

Academic Senate Minutes
Wednesday, August 30, 2006
7:00 P.M.
(Approved)

Call to Order

Senator Crothers, Chairperson of the Academic Senate, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Senator Borg, Secretary of the Academic Senate, called the roll and declared a quorum.

Attendance

Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2006

Motion XXXVIII-3: By Senator Horstein, seconded by Senator Mizanin, to approve the Senate Minutes of May 10, 2006. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairperson's Remarks

Senator Crothers: I would like to welcome you all back. Over the summer, new faculty and staff members joined the Senate. We had a transition in the Vice President of Student Affairs, so, we welcome Steve Adams into that role. Steve Lancaster, Vice Chair of the Civil Service Council, will serve as the council's representative replacing Martha Burk. Also joining us are Gary O'Malley from C&I, Kathleen Lonbom, Milner and Caroline Mallory, Mennonite College of Nursing. Rod Custer replaces Dr. McGinnis as the Associate Vice for the Graduate School and Rod Riegle has rejoined us.

I want to thank the President for inviting the Senate to dinner again this year. It was a wonderful meal. I think that spirit of cooperation is what has made the Senate relatively effective these last several years. This year, it appears that we will have the opportunity to clean up leftover issues and begin thinking about new ideas, such as *Educating Illinois*. In your packets, you should have a Senate parking permit. These permits are for use on Senate nights only.

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Senator Richards: We have been renovating the SGA Office during the summer. We are almost finished and if you would like to visit us, we are in the Student Services Building, Room 130. During the past weekend, we went on a retreat to Lake Bloomington. Vice President Adams was kind enough to speak to us and give us some updates on what has been going on. As of this past week, we now have all of our student senators elected. The newest student senators are Tolu Aregbe, David Horstein, Lauren Hutchcraft, Gibby Kirby, Annette Koch and Ashley Venneman.

Administrators' Remarks

President Al Bowman

President Bowman: I want to welcome everyone back to what I think will be an exciting year. While students and some faculty were away, our FY07 budget was passed and we saw an increase of about \$1 million. It is the first increase we have had since 2002. The downside is that with erosive effects of inflation, our spending power from State resources has declined to over \$70 million. On the positive side, the government released \$18 million to fund our Stevenson-Turner projects. The Governor was kind enough to join us today on campus in front of Schroeder to talk a little about state finances and also to do a little

campaigning for his reelection. The important part of that visit is that, in Springfield, we have been trying to sell the fine arts renovation. He not only referenced it in press conference today, but he also mentioned that project in his remarks. We are optimistic that once a large capital bill is passed, that project will be a part of it.

During the summer, the parking garage project was passed by the Board, a \$6 million project that will begin in 2007. It will serve the College of Business Building, as well as the new student recreation center, which will be built nearby. We had a very good year in private fund raising. We raised a little over \$15 million total, about \$13 million in cash. This has been actually the best year since the comprehensive campaign. Athletics also had a good year. They have a larger membership in the Redbird Club and have received larger gifts. It is allowing them to begin to plan for new projects that will enhance Hancock Stadium and the scoreboard project for Redbird Arena.

The *U.S. News and World Report* rankings came out about three weeks ago. Though we don't place a great deal of validity in those rankings, there are certain measures that the University does watch closely, including our freshmen retention rate, which is at an historic high. Our academic reputation saw a nice increase. The six-year graduation in *U.S. News* is not our highest because it is based on, I think, two-year-old data. Our graduation rate as of last year is at a historic high at 63%.

We will be doing a search this year for the Vice President for University Advancement. Dianne Ashby, former Dean of the College of Education, has been in that role. She completed her first year this summer. We will put together a national search and the Senate, of course, will be a part of that.

The Academic Senate sponsors the President's State of the University Address. That is scheduled for September 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the Center for the Performing Arts.

· ***Provost John Presley***

Provost Presley: I want to add a note of welcome to everyone. Those of you on the Planning and Finance Committee have already received a communication from my office, as well as from several other vice presidents' offices, concerning things that we did financially last year. While I don't want to share all of that with the entire Senate, that is something for the committee to do, I do want to indicate that we have had a good year and we expect another good year as well. We have authorized well over 55 faculty hires for fiscal year 08. That is a 49% increase over the hires for FY06 and a 22% increase over the hires for 07. Enrollment continues to be very stable. As of August 29th, our total enrollment was up 5, so I think that shows some pretty good planning on the part of Enrollment Management, Admissions and others.

There have been a few personnel changes in Academic Affairs. Steve Adams is the Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Jonathan Rosenthal accepted my request to serve as Interim Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Academic Services. Jess Ray has agreed to serve in Jonathan's place as the Interim Registrar. With the impending retirement of Bob Rossman as Dean of CAST, Jeffrey Wood will serve as the Interim Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Technology.

We are continuing to work on the issue of General Students, on strategies to help General Students both choose majors and sequence into the majors that they have chosen. We will bring some new initiatives, including some policy changes, to the Senate later this year.

· ***Vice President of Student Affairs Steve Adams***

Vice President Adams: I am truly honored to have been appointed by President Bowman to be the Vice President of Student Affairs. I have attended many meetings of the Academic Senate and served in an ex-officio capacity on internal committees in the past. I feel very privileged to become a member of the Senate in my new role.

I assure you that I fully understand the ramifications of being in this position in an interim capacity. I am committed to all members of the Senate to give my full corporation and support to the shared governance process. Further, I consider it my responsibility to provide strong leadership and direction to the Division of Student Affairs, to embrace shared governance, effective communication, and collaboration in our mission, our programs, our initiative and the services that we provide. Again, it is a privilege to be a member of the Senate and to become an active participant in its agenda for this academic year.

I would like to give an update on our situation in regard to our long-range housing and dining plan. We are still in the first phase of the plan in renovating West Campus residence halls and the Linkin's Dinning Center. Wilkins and Haynie are up and operating for this fall. Wright is in the process right now of being renovated and should be ready by next fall. The Linkin's Dining Center will go off line in December and we will, at that point, send the students over to Horton Field House to the concourse there between the field house and the stadium for their meals. Those students that are living in Wilkins and Haynie are aware and were asked to sign a paper noting that they will be leaving that building to go to another place for their dining privileges. The final product of our long range plan will end in 2013 when six of our current 13 residence halls will be renovated. At that point, we hopefully will have demolished the other seven. The situation with Hamilton-Whitten and Atkin-Colby is still a part of the plan and that land will be cleared sometime during the renovation process. So it is ten-year project and \$68 million is being spent to do what we are doing with our residence halls.

There are two committees working right now, one, which was appointed by the President, on the new Campus Recreation Center plan, and a second committee, also appointed by the President, on the revitalization of the Bone Student Center. Those committees are working very carefully and very closely together to make sure that in the building of one and the renovation of another that they compliment one another and not have the new Campus Recreation Center become a new student center.

Senator Crothers: Exactly where are those students going to be eating?

Senator Adams: There is a concourse between Hancock Stadium, the back part of the stands, and the stands of Horton Field House.

Senator Bowman: I just want to publicly thank Vice President Adams for the work he has done since July 1. There have been a number of issues in Student Affairs that needed his immediate attention and he literally has been working overtime since July 1 to get us ready and to get the fall semester underway, as well on longer range issues that we will be working on over the next two years. So, thank you very much for your work this summer and for what's ahead.

Senator Campbell: If we are renovating six buildings and tearing down seven, are we replacing those seven or is it the impression that students have adequate housing in the community?

Senator Adams: The plan is to go from 7,000 beds back to 5,000 beds and there could be some other planning in the process for Cardinal Court and the Shelbourne area, as well as working with some local developers for certified housing. We feel rather confident that by 2013, we will have plenty of beds and still have a stable

enrollment.

Vice President of Finance and Planning Steve Bragg

Senator Bragg: We have been working very hard to prepare the groundwork for a lot of the initiatives that I will be bringing to you this year, initiatives in parking and transportation, initiatives in health and safety, in facilities and in the utilities area. We took leadership this past year to form a consortium with four other public universities to merge our demand for electricity and go out with a request for proposals. We are in negotiation with two electrical suppliers. Starting in January of this year, we will be in a deregulated electricity environment in Illinois, so we need to have a new contract for provisional electricity. We feel that we are in a good position to negotiate some very competitive rates. Hopefully, that will be done in the next couple of weeks and I will bring you those results.

Here's a quick overview of how the Stevenson-Turner project will proceed. The project is scheduled to take place over four academic year starting this coming summer. As soon as we finish commencement in 2007, we will start on Stevenson, spend two years on that building and then move over to Turner. While the State gives us the money for the bulk for these projects, it does not give us the money for all them. There are lots of activities associated with this construction that the State will not fund, like moving faculty, finding temporary locations for faculty and any programmatic improvements that we want to make. There has been a committee working on campus for the last year to finalize a budget plan for funding those self-help measures, which will be in place for the move right after commencement.

There is student representation on both of the committees. In fact, on the planning committee for the Student Recreation Center, they have already made one recommendation and forwarded it to the President and to the cabinet for the site of the center at the current site of the Walker-Dunn-Barton Halls. Those residence halls are scheduled to be demolished after commencement in 2008 and we will begin immediately constructing the new recreation center, which will also house our KNR program on campus.

With the respect to the housing plan, we do have a Master Plan for the physical development of the campus. That Master Plan was approved more than five years ago and it is time to revisit it. In that plan, there was a grandiose idea that the University would acquire the land between Main Street and Kingsley adjacent to the campus and build four new residence halls that would keep our beds at 7,000, while we demolished Walker-Dunn-Barton and the South Campus Complex. The land became much too valuable for the university to afford and we revised the plan to scale down existing residence halls from 7,500 to 5,000. But in the long-range planning is the probability that we will develop some new kind of housing at the Cardinal Court and Shelbourne sites. Ultimately, we will not go all the way down to 5,000 beds, but we don't know the exact number yet.

Senator Stewart: While you are looking for electrical suppliers, has any consideration been given to the feasibility of wind-generated electricity on campus?

Senator Bragg: Yes, there is a very active alternative energy group with which we are negotiating that includes John Deere Finance and some local providers to put up wind turbines on the farm in Lexington. We are working through the feasibility of selling that electricity out on the grid and as to what the financial arrangements would be.

Committee Chairpersons:

The internal committees elected committee chairpersons at their meetings this evening. The chairpersons are as follows. The Academic Affairs Committee elected Senator Paul Borg as Chairperson; the committee's

representative to the Academic Planning Committee will be Senator Margo Coleman. The Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee elected Senator Susan Kalter as Chairperson; Faculty Affairs elected Senator Robert Preston; Planning and Finance elected Senator Phil Parette and Rules elected Senator Dan Holland.

IBHE-FAC

Senator Crothers: Professor White is not here to comment on his IBHE-FAC Report. However, in reading the report, you will note that Professor White has been named the Chairperson of the IBHE-Faculty Advisory Council. To my knowledge, this is the first time that an ISU faculty member has served in that role. We will be very well represented by Professor White.

Advisory:

08.11.06.01 Powers and Responsibilities of Committees of the Academic Senate (Executive Committee)

Senator Crothers: Each fall, for new members of the Senate, we have distributed the “Powers and Responsibilities of the Committees of the Academic Senate”. One of the things that is very important for us to understand is that we are, according to the Constitution, the primary shared governance unit of the institution. The administration of the institution desires to help us in this role. Therefore, many of the committees now have ex-officio staff assigned to them out of the Provost’s Office. The Student Affairs Office will be assigning a few members shortly to facilitate the committees’ work. You need to feel confident drawing on their knowledge and resources. By contrast, we also have a strong obligation to respond in a timely and effective manner when people make requests of us. The administration has responded to requests for information during the last several years; I don’t know that that is true on every campus.

08.14.06.01 Internal Committee Functions, Per Blue Book, and Issues Pending (Executive Committee)

Senator Crothers: Also included in your packets is a statement about annual responsibilities and current issues pending. You should be getting in a separate packet a statement about the specific annual and current responsibilities for your committees. It is probable that additional things will be assigned to you over the year by the Executive Committee, but, again, there is already a list of formal expectations that each committee has every year.

Honorary Degree Recipient Recommendation (President Bowman)

Senator Crothers: We do have one formal piece of business before us today, which is from President Bowman. It is the responsibility of the Academic Senate to review and recommend endorsement or non-endorsement of honorary degree recipients. We do not have the right to decide, but we can make our opinions known regarding any honorary degree recipients that the University wishes to put forward.

President Bowman: The University will celebrate its 150th anniversary beginning in February of 2007 and at our Founder’s Day Ceremony, we have invited David McCullough to attend and provide a lecture. As part of the day’s activities, we would like to award him an Honorary Doctorate of Literature. The information is in your packets. He previously has been awarded 38 honorary doctorates. He has won two Pulitzer Prizes and really is an intellect of substantial proportion. Provost Presley and I both bring this name to you and seek your endorsement.

Senator Crothers: The President is asking for you to mark whether you endorse or do not endorse based on the materials provided to you. You do need to sign the document. Staff from the Senate Office will retrieve the documents and return them to the President. It has been the practice of the President to report back whether the candidate was or was not endorsed at a subsequent meeting, but that is at the President’s

discretion.

Communications

Senator Borg: I would like to welcome all of you, on behalf of the College of Fine Arts, to an exciting season of a variety of programs, concerts, art exhibits and theatre activities. The School of Theatre begins its season in late September. The School of Music has already begun a series of faculty concerts, which continue throughout the year. We have an exciting show of alumni in the art gallery at this time; it will end September 17.

Adjournment