

Academic Senate Minutes
Wednesday, April 12, 2006
(Approved)

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Senator Fowles called the roll and declared a quorum.

Attendance and Motions

Approval of Minutes of March 29, 2006

Motion XXXVII-63: By Senator Rahn, seconded by Senator Rebolledo, to approve the Senate Minutes of March 29, 2006. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Guest Speaker: Chuck Scott, Green Team

Green Team Annual Report:

History: The Environmental Task Force established a charter for the Green Team in April 2000 to assess the impact of campus-wide environmentally-related behaviors. The focus of the team's efforts has been on energy conservation and recycling, reinforcing and re-invigorating existing programs.

Accomplishments during the previous 18 months:

- ✚ Annual collection of over 1,500 tons of recyclable materials—over 22 different commodities in virtually every campus facility.
- ✚ Relocation of recycling program to properties at the old university farm to accommodate the program's growth.
- ✚ Partnering with the Department of Health Sciences in conducting annual waste audits. The data reveals that the percentage of recyclable materials in our waste stream is greater than the amount of actual waste.
- ✚ Pilot program beginning next week to collect batteries, toners and cell phones in the Bone Student Center.
- ✚ The Green Team website has been added to ULSF.org, University Leaders for a Sustainable Future, which provides greater exposure and greater access to environmental discussions.
- ✚ Development of an environmental stewardship award, which will be announced at Earth Day on April 20th. Activities on April 20th will include exhibits on the quad and the Green Team is working closely with IWU as they host the Illinois Sustainable Living and Wellness Expo on April 21st and 22nd.
- ✚ Partnering with the Wellness Program by participating in the Wellness Fair on November 16th, which

is America Recycles Day.

- ✚ Working with the Health Sciences students on a program using “vend-misers” in on-campus vending machines, wherein the compressors of our over 100 vending machines would turn off when the machines are not heavily used.
- ✚ Continuing work with UHEC, the University Health Education Coordinating Council, to promote a healthy and safe environment, as identified in *Educating Illinois*.
- ✚ Participated in the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council providing them with our university-wide paper consumption reduction data. Attendance of several ‘green building’ workshops to work toward LEADS, Leaders in Environmental Design, certification in some of our facilities.
- ✚ Will attend the Green Government Symposium on April 19th wherein ISU and the Green Team will receive the 2006 University Achievement Award recognizing efforts related to environmental sustainability. That award will be given to the university on behalf of Lieutenant Governor Quinn.
- ✚ In fall 2005, partnered with Dr. Tim Longfellow’s class in the Marketing Department to conduct an electronic survey to determine the environmental behaviors on campus. That information is now being utilized by Dr. Beggs’ class to develop a marketing plan for the Green Team—a plan for the implementation of strategies to enhance environmental sustainability.
- ✚ Related to energy conservation efforts, the Green Team is represented by Ron Kelly, Director of the Office of Energy Management, who has worked diligently in communicating the importance of energy consumption reduction throughout the campus. He has implemented projects for energy conservation such as campus lighting retrofits, installation of steam pipes, adding economizers to our boilers, and creating redundant loops within our chilled water systems.
- ✚ The Grounds Department has installed permeable concrete in the parking lot immediately east of Hancock Stadium. Permeable concrete allows storm water to percolate through it, basically cleaning the water before it reaches the reclamation district. We are the first institution in the state to install permeable concrete and are in the process of preparing bids for its installation in another parking lot during the summer of 2006.
- ✚ Investigating alternative fuels: The Green Team hopes to become involved in the wind power research at Lexington Farm, for which a \$1 million grant was received. Dr. Tom Bierma, Health Sciences, has been researching the values of bio-diesel fuel usage on campus. Several students will be testing the conversion of used cooking oil, generated by Dining Services, to bio-diesel fuel during the summer and will present the results of the economic feasibility in the fall.
- ✚ **Future Plans:** The Green Team will conduct a sustainability audit of ISU to create an “environmental footprint” for the institution to use as an educational tool campus-wide. A footprint helps to identify how what we are doing or not doing impacts the Earth. At www.myfootprint.org, you can see how your individual behaviors, as they relate to the environment, have an impact. The Green Team members will continue to focus on recycling and energy conservation, but also on clean air, clean water and “green buildings”, continuing their role as the environmental stewards of the campus.

Senator Borg: This is one of the best reports I have heard during my term on the Senate. Is there a single building on campus that is most 'ungreen' and what are we going to do about it?

Mr. Scott: In order to measure the ungreenness of our buildings, we would have to measure all of the energy consumption and we are not set up to do that. For some of the buildings, such as CVA and Cook Hall, we are maintaining the buildings utilizing the resources that we have. We are looking ahead to see how we can renovate or replace some of those facilities and we are putting those high on our capital improvement list.

Senator Crothers: Has the net electricity usage at ISU been going down?

Mr. Scott: According to the records from FY02 through FY05, the numbers have declined over those years.

Senator Crothers: With the renovation of Schroeder Hall, one would assume that it is a much more efficient building.

Mr. Scott: It is a much more efficient building. We have more square footage on campus than we did in 2002 with the College of Business building and CPA, but we are consuming less energy because of the energy projects that we have taken on. We have made some very good strides.

Senator Schambach: In regard to your recycling programs, you mentioned that you are going to be adding batteries and cell phones to the collectables. Do you currently handle computers, CRTs, etc?

Mr. Scott: The State mandates that all hard drives be swept clean and then sent to Springfield. The monitors also have to go to Springfield. For the small units, the keyboards and mice, we are partnering with the Town of Normal, which has an electronics recycling program.

Senator Alferink: The State mandates that for university-owned equipment. What about student-owned equipment?

Mr. Scott: We would encourage those students to also participate in the Town of Normal's program. The Ecology Action Center has information on that and we would be glad to share that information with you perhaps in a future *ISU Report* and the *Vidette* to get the word out.

Senator Brinton: Are you working with housing services to implement more recycling within the dorms?

Mr. Scott: There are two recycling programs currently on campus; the residence halls have a different type of a waste stream than the academic facilities. Right now, they collect all of their materials and deliver them to a loading dock. Then my program picks up that material.

Senator Brinton: Some of the dorms don't have recycling on the individual floors and I think that that would be something to pursue in the future.

Mr. Scott: I agree.

Senator Genta: In keeping with Senator Brinton's comment, I note that there is not a lot of recycling available off campus. Perhaps you might consider coordinating recycling programs with the various student rental agencies, such as SAMI and Redbird.

Mr. Scott: We have taken action on that. In the surveys that were done last fall, we learned that the students that live off campus are very interested in recycling and we really don't have a place for them that is close. We have worked with the Town of Normal and Parking Services and have identified a location where we can place one of the town's drop boxes on campus near Willow Street. The only drawback at this point is that the town does not have additional drop boxes available. We have applied for a grant to purchase one of those.

Chairperson's Remarks

Senator Crothers: I have no comments other than to thank you for all coming out on this beautiful spring evening.

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Senator Richards: On the weekend before last, all five of our on-campus senators went to Purdue to check out their dining facilities. This past week, a number of the current senators went to Arizona to check out their student-involvement center so we can get some ideas for our involvement center. On Monday, we had our dining forum with on-campus senator Kevin Martin as moderator. On Tuesday, Dick Runner was our guest speaker at the student forum for the new rec center. Then we joined in on Spring Fest on Saturday. We distributed a survey on the new rec center at that time. Last Wednesday, we elected four new senators and we also elected our Assembly officers. The Speaker is Phillip Rodriguez, Deputy Speaker, Jacob Ward, and Secretary, Laura Halfar.

Administrators' Remarks

· President Al Bowman

President Bowman: Our fundraising performance continues to move forward. Jim Thompson and I, along with several others, were part of a luncheon today to recognize a \$400,000 gift. This is not one that you will see widely publicized; the donor did not want a lot of publicity. It will go to the visually impaired program for student scholarships, so congratulations to Jim and his department. The dining staff continues to work on a revised dining center plan. My charge to them is to come up with a plan that addresses the concerns that the campus community had about the original plan and I think that they are making good progress.

The General Counsel search has wrapped up and we are doing some additional background checks. We should have a General Counsel named within the next couple of days. The Diversity and Affirmative Action search is also underway. Vice President Bragg will talk about the budget negotiations, or the lack thereof, in Springfield.

We have been talking with Senator Durbin's office; he will be on campus next Tuesday, April 18th. He plans to do a news conference as well as a question and answer session with a group of students. A member of our Senate has been invited to serve on a study session for the National Institutes of Health; these are the groups that evaluate and rank grant proposals. I would like to congratulate Brian Wilkinson for being elevated to that very prestigious honor.

Senator Crothers: Are you aware of the current enrollment stats?

President Bowman: I think the enrollments are at roughly 2,400. The ACT average is up slightly. Minority enrollments remain strong—up, I believe, 5% above where they were a year ago. The applications for Presidential Scholarships are particularly strong. Offers were made to 46 of those students, the ACT average of which was 32 and nine of those students had ACTs above 34. At this point, no one from that group has turned down an offer. It is too early to predict precisely where we will end up; the target is around 3,200. The

fall enrollment and transfer enrollment would put us close to 20,500.

- ***Provost John Presley – No report.***

- ***Vice President of Student Affairs Helen Mamarchev – Absent.***

- ***Vice President of Finance and Planning Stephen Bragg***

Senator Bragg: Things have slowed down in Springfield with regard to the budget. They did not adjourn on April 7th as was originally planned. If they have not yet adjourned, they will soon adjourn for Passover and Easter break. It is our understanding that the full House and Senate will not reconvene again until sometime around April 25th and take up the budget again at that time. The Governor had proposed a little over a \$1 million increase for Illinois State University as part of the higher education budget. That number has been whittled down in various proposals that have come from the Speaker's office and the President of the Senate's office. Where the final budget will end up is anyone's guess. We won't know probably until the end of April or the first part of May. We will wait until that time to finalize our decisions for the fiscal year 2007 budget, including tuition and fee increases.

My compliments to Chuck Scott on the Green Team Report. This is all above and beyond Chuck's regular duties as Executive Director of Facilities Management. Chuck, did you mention the Town of Normal's Waste Water Commission initiative of which you are a part?

Mr. Scott: It is an advisory committee wherein the town has pulled together various constituents to assess user fees for storm water collection for residents and all institutions within the town. Basically, they are identifying the amount of impermeable surfaces on a plat of land and will assess a fee to each plat owner. There has been one public hearing and there may be more, but you can expect to see approximately a \$50 to \$60 fee tacked onto your water bill. They are calling it a tax, rather a user fee, and therefore, ISU, which is exempt from property taxes as a public institution, would be subject to that fee.

Senator Bragg: Chuck is working very closely with the Town of Normal staff on this, but we can probably anticipate a bill at least in the six figure range.

Mr. Scott: Yes, the university will see every bit of six figures. We are trying to work closely with the town to identify the credits that we would be able to receive. For instance, we would consider the Gregory Street properties, 270 acres, unimproved property; therefore, we would receive a credit for that. We can see getting credits for the golf course, the quad and all the large green spaces on campus. The impermeable concrete that we have installed in our parking lot should also give us some credit. We are also looking at ways in which we might retain water from our construction projects to slow down the flow and ensure that the water that does go into the system is cleaner.

Committee Reports

- ***Academic Affairs Committee***

Senator Borg: The committee met mostly by e-mail over the past couple of weeks. We have as an Action Item this evening, the recurring issue, the Classroom Disruption Policy, and the committee has agreed with the various changes to it.

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

Senator Smith: The committee met by e-mail only this week. The only item for endorsement was the

Academic Calendar and the endorsement was achieved from the committee.

- ***Faculty Affairs Committee***

Senator Preston: The committee discussed the Faculty Retention Report and will continue that discussion.

- ***Planning and Finance Committee***

Senator Burk: The committee completed the Institutional Goals and Priorities Report for 2006, which will go to the Executive Committee on Monday and come before the Senate at the next meeting.

- ***Rules Committee***

Senator Holland: The committee is bringing before you this evening the Academic Planning Committee membership revisions as an Information Item.

IBHE-FAC Report

Professor White: I am very pleased to have been here when Chuck made his presentation because it reminded me that it was during one of the years that I was Chair of the Senate working with Vic Boschini and Angelo Capparella that we got this started. I had no idea that it would continue. It is really great to see that it has not only continued, but is doing such good work.

The Faculty Advisory Council met on March 24th at the University of Illinois-Springfield. The center piece of our agenda was to be a conversation with Emil Jones, but Senator Jones cancelled at the last moment. In the morning, we met with Burks Oakley of UIS's distance education program and he told us about their very ambitious distance education plan, which is very well funded.

The only other discussion that we had was a discussion of a position paper on the Governor's tuition tax credit proposal. FAC is very near approving that. Among the points that we are making in that is there is no means testing for the proposal. In other words, a family earning a million dollars would get the same credit as a family earning \$35,000. Second, the tax credit proposal does nothing to help families or students pay tuition costs as they become due because they would have to wait for the credit. Third, the proposal does nothing to address the source of escalating tuition costs. We are likely to approve that position paper, which will then be presented to the IBHE. Our next meeting is in Carbondale on April 28th.

Senator Borg: You made a remark that the distance education program at UIS is well funded. Can you amplify that?

Prof. White: The administration at UIS has, for the last several years, really made a point of making distance education a central part of their ambitions for the future. They want to have the premiere distance education program in the state and they received an extremely large grant for it. So, most of their resources have come from that multi-million dollar grant.

It has been very controversial among their faculty, in that it was done without any involvement of shared governance. The presentation made repeated kinds of assurances to us that this program was only for students with special needs and that it was not meant at all to replace a standard, residential experience for students. It was difficult for us to be completely consoled by their reassurances because what you see is such an elaborate and costly program being formed. At what point does enthusiasm cause it to no longer be only for special needs students? It becomes a parallel and equally accepted model for education. This is something that is not only being discussed at UIS, but the IBHE has had, in the last few months, a rather substantial report that it

requested about the relation of technology to education. It was made very clear to us that the Board was very enthusiastic about the appearance, though false, of economic efficiencies to be had in a more ambitiously “technologized” education system. There is very little interest in the quality of education or what the nature of thinking, if you will, would be.

Action Item:

04.04.06.02 Classroom Disruption Policy-Revised (Academic Affairs Committee)

Motion XXXVII-64: By Senator Borg to approve the Classroom Disruption Policy, as amended.

Senator Crothers: The only changes to the policy from the last draft concern the question that emerged, ‘does this apply only to students?’ Therefore, in the first paragraph, “students or others” has replaced “students”. Hence, also, “student” has been replaced by “individual” within the policy. “Prohibited Acts” has been broadened to include “university policies”. That includes things like the Student Code of Conduct, etc. The potential for emergency suspension has been broadened as well.

Senator Estep: Is the library covered under this? We have a couple of instructional classrooms, but I think of the library as a big classroom in general.

Senator Crothers: It is my opinion that the classroom would be covered under all circumstances and then the library is covered under university policies like any other building is.

The policy was unanimously approved.

Information Item:

03.29.06.01 Academic Planning Committee Membership Revisions (Rules Committee)

Senator Crothers: Next, we have a formalization of a set of revisions to the membership of the Academic Planning Committee that the Senate agreed to last year. The Academic Planning Committee is asking for its formalization since that structure worked quite well this year.

Senator Holland: This formalizes a procedure that is actually being used right now to select members for the Academic Planning Committee. The only question that any of us had on the committee was about the faculty representatives as dean appointments; we were wondering whether it would be more appropriate to have the appointments made by college councils/coordinating teams.

Senator Crothers: As a member of the Academic Planning Committee last year, the nature of the appointment did not seem to make any difference in the behavior of the individual faculty member.

Motion XXXVII-65: By Senator Holland, seconded by Senator Fowles, to move the item to action. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion XXXVII-66: By Senator Holland to approve the revised membership composition of the Academic Planning Committee. The membership composition was unanimously approved.

Communications:

Panel of 10 (Administrative Selection Panel) and AFEGC Vitae for Review (Elections will be held by ballot on April 26, 2006)

03.08.06.01 Eight Theses on Higher Education In Illinois by the IBHE-FAC (Executive Committee)

Motion XXXVII-67: By Senator Crothers, on behalf of the Executive Committee, to endorse the *Eight Theses on Higher Education in Illinois* developed by the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council. The theses were unanimously endorsed.

CFA Opera

Senator Borg: Senator Hampton is not here tonight as the opera, *Die Fledermaus*, is being presented again tonight; there is one more opportunity for you to attend on Saturday night.

Senate Achievements

Senator Borg: I would like to extend my thanks to the Academic Affairs Committee. They have done tremendous work under rather strange circumstances during the year, but have managed to clear our agenda of what we had accumulated over the last couple of years. They deserve wonderful credit for getting so many things to done.

Senator Crothers: I have been stunned by what this Senate has achieved this year, so I commend us all.

Adjournment