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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 December 10, 2004

Motion XXXV-52: By Senator Koutsky, seconded by Senator Dutton, to approve the Academic Senate minutes of December 10, 2003. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairperson's Remarks:

Senator Crothers: Welcomed the Senate back after the holiday break. Senator Crothers provided the Senate with a brief timeline for upcoming issues. There were a series of General Education meetings during the break. Recommendations from an ad hoc subcommittee have been forwarded to the Academic Affairs Committee. The Senate will perhaps see those recommendations just before or soon after spring break and will be involved in the very complicated General Education review process for the remainder of the semester. Therefore, Senator Crothers encouraged the Senate internal committees to bring any assigned tasks forward at the earliest possible date.

Student Government Association President/Student Body President's Remarks: No Report

President's Remarks: Excused Absence

Provost's Remarks:

Provost Presley: Of the applications for admission received thus far, close to 6,000 students have been admitted, approximately 500 fewer than the number admitted by this time last year. Over 1,000 applications have been deferred and approximately 1,400 denied. Minority admissions are about the same as last year, and that is good given the enormous increases we had last year. We have approximately 700 minority admissions, which is extremely close to the number we had last year. That average ACT score continues to rise, as does the average class rank. Last year at this time in the spring semester, we had just over 20,000 students on campus. This year we have approximately 19,500. That decrease is at least in part due to a large drop in the number of graduate students at large. At the same time, the number of doctorate students on campus has also decreased.

Senator Wang: How many of those admitted will enroll?

Provost Presley: We expect that 3,000 or fewer will enroll.

Senator Jerich: Do you envision any efforts to increase graduate enrollments?

Provost Presley: We are beginning to turn our attention to graduate student recruiting in a more systematic way in central administration, but don't have a substantial plan of action at this point.

Vice President of Student Affairs' Remarks: Excused Absence

Vice President of Finance and Planning's Remarks:

Senator Bragg: We will probably see recommendations from the IBHE for the FY2005 budget next week. We are unsure if the budget will contain a reduction from the FY2004 budget. If there is a reduction, hopefully, it will be smaller than last year. On February 18, the governor will present his budget to the General Assembly. We will then enter the legislative appropriations process in April and hope to have an appropriation by the end of May. We are still holding some funds in reserve from the FY2004 budget. We have asked every department to continue to hold funds; but hopefully, we won't receive a mid-year rescission. Construction continues at pace on campus. Proposals are due on January 26 from architects and engineers for the Stevenson and Turner Hall projects. We are into the construction phase on Schroeder Hall. There is construction fencing around Schroeder and, unfortunately, it has caused some students and staff to take a short cut around the building and to walk along College Avenue. This is very dangerous and I would ask the student senators to please ask students to avoid walking in the street. We are revisiting the placement of the construction fences. Last semester, we appointed a committee to review the use of social security numbers on campus. I just received today a very comprehensive report from the committee. I will summarize it and present it to the shared governance groups on campus along with recommendations and consultation. Human Resources is planning this year's financial retirement planning for faculty and staff. We very much would like to receive faculty input on this. If any of you are interested or if you know of colleagues who have expertise and interest in this area, please send me an e-mail. We would like to include you and your colleagues in the planning process.

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

Senator Armstrong: The committee met to plan this semester's activities, which include addressing the program hour limitation, school status designations and the Council for Teacher Education Bylaws.

Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee

Senator Hampton: The committee recommended no revisions to the University Alcohol Policy as revised July 15, 2003, which is an information item this evening. We received only one comment in regard to suggested changes to the Academic Calendar for 2008-2009 after the December 10, 2003 Senate meeting. The committee felt that it was too soon to change back to the previous scheduling, which included the Thanksgiving break beginning two or three days before Thanksgiving. There has been no research on the outcome of the change to the weeklong break. We have asked students on the committee to ask people how they feel about the schedule. Senator Jerich is going to ask the people in education about any impact on their programs. The committee will forward the Academic Calendar and the Administrator Selection Policy to the Senate Executive Committee for placement on the next Senate agenda.

Faculty Affairs Committee

Senator Wylie: The Faculty Affairs Committee continues to discuss the possibility of a faculty ombudsman. We will have an additional speaker at our next meeting. The committee is currently working on a report on faculty recruitment and retention and will take up staff recruitment and retention at a later date. We have generated quite a few documents and we will look at our peer institutions to see what kinds of things they are doing.

Planning and Finance Committee

Senator Crothers: I asked members of the Planning and Finance Committee's Priority Subcommittee to begin to think about how we can create a process for establishing priorities, building on this year's process. I don't have a sense that a priorities document will be coming before the Senate this year. We also had a discussion about the approval steps for new sequences and majors.

Rules Committee

Senator Coliz: The Rules Committee approved revisions to the membership structure of the Academic Planning

Committee and tentatively approved revisions to Article II of the Senate Bylaws. The committee will do research on the rationale for the current Mass Communications Policy, which seems to be highly controversial, at least within our committee. I am meeting, along with Sharon Stanford, with a legal counsel provided to us by the Provost on Friday to talk about the Consensual Relations Policy.

Information Items:

12.11.03.01 *Blue Book Revisions for the Academic Planning Committee (Revisions Submitted by Planning and Finance Subcommittee to Rules Committee)*

12.11.03.01A *Additional Revisions from the Rules Committee (Distributed at Senate Meeting)*

Senator Coliz presented additional Blue Book revisions concerning the structure of the membership of the Academic Planning Committee. Those revisions included representation on the committee by representatives of the Planning and Finance and Academic Affairs Committees, rather than representation by the chairpersons of those committees.

Senator Coliz: The Academic Planning Committee's current membership is primarily composed of ex-officios. Because of changes at the University and the way in which that committee functions, the Academic Planning Committee has requested changes in its membership. The Rules Committee only made the revision to the membership replacing the Chairs of Planning and Finance and Academic Affairs with representatives from those committees. We will now have three Senate faculty members elected to the committee. We also have removed the Student Trustee and added undergraduate and graduate students as members, which are to be appointed by the Student Government Association.

Senator Borg: The Planning and Finance subcommittee forwarded the stipulation that the faculty representation must come from at least three different colleges. The Rules Committee's revisions have removed that stipulation. Why was that left out of the recommendations?

Senator Coliz: It was left off because it was not contained in the versions I saw of the document. I would certainly be agreeable to that as a friendly amendment.

Senator Armstrong: In the current revision, you will have a wholly reconstructed committee each year because of the one-year terms. That seriously reduces continuity from year to year.

Senator Coliz: Our rationale was to put it in the same context as the one-year terms for internal committees of the Senate. It allows people even in their third year to serve on the committee. If you try for two-year terms, you may have individuals leaving in the middle of their term because their term on Senate has ended.

Senator Borg: I would encourage the Rules Committee to consider two-year staggered terms for the elected faculty, which would offer valuable experience and guidance.

Senator Ghrist: I think it was a good idea to change from the student trustee to a student selected by the Student Government Association. You have to keep in mind when you select that student that he/she is not as heavily involved in the governing process, because the Academic Planning Committee's workload is tremendous.

07.18.03.01 *Alcohol Policy (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)*

Dr. Marilyn Morrow, who served on the Alcohol Policy Task Force, was present to answer any questions concerning the policy.

Senator Crothers: A brief history of this policy is that it came to the Senate last year, but was not acted upon by the Administrative Affairs Committee because of changing membership on that committee. Therefore, during the summer of 2003, the Senate Executive Committee endorsed the policy in the interim, with the provision that it

come back to the Senate and be formally addressed by the Administrative Affairs Committee.

Senator Meister: My only concern with the document is that in the Student Conduct section, it reads, “It is expected that all student organizations will have their activities approved by the group’s faculty/staff advisor.” With that sentence included, it may make it even more difficult to find a faculty member willing to act as a student organization advisor. Does this place a legal liability on the faculty/staff advisor if an incident were to occur?

Dr. Morrow: I only know that legal counsel was part of the task force membership.

Senator Crothers: It would be useful to bring this question to the University attorney before we vote on this.

Dr. Morrow: In theory, the Registered Student Organization would always use a third-party vendor, so the liability would be moved.

Senator Adams: I am curious about the term “is expected” that all student organizations will have their activities approved. Why does it say *expected* and not *required*?

Dr. Morrow: I will ask legal counsel for clarification.

Senator Crothers: Senator Borg has pointed out that the third-party vendor agreement does require a faculty signature, so it is an appropriate question on which to follow up.

Senator Coliz: In the Residence Hall/Apartment Living Policy, it does make it clear that people who are in their dorm rooms, who are over 21, can have alcohol. I just can’t figure out how it gets there. If it allows you to transport alcohol as long as you are taking it back to your room, does that negate a great deal of the Non-Possession of Alcohol Policy?

Dr. Morrow: This has been the policy for some time. The only real change in this particular part of the policy is that it defines the amounts that are allowed by room, wherein in the past, it was defined by individual.

Senator Crothers: There is another legal standard that we might want to look at. In most situations, there is a difference between the possession of an unopened container and the possession of an opened container. That should be clarified.

Senator Koutsky: Referring to page 3, number 9, at what point would the University seek control of an alcohol violation by bringing in law enforcement? Would that then result in a dual prosecution in the court system and by the Student Dispute Resolution Services?

Senator Crothers: The ISU Police Department enforces alcohol and other drug laws all the time. Historically, the answer is yes, it may be dually prosecuted depending on the person filing the charge. On page 11, does the Apartment Living Policy refer only to University apartments?

Dr. Morrow: Yes.

Senator Koutsky: How long has ISU been technically a dry campus?

Dr. Morrow: One of the reasons that we revised this policy is that the previous policy, which is in effect and on the web right now, is a policy known as zero tolerance. But in reality, there would be a lot of events on campus that involved alcohol. Individuals would petition the President of the University for permission to serve alcohol, but that was in violation of state law the way we were doing it. The President of the University enforces this

policy, but cannot make exceptions to state law. We tried to identify those areas at which, by state law, alcohol can be served. The other major concern was the liquor license. ISU does have a liquor license, but it is for the Bone Student Center only. Those holding events outside of the Student Center would sell liquor under the Bone Student Center license, which is against the law. Those who don't want to go through a third-party vendor must get their own license now.

Senator Ghrist: Page 12, number 3 refers to the tailgating procedures, which are not revised. I personally would like to see that looked at a little further. All tailgating areas are closed when the games begin. I think that we have a wonderful venue with the lowered field and the parking lots around it. I don't know why there couldn't be some discussion about opening designated areas to tailgating during the entire game. Are there specific reasons why that could not happen?

Dr. Morrow: The tailgating policy came through a subcommittee that was chaired by a member of the Redbird Athletic Association. At no time did they request that the amount of time tailgating was allowed be extended. This is current policy and they did not ask for an extension, so we did not pursue that. We do have a conservative tailgating policy compared to many universities.

Senator Ghrist: Does that request have to come from that subcommittee to be revised in this document?

Senator Crothers: We will find out where the policy resides. If I understand Senator Ghrist, he is asking if the Senate has the authority to change this section of the policy.

Senator Foster: I had a student last semester who attended a party off-campus that did not involve a Registered Student Organization. The Normal Police Department disbanded the party and the students who held the party were then required to go through the Student Dispute Resolution Services. Is that addressed in this policy? When something happens completely independent of the University, just because those students are ISU students, are they required to go through SDRS?

Dr. Morrow: This policy only covers events that occur on ISU property. However, I am guessing that this particular issue would be addressed in the Student Code of Conduct.

Senator Armstrong: I notice that there is no provision for the appropriate presence of alcoholic beverages in the classroom. Fermentation and enzymatic activity are theoretically legitimate topics in certain areas of academics. However, such demonstrations associated with these topics would be illegal under the current policy.

Dr. Morrow: I am not sure they are illegal, theoretically.

Senator Garrison: This policy contains links to several alcohol policies. When we vote on this document, are we approving those policies as well?

Senator Crothers: No, those documents come through the Senate for review, but they are not attached to this directly.

Senator Fryman: Does athletics need to get its own license?

Dr. Morrow: They are going to the two places on campus that are most likely to need their own license, the golf course and athletics. Most other events can be done through a vendor or they are held here in the Bone. Dr. Mamarchev has been working with those two units to make sure that we are meeting the requirements of the law.

Senator Ghrist: Can the Bone Student Center act as a third-party vendor at athletic events?

Dr. Morrow: They have, yes.

Senator Koutsky: Would it be encouraged by the University to use the Bone Student Center as the third party vendor?

Dr. Morrow: They have used it, but in reality, the Bone Student Center's licensure is only applicable to events held within the Bone Student Center or in the Bowling and Billiards Center. They have done it, but they shouldn't have done it.

Adjournment

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