

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
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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 August 27, 2003

Motion XXXV-9: By Senator Meister, seconded by Senator Fowles, to approve the Academic Senate minutes of August 27, 2003. Revisions to the minutes: Green Team Report: Senator Crothers: Additionally, several one of the prominent environmentalists on campus were was a members, but chose to leave due to some of the frustrations you are addressing.

The minutes, as revised, were unanimously approved.

Chairperson's Remarks:

Senator Crothers: Reported that one of his students had informed him that the military deployment of her division has been extended to 12 to 18 months. This extension may also be true for Jack Howard, former faculty Senate member. Senator Crothers attended the Big Picture Meeting here on campus. He also attended the CIUS (Council of Illinois Senates) meeting at the University of Illinois in Springfield. One item of discussion involved the McKean Bill, which limits tuition to the cost of living index. Other discussion included the possibility of another budget rescission, which will depend on the outcome of the next veto session; community college attempts to offer four-year degrees; and lobby efforts that will begin in February or March by CIUS.

Student Government Association President/Student Body President's Remarks:

Senator Meister: Reported on the activities of the Student Government Association. The SGA recently held its 14th annual retreat to set its goals and priorities. SGA has made a great deal of progress with the student fee process. Senator Meister has spoken with Senator Bragg about ways in which students can reduce energy costs. Senator Meister reported that the biggest concern of students at this time is the reduction of Milner Library hours of operation. He has suggested that student volunteers work in the library to extend the hours that the library is open.

Senator Razaki: Asked about converting some of the student fees for athletics to academic purposes.

Senator Meister: Student fees for athletics can only be used for that program because of state law.

President's Remarks:

President Bowman: The governor has finally released the funds to complete the Femley Hall renovations. The Comprehensive Campaign is reaching the \$70 million mark. Due to the conversation at the last Senate meeting, President Bowman has asked the Honorary Degree Committee to bring forward additional nominees.

Provost's Remarks:

Provost Presley: Announced the vacancy for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Paul Walker, AG, a member of the Panel of 10, will chair the Dean Search Committee. Provost Presley has asked the Senate to elect two student members to the committee. The Provost's report on the budget in its final form will soon be posted on the Provost web site. The Provost reported that the "persistence" rates for students at ISU have increased from 80 to 83% and the graduation rate meets the graduation rate goal of 60%.

President Bowman: The persistence rate and graduation rate at ISU is better than 90% of the institutions in Tier 3 and is as good as 30% of the institutions in Tier 2.

Senator Kurtz: How do the minority graduation rates compare?

Provost Presley: Stated that those comparisons for Tiers 2 and 3 for minority students are being prepared by Institutional Planning.

Senator Borg: Inquired about a search committee for the Dean of the College of Fine Arts.

Provost Presley: We are putting together the structure of that committee now.

Vice President of Student Affairs' Remarks:

Senator Mamarchev: The Division of Student Affairs is planning for Family Weekend. The division has also held a leadership retreat for minority students.

Vice President of Finance and Planning's Remarks:

Senator Bragg: The bids for the prime contractors for the Schroeder renovation have come in \$500,000 below the projected rate. The Capital Development Board will open bids for general contractors on Thursday, September 25, 2003. The College of Business Building will be ready by spring of next year. The construction on Julian and Moulton has been completed a year ahead of schedule. The monies for Stevenson and Turner renovations have been appropriated, but we have not yet received a formal letter from the governor. Facilities Management does not have a base budget and has a 2-week work order backlog. If you are planning any projects for Facilities Management, you should submit your work orders as soon as possible.

Senator Fazel: What are the plans for Williams Hall?

Senator Bragg: We are still evaluating the plans for Williams Hall. We do know that we will return the former Reading Room there to its former grandeur.

Senator Reid: Will the classroom space be utilized while a plan is devised?

Senator Bragg: Yes, we will allocate classroom space as soon as the building is vacated.

Committee Reports:***Academic Affairs Committee***

Senator Armstrong: The Academic Affairs Committee will recommend revisions to the Repetition of Course Requirements in the *University Catalog*, as well as recommend revisions to the 124-hour limit for courses and the School Designation Policy. The committee should receive the executive report on the General Education Program review in approximately one month.

Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee

Senator Hampton: Administrative Affairs is currently discussing the proposed Consensual Relations Policy. The policy has been distributed to deans and department chairs for distribution to faculty and staff for their feedback. Senator Hampton and Senator Coliz, Rules Committee Chairperson, will meet with the Chairpersons Council to discuss the policy. The committee wishes to add the Randomized Student Identification Numbers SGA Resolution, Display of Flags on Campus Policy and Religious Observances Policy to the next Senate agenda.

Faculty Affairs Committee

Senator Wylie: The review of the use of non-tenure track faculty has been placed on hold until the NTT unionization issue is settled. The committee will draft a policy concerning textbook royalties. The committee is currently tracking the discussion and recommendations by the 2002-03 Faculty Affairs Committee concerning the appointment of a campus faculty ombudsman.

Planning and Finance Committee

Senator Kurtz: The Planning and Finance Committee has formed three subcommittees, the Program Review Committee, Majors and Sequences Approval Committee and Priority Committee. The chairs of the committees are Senator Borg, Senator Plantholt and Senator Kurtz, respectively. The Program Review Committee will supplement the work of the Academic Planning Committee. The Majors and Sequences Approval Committee will look at the budgetary aspects of new sequence and program proposals. That committee plans to meet with the University Curriculum Committee and the Provost's representative. The Priority Committee will continue the work of the Planning and Finance Committee concerning the priorities of the University, including the structural development and reporting of those priorities and budget processes.

Rules Committee

Senator Coliz: The Rules Committee is currently reviewing the recommendations for Blue Book and Senate Bylaws revisions from students and from the Executive Committee of the Senate. The committee continues to review the revised College of Arts and Sciences Bylaws.

IBHE-FAC Report

Senator Jerich: The IBHE Faculty Advisory Council met at Northwestern University. The Council discussed seeking funding for research for higher education and going forward with the Faculty Diversity Study. The discussion also included the concern that some community colleges are seeking to offer four-year B.S. degrees.

Senator Jerich's Illinois Board of Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council Report can be found at: </committee.html>

Advisory Items:

08.22.03.01 University Enrollment Committee Charge

The memo from President Bowman concerning the University Enrollment Committee's charge was distributed to the Senate. The memo informed the Senate that, based on the information compiled by the Office of Planning and Institutional Research, the University should maintain a steady on-campus enrollment for Fall 2004 in the 20,500 to 20,750 range. The Enrollment Committee is charged with establishing targets of 3,000 new freshmen and 1,800 to 1,900 new transfer students to maintain a stable enrollment. The primary focuses of the committee include:

- Ø Analyzing demographic research

- Ø Assisting in the creation and review of an enrollment management plan
- Ø Monitoring application/admissions/enrollment data through the cycle
- Ø Overseeing the release of enrollment information to the University community and the public

09.03.03.01 Student Computer Ownership Initiative

Provost Presley: The Student Computer Ownership Initiative is a plan to require all new students to own computers and was created to improve the standardization of technology used by students and to simplify technological support issues. Computer ownership as a requirement of admission becomes a cost that is aidable and therefore students can be eligible for financial assistance loans for this cost. Vendors have expressed a great deal of interest in the initiative and even a willingness to provide free computers for economically disadvantaged students. Provost Presley stressed that this is not a pedagogical issue, but one of technological standardization and ease in computing for students. Computer labs won't be removed, but these labs may be used for more high-end technological purposes. Provost Presley estimated that about 85% of ISU's students already own computers. Each program can establish the requirements for computers and this information will be forwarded to TechZone, which can then inform students of the required specifications.

Senator Woods: Will students be penalized if they do not own a computer?

Provost Presley: They will not be penalized; but it will be rather like owning on a textbook—it is expected.

Senator Reid: Are you referring to federally guaranteed loans?

Provost Presley: Yes.

Senator Darden: Who will provide the necessary technological support?

Provost Presley: The vendors can provide that support.

Senator Meister: Will the cost of computers be included in the scholarships for students who are on full scholarships?

Provost Presley: That is a specific financial assistance question and I can't answer it myself. That is something that the Financial Aid Office would have to address.

Senator Fryman: Will there be increased budget costs due to this initiative?

Provost Presley: With less lab support costs and with current initiatives such as extending wireless capabilities, we will spend about the same amount of money that we are spending now. There are no plans to reallocate money even from technology support.

Senator Plantholt: How will international students be affected?

Provost Presley: I really can't answer that, but there have been discussions of this proposal with all PAC members.

Senator Rice: Are there plans to close the computer labs in the residence halls; will there be more places for computer connections?

Provost Presley: We have not yet addressed those issues in our planning.

Senator Adams: There are hidden costs in this proposal. Not only will students be required to own computers, but they will need access to printers as well.

Provost Presley: The computer labs can become more printer intensive.

Senator Page: The infrastructure of central campus does not support ResNet (Residential Networking).

Provost Presley: Mark Walbert, Associate Vice President of Technology, could best answer questions about rewiring of the residence halls. Unfortunately, Dr. Walbert is unable to be with us tonight.

Senator Genta: Will there be restricted e-mail access in the general computer labs?

Provost Presley: You will have the same access if you have a wireless computer or laptop as you currently have, I would imagine.

Senator Reid: Why are we looking at only certain vendors?

Provost Presley: Certain academic units currently require hardware that these vendors offer.

Senator Rebolledo: Who will repair the computers?

Provost Presley: TechZone and the vendors.

Senator Kurtz: My concern is that with the increased number of computers on campus, there may be a higher incidence of computer viruses. Is there planning in place to address this concern?

Provost Presley: Yes, we have several plans in place to reduce the spread of viruses. Any infected computers can be quarantined until the problem is eliminated.

Senator Koutsky: If loans are not available, how can students receive funding for computers?

Provost Presley: We have in place vendors who will provide certain numbers of free computers and loaner programs; we will also seek more donations specifically for funding student computer ownership.

Senator Crothers: President Bowman, do you intend to go forward with this initiative?

President Bowman: If the conditions are well-timed, I would like to make it a requirement beginning in Fall 2004.

Communications:

ISU Annuity Book Discussions

Professor Emeritus and former Senate Chairperson, Jan Cook, reported on a new program proposed by the ISU Annuity Association. It is called "Bring Your Own Book". Group participants will meet twice monthly to discuss books of interest; mystery novels will be discussed on the first Tuesday of each month and history books on the third Thursday. All BYOB discussions will begin at 11:40 a.m. in the Faculty Staff Commons of the Bone Student Center. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch. Dr. Cook extended the invitation to

participate to the entire campus.

Wind Symphony

Senator Borg: A concert by ISU's Wind Symphony will be held next Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. The concert is dedicated to former student Tim Ryan, who was killed in the military conflict last May.

Theatre Productions

Senator Hampton: Reported on the opening of *Amadeus* at the Center for Performing Arts. Performances will run Tuesday through Sunday, September 30 through October 4, 2003. Additionally, the *Marriage of Figaro* will open in April 2004.

Program Proposals – Approved by the Senate on the Consent Agenda 9/2/03

08.06.03.01 ***Mass Communication Program Revisions***

08.06.03.02 ***Social Aspects of Aging Professional Development Sequence***

08.06.03.03 ***Interactive Media Sequence in Mass Communication***

08.06.03.04 ***Television Sequence in Mass Communication***

08.06.03.05 ***Radio Sequence in Mass Communication***

08.06.03.06 ***Visual Communication Sequence in Journalism***

08.06.03.07 ***News Editorial Sequence in Journalism***

08.06.03.08 ***Broadcast Journalism Sequence***

08.06.03.09 ***Journalism Major***

08.06.03.10 ***African-American Studies Minor***

08.06.03.11 ***Exercise Science and Fitness Sequence Deletion***

Budget Session

IBHE Big Picture Meeting

President Bowman: Reported that Dan LaVista, Director of the IBHE, was in attendance at the Big Picture meeting held on campus. Dr. LaVista met with the governance groups on campus, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and the Vice Presidents to discuss the governor's priorities. Many of the issues of discussion mainly involved speculation, as there has been no formal statement from the governor concerning his priorities.

Senator Crothers: Also attended the IBHE Big Picture meeting. The themes and the priorities of the IBHE included:

- Ø Good stewardship in resources
- Ø Increase in faculty/staff salaries
- Ø Deferred maintenance
- Ø Need-based financial aid, specifically the MAP

Ø Adult education programming

The IBHE, above all else, wants to shield the MAP (Monetary Award Program) for students.

Adjournment

Motion XXXV-10: To adjourn, by Senator Rice, seconded by Senator Fowles, was unanimously approved by standing vote.

ATTENDANCE/MOTIONS