

**ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES****Wednesday, March 3, 2004***(Approved)***Volume XXXV, No. 10*****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.

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***Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2004***

**Motion XXXV-70:** By Senator Fowles, seconded by Senator Rebolledo, to approve the Academic Senate minutes of February 18, 2004. The minutes were unanimously approved.

***Chairperson's Remarks:***

**Senator Crothers:** There has been some difficulty getting candidates to serve on the Senate this year. I think this is a problem that we are going to have for a number of years, whether it's for the Senate or any of the external committees. I think that you are seeing another side effect of faculty retirements and massive budget cuts. With retirements, we lost many of our senior faculty and we have been unable to replace tenure-line faculty anywhere near the rate at which we lost them. We are looking at a couple of things that may address this problem. The Administrative Affairs Committee is considering a request to hold Senate meetings during the afternoons rather than in the evenings. Someone else has suggested changing the length of terms.

I have spoken with the President, the Executive Committee and a member of the Board of Trustees to more or less get permission to make the following statement regarding the presidential search. It is fair to say that the search committee found itself immensely frustrated regarding rumors that the presidential search process was not fair and impartial. The rumors stretch beyond the boundaries of our local community; they are national. Such rumors hampered our attempts to attract and retain highly qualified candidates. That does not mean that President Bowman would have not been chosen through the process with which we went forward. In my opinion, he was a well-qualified and appropriate choice, but we need to emphasize the high integrity of our search committees.

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

**Senator Meister:** The results of the student government elections will be announced at 10:00 p.m. this evening. The SGA approved the student fee recommendations at our last Assembly Meeting, which focused on priorities rather than costs. We will forward our final recommendations to Senators Bragg and Mamarchev. SGA decided last year that Student Legal Services would focus mainly on tenant-landlord/tenant-tenant disputes and decline intervention in the defense of criminal allegations against students. Though it was quite controversial, the present Student Government Association has agreed to uphold that decision. Many students no longer wanted to provide money for the defense of students who were breaking the law.

***President's Remarks: Excused Absence******Provost's Remarks:***

**Provost Presley:** My office is heavily involved right now in the promotion and tenure process. Later in the month, you are all invited to attend a series of open presentations by each college on priorities and planning. We want to share this information as widely as possible. Dr. Jan Shane is working with the University Review Committee on

the status of the appeal of post-tenure review. We may widen that to the status of post-tenure review itself. Jan is also working with the program review committee to finish up this year's program reviews. The URC will forward its recommendations to the Senate. Steve Adams, Enrollment Management, is gathering information on the efficacy, or lack thereof, of the Academic Progress Alert System that we will be bringing forward to the Senate. I am working on some suggested revisions to the Appointment, Salary, Promotion and Tenure Policies and Procedures. That is almost complete. I will be suggesting those revisions to the URC. Some of you have not gotten the word about House Bill 4073, which is the tenure commission. We have good information that causes us to believe that once again this bill will be sidetracked in the process this year. We do not think that it will go anywhere. Today is the one-year anniversary of my joining ISU as Provost. I have truly enjoyed working with the shared governance structure and institutions here.

### ***Vice President of Student Affairs' Remarks: Excused Absence***

### ***Vice President of Finance and Planning's Remarks:***

**Senator Bragg:** We should have more information about House Bill 4073, as well as other pending legislation, at the next Senate meeting. Next Tuesday is the deadline for bills to be introduced. We will also know more about our budget after the appropriation hearings on April 28 and 29. We have extended an offer to Dr. Ira Schoenwald, who is currently an Associate Vice President at the new Cal State University at Channel Island. He was instrumental in establishing that campus and in hiring the faculty and staff. I will share his resume with you at the next Senate meeting. We are also engaged in the process of elaborating on long-range housing and dining plans. This will be a May Board of Trustees item.

### ***Committee Reports:***

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

**Senator Tudor:** The Academic Affairs Committee discussed the possibility of holding forums to get feedback on possible changes to General Education that came from the ad hoc committee. Tentatively, we have proposed having two sessions for students on March 23 and two sessions for faculty on March 25. Those are subject to approval by Chairperson Armstrong.

**Senator Borg:** If those sessions are held, what is the plan for offering to the University community what the decisions might be? I have heard that there have been proposals, but I have not seen anything.

**Senator Tudor:** We will allow time for members of the campus to read the document from the ad hoc committee and provide feedback on that document. We will place it on our web site and on the I-Campus Portal. There will be a general e-mail with a link to the document that will go out to the entire University community.

**Senator Klass:** How much information has been provided to academic advisors? Will they be welcome at one of these open forums?

**Senator Tudor:** The committee has not discussed that aspect, but the advisors will be on the e-mail list with other faculty. If we need to send it out specifically to certain academic advisors, we will do that.

**Senator Klass:** Many of the advisors are not on the faculty e-mail list.

**Senator Crothers:** We do have an advisor e-mail list. That is an appropriate issue for the committee to follow up on.

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

**Senator Hampton:** The Administrative Affairs Committee discussed the issues raised at the last Senate meeting concerning the Administrator Selection (Search Committee) Policy. We are going to recommend a couple of

changes that were suggested by Senator Burk in an e-mail last week. Senator Crothers, are you suggesting that it be a requirement that a department chairperson be on the Selection Committee for College Deans or are you willing to accept the language that there be six elected faculty members, which could include a chair?

**Senator Crothers:** We can have this discussion in more detail separately. This year, we waived the exemption of chairpersons on the grounds that if chairs were elected as faculty members, they would perceive their role as faculty members rather than as chairs.

**Senator Hampton:** We also discussed the memo from Mobilizing Activists and Students for Hemp (MASH) and we will look at that further. We don't think that it conflicts with the newly approved Alcohol Policy. We also ask that the Solicitation Policy be included on the next agenda.

**Senator Adams:** Can we still send comments regarding the Search Committee Policy to Administrative Affairs?

**Senator Hampton:** Yes, we can talk about your concerns after the meeting.

### *Faculty Affairs Committee*

**Senator Wylie:** The committee continues to discuss its response to the Faculty Productivity Report developed by the IBHE-FAC. We feel that the IBHE wants to hear about efficiency, which to the IBHE may mean larger class sizes, more classes being taught, etc. Our response would be that we generally have small classes where students have a fair amount of interaction with the faculty. Those are especially important for students who need that one-on-one. But there are other possible ways to teach. With additional funding for state-of-the-art equipment, we could offer "smart technology" classes, which would allow more efficiency on the faculty's part. If those classes were in larger spaces, faculty would be able to teach many students with technology to help them. We would also need funding for larger spaces in which to teach these classes. Other efficiency recommendations discussed were offering more distance education classes, classes taught outside of the semester block, hybridized classes, perhaps on the web and self-paced, differentiated teaching loads and more research by tenured faculty, always keeping in mind the University's mission and the goals of *Educating Illinois*.

**Senator DeSantis:** One thing that the committee discussed was that with variable teaching loads, faculty could choose a teaching track or a research track. Those choosing the teaching track would have higher teaching loads and those choosing the research track would have lower teaching loads. This would be one way possibly to address issues of efficiency.

**Senator Wylie:** The committee did not approve of all of the suggestions that were discussed.

**Senator Borg:** Has the committee been operating under the premise that we need to find things or that we are looking for opportunities to make the educational process better?

**Senator Wylie:** I don't think we really know. We are trying to come up with possibilities and these are just suggestions.

**Senator Adams:** The IBHE looks at productivity as how much we are producing as a matter of efficiency. We know that sometimes in a model of efficiency, by doing more we are not necessarily doing it better. The dilemma is how do you do something better with less.

### *Planning and Finance Committee*

**Senator Crothers:** We continued our discussion with Senator Bragg beginning to build some understanding of long-term financing questions for the University.

### ***Rules Committee***

**Senator Coliz:** The revised structure for the Academic Planning Committee will come before the Senate at its next meeting. The Rules Committee is revising the Code of Ethics in respect to reorganization, rewording and modernization to create a better flow of the language within the document. The underlying content has not changed. We will have that for the next Senate's Agenda. A complete revision of the Code of Ethics should involve the entire campus community and would be a major yearlong effort. Next year's Rules Committee would need to do the full review.

**Senator Crothers:** The Executive Committee will consider assigning this to Rules next year.

### ***Communications:***

#### ***02.27.04.01 Sense of the Senate Resolution – Presidential Search (Senator Crothers)***

**Motion XXXV-71:** On behalf of the Executive Committee, Senator Crothers offered the following resolution for endorsement by the Academic Senate:

“The Academic Senate commends the presidential search committee for its excellent work in bringing three well-qualified candidates to campus. The Senate draws particular attention to the strict adherence to the confidentiality the committee practiced. It is a model for all searches at the University. The Senate also thanks the Board of Trustees for establishing a committee that represented all university constituencies and that provided the widest possible venues for the candidates to interact with the members of the University community. Finally, the Academic Senate calls on all members of the University to respect the seriousness of the search process and to thank the search committee for its hard work.”

The Senate unanimously endorsed the resolution.

#### ***02.27.04.02 Sense of the Senate Resolution – College Voter Registration Act (Senator Garrison, Senator Koutsky/Student Government Association)***

**Senator Koutsky:** The College Voter Registration Act requires that public universities and colleges provide voter registration to students as a part of the school registration process. Giving students the opportunity to vote at the time of registration has worked well at many community colleges as most students at these colleges register in person. Since most students at ISU register electronically, ISU would need to provide an electronic voter registration form. We already have the online resources for electronic registration and administrators could work with the RSOs and volunteer deputy registrars, whose sole purpose is to register students to vote. The cost for this process would be minimal. SGA endorses student civic engagement and has unanimously endorsed this act.

**Motion XXXV-72:** On behalf of the Student Government Association, Senator Koutsky offered the following resolution for Senate endorsement:

“With the goals of House Bill 4141, The College Voter Registration Act, being congruent with the goals set forth in the governing documents of Illinois State University, the Academic Senate endorses this act. Further, the Academic Senate encourages the Illinois State University faculty, staff and student members to help spread statewide support for House Bill 4141.”

The Senate unanimously endorsed the resolution.

#### ***02.19.04.02 Programs Under Review by Academic Planning Committee***

The following is a list of the programs currently under review by the Academic Planning Committee.

B.S.,B.S.Ed. in Early Childhood Education  
B.S.,B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education  
B.S.,B.S.Ed in Middle Level Teacher Education  
B.S. in Special Education  
M.S. in Special Education  
Ed.D. in Special Education  
Center for Assistive Technology  
Center for Reading and Literacy  
B.A.,B.S. in Business Teacher Education  
BME Music Education  
M.M.Ed. in Music  
M.S. in Educational Administration  
Ed.D.,Ph.D. in Educational Administration  
Center for Study of Educational Policy  
Ph.D. in Mathematics Education  
B.S. in Health Education  
B.S. in Physical Education  
M.S. in Kinesiology and Recreation  
Center for the Advancement of Teaching  
M.S.,M.S.Ed in Curriculum & Instruction  
Ed.D. in Curriculum & Instruction  
M.S.Ed in Reading

The program reports will be available at the reserve desk in Milner Library through the end of the spring semester. A full report on the programs will be included in the Academic Plan, which will come before the Senate as an Advisory Item in April.

### ***Adjournment***

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