXCUSED		
GAYLOR	X		
HAMPTON	X		
HOLLAND	X		
HOOVER	X		
HOWARD	EXCUSED		
JERICH	EXCUSED		
KUGLIN	X		
KURTZ	X		
LACIO	X		
LANDAU	X		
LARTZ	X		
LIGUNAS	EXCUSED		

LINDBLOM	X		
MAMARCHEV	X	NV	
MAROULES	X	NV	
McGINNIS	X	NV	
MECKSTROTH	X		
MEHTA	X		
MEYER	X		
MILLS (Deans Council Rep.)	X	NV	
MOHAMMADI	X		
NIEMANN	X		
NUR-AWALEH	ABSENT		
O'BRIEN	X		
O'DONNELL	X		
PATEL	ABSENT		
PLANTHOLT	X		
PRYOR	X		
RADHAKRISHNAN	X		
RAZAKI	X		
REID	X		
REYNOLDS	EXCUSED		
THOMAS	EXCUSED	NV	
THONGSITHAVONG	X		
TUDOR	X		
VIRGIL	X		
WATERSTRAAT	X		
WINCHIP	X		