

Academic Senate Minutes
Wednesday, September 13, 2006
7:00 P.M.
(Approved)

Call to Order

Senator Crothers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Senator Borg called the roll and declared a quorum.

[Attendance](#)

Approval of Minutes of August 30, 2006

Motion XXXVIII-6: By Senator Borg, seconded by Senator Riegler, to approve the Senate minutes of August 30, 2006

University Sesquicentennial Celebration

Carol Struck, University Advancement: I am here to share with you some of the things we are doing as a university for the Celebration of our Sesquicentennial Birthday of 150 years. In front of you, you have a packet. The top item is a letter from President Bowman; this was distributed before the semester started to every unit on campus I hope every one of you has seen this, but I anticipated that this may not be the case. I welcome you to share the information contained in the packet around the university as well call me if you have any questions.

On the second page, you will notice the Sesquicentennial Events and Activities; at the top of the page is our official logo for the 150th celebration designed by our own people here on campus. I update this list regularly because it changes pretty frequently. This is an update of activities from just a couple of days ago. This page also contains our university web site address. On the right side of the home page of the ISU web site is a column dedicated to the 150th celebration. The scheduled events are more detailed on the web site than that which is in your package. You can access information about each of the speakers, including their biographies and additional information about their publications. We are looking forward to adding to that list during the course of the year as well as creating additional events

Founders Day in February of 2007 and 2008 are the opening and closing dates of our celebration. We will slowly begin to unveil everything at the beginning of the celebration and you will start seeing and hearing more throughout the year. One of our guest speakers is David McCullough; you can currently find his book, *1776*, in book stores. You will also notice a change in how we conduct Founders Day. Many more people will be included, all the way down to the grade school kids at Metcalf. Indeed, the Lab Schools are celebrating 150 years as well. They were created at the same time as model schools at Illinois State University were created. Additionally, you will notice as you go through this packet, the Forensics Team was the first organized student group on campus, so they are celebrating 150 years in 2007. There will be many other celebrations taking place as well. We are hosting a large alumni event next spring at the Abraham Lincoln Museum in Springfield.

Throughout the year, please pay attention to the university web site; you will find many new activities listed

there as we continue through the year. Thank you for allowing me to attend this evening and share with you this information. Please share it with your colleagues. My e-mail address is in here so please don't hesitate to send me a message.

Chairperson's Remarks

Senator Crothers: We need to welcome new faculty members to the Senate. Senator James Vander der Laan, Language, Literature and Cultures is a fall replacement and Dagmar Budikova from Geography Geology has been elected to serve a three-year term. Pat Metcalf, formally of the Academic Senate, is joining us again for the fall semester. Senators Riegle and Alferink and I had the opportunity on Monday to meet for an extended time with the delegation from Thailand to share our shared governance structure and functions. It was a fascinating conversation. We had the opportunity to have dinner with them on Sunday evening and at the end of the evening, among other things, we received this engraved glass plaque as a gift.

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Senator Richards: On Monday, SGA rang the bell on the quad in remembrance of September 11th and read some reflective poems. We have our list serves up and running now and have updated the list of our senators, so messages should be going out in the upcoming weeks to our constituents. Tomorrow, nine of us are leaving for Washington D. C. for the American Student Government Association Conference, which will be the second annual conference and the second time we have attended.

Administrators' Remarks

President Al Bowman

President Bowman: I would like to talk briefly about the ten-day-enrollment report that was just distributed. There is a note about it on the web on the home page. Significant is that the ACT average composite for the freshman class hit a historic high; it's 23.9. Even more significant is that the freshman class included 125 students who have ACTs at 30 or above; a very impressive group. This was the largest applicant pool for the freshman class in our history at 12,400; that is a 12% increase over last year. The total applicant pool was over 16,000 when you include transfer applications and graduates app.

Enrollment of new students from under-represented groups is down slightly; but overall minority enrollment is up slightly from last year. We have mild concerns about the retention rate for minority students. The number for last year was 75; it has dropped into the high 60s. We will be looking at this closely over the course of the next couple of months. The retention rate for the campus is 84%; this is a very good number for a public university.

The Student Foundation on Saturday held a fund raiser and raised a couple of thousand dollars toward the endowment for the Olamide Adeyoye scholarship. We want to thank the students for getting involved in that project. Also, on Saturday our ISU Habitat for Humanity Chapter broke ground on its 12th house, which in west Bloomington, just west of Miller Park. A number of staff and students are involved in that project. Several faculty members from Schroeder Hall are also involved, Gary Klass from Politics and Government and Tom Gerschick from Sociology and Anthropology.

The Governor's office has approached the public university presidents in Illinois to talk about funding for public higher education. While ISU has fared well on the capitol side of the budget, we have not seen growth in the operating budgets. Budget Director Filan has had two conversations with the public university presidents and we are preparing a document that will summarize our priorities for the next fiscal year for his office.

I spent last weekend in Washington D. C., along with Rod Custer, working on some federal initiatives, but we also did some private fund raising. One of the things I enjoy in my work is I get a chance to meet our graduates and hear their stories. One particular graduate, who graduated in 1984 with a physics degree, took seven years to graduate because he literally worked his way through ISU and paid for the entire package on his own. He started a technology company some years ago and he has just sold the company for \$50 million. He is very interested in helping ISU in endowing a scholarship, among other things. He has already been a generous donor and I am sure he will do more in the future.

Senator Kalter: Do you have specific numbers for Native American student enrollment and can you report on any plans that the university is undertaking to recruit and retain those students?

President Bowman: There are 60 American Indian/Alaskan Native students currently enrolled. I don't have the new enrollment for this year, but it is a small number. Given our geographic location, it is not an audience that we are very effective in targeting.

Senator Adams: I think the number of new students is up significantly this year, but I don't know the reason why. I agree with your comment about our geographical location. We place a lot of emphasis on recruiting students in the Chicago-land area and I would assume that the largest population of American Indians would be in that area.

President Bowman: I think we have positioned ourselves to be a very strong competitor for that population. There are public universities around the state who have seen steady declines in their undergraduate enrollment. Given our location and the quality of the product, I don't see that as an issue for us.

Provost John Presley (Absent)

Vice President of Student Affairs Steve Adams

Senator Adams: Last spring, then Vice President Mamarchev shared with you some information about the significant increase in the use of Student Counseling Services by our students and the need for additional psychiatric care. This issue was also a topic of concern for the Budget Review Committee of Student Government, which makes recommendations on the use of student fees and student fee rates. The Budget Review Committee recommended that Student Affairs proceed with the hiring of a full-time psychiatrist as soon as funding could be identified. We promised the Budget Review Committee that we would examine current resources and develop a plan to move forward with filling this void.

Currently, we have a part-time psychiatrist who works for us at a 0.2 FTE; that is one day per week. A recent national survey of counseling center directors published by the International Association of Counseling Services shows that "the number of consultation hours performed by psychiatrists per week per 1,000 is 4.0". To meet this standard, ISU would need to provide 80 hours per week. Currently, ISU is providing 8 hours per week. The figure reported in the survey for 2005, the 4.0, is up from 2.1 consultation hours per week per 1000 students in 2004.

I am pleased to announce that we have received permission from President Bowman to hire a full-time psychiatrist. The position will be listed in national psychiatry journals, on professional psychiatry association web sites and on the ISU Human Services employment web site soon. It is our hope that we can attract a qualified candidate that has an understanding of the unique issues that affect college students, particularly

those meeting the academic profile that ISU has.

That position will likely begin July 1, 2007. Funding for the position is coming from a reallocation of resources within the Student Services budget. The psychiatrist will closely work with the staff in both Student Health Services and Student Counseling Services.

Senator Mallory: It sounds like the university is going to meet half of the standard hours. Are there any guidelines about the employment of psychologists, social workers or others with counseling backgrounds to extend the work of psychiatrists?

Senator Adams: In order to assist psychiatrists?

Senator Mallory: Typically those are extensive positions where by a psychiatrist might work with those folks to prescribe medications, but actually counseling sessions might occur with a nurse, social worker or psychologist.

Senator Adams: There are psychologists within the Student Counseling Center and those psychologists have been doing a bulk of the work that we have lacked by not having a full-time psychiatrist.

Senator Mallory: But it sounds like we are still below the standard.

Senator Adams: This is a start; this is moving from one day per week to 40 hours per week.

Senator Mallory: Are there standards that address the use of psychologists or health professionals in counseling services, besides psychiatrists?

Brent Paterson, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs: There are standards within the International Association of Counseling Services for the number of psychologists. I don't know those numbers off hand, but I will get those for Vice President Adams for next time. We just received our International Association of Counseling Services accreditation updates, so we are meeting those basic standards.

Senator Campbell: Because of the nature of a psychiatrist being a medical doctor and working very closely with the Student Counseling Center, I am wondering if we are moving more in the direction of having the Student Health Center and the Student Counseling Center functioning more as a team and possibly moving at some point toward being more under one umbrella instead of two separate units.

Senator Adams: It is a point that we have discussed extensively. They are in the same building; they do collaborate efforts. Dr. Colbs and Dr. Ericson work very closely together, so I think that we are looking at that type of arrangement for the future.

Senator Alferink: Most psychiatric medications are not prescribed by psychiatrists, but by others, including many primary care physicians. Has there been some thought given to the coordination of services in case the search is not as successful as we might hope?

Senator Adams: I think we are very determined to do all we can to attract a full-time psychiatrist. If the occasion presents itself that we are finding that the pool is not large enough, then we would go in any direction that we could, with a lot of recommendations from the campus, as well as from consulting firms across the country.

Senator Kalter: Are there provisions right now for students to be referred off campus and be covered by their insurance?

Brent Paterson, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs: We do work very closely with psychiatrists in the community who can meet students' needs beyond what we can meet. The student health insurance does have some provisions for mental health. It is also a supplementary insurance, which means that if the parents' insurance would cover part of an off-campus referral, then student health insurance would cover the remainder of that. If there is no other insurance, then it becomes the first payer in those types of cases.

· *Vice President of Finance and Planning Steve Bragg*

Senator Bragg: We are continuing negotiations with two electrical providers. I reported to you earlier this year that we have to come up with a new electrical contract starting in January as the State deregulates the electrical environment. We continue negotiations and we thought that we might see a small decrease in prices before the reverse auction started in September. That did not occur, so we did not reach a strike price with either of the two companies with which we are negotiating. Prices are still hovering at about 20% higher than our current contract. We are hoping, though, that once we get through this reverse auction process in September, prices will take a bit of a dip and we will be able to strike price. I will share that with you when that happens.

Senator Crothers: Wasn't the point of deregulation to save us money as consumers?

Senator Bragg: Yes, one of the rationales behind deregulation was to give consumers more choice because it would encourage more providers into the marketplace. There has been debate about whether that is going to happen in the short run versus the long run.

Committee Reports

· *Academic Affairs Committee*

Senator Borg: The committee met this evening and we began talking about the items on our agenda. We are not as burdened as we were last year, so we have a little time to discuss and consider some things that were presented to us. We will be reporting back as we get to the items.

· *Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee*

Senator Kalter: We met tonight and started discussing our charges for the year and the Chair gave herself and the committee several short-term tasks.

· *Faculty Affairs Committee*

Senator Preston: We had basically an organizational meeting discussing the topics to be considered.

· *Planning and Finance Committee*

Senator Parette: Our committee met and this was an orientation for the many new members on the committee. Senator Crothers and Vice President Bragg provided a historical context for the committee. We have three primary charges and we hope in the weeks ahead to tackle our first charge, a review of the unit responses to the 2006 Institutional Goals and Priorities Report. Vice President Bragg also provided us with an overview of General Revenue and Restricted Purpose Funds. We hope throughout the academic year to begin a series of discussions on a process regarding long-term financial planning for the institution.

Rules Committee

Senator Holland: We got together tonight and were almost giddy about how short our list is. We jumped right in and made significant progress on two of our charges and I have lots of questions I have to go out and ask people. We will get back to you.

IBHE-FAC Report

Professor Curt White: I hope that you have had a chance to read the two reports that I sent to you concerning the June meeting at Chicago State University and the meeting last week at Lewis and Clark Community College in Alton. I am chairing the committee for the year, so I have the pleasure and privilege of not only traveling to Alton for Faculty Advisory Council meetings, but to places like Grayslake for IBHE meetings.

The Council has organized itself this year around papers, fairly short papers. My position, in running for Chair, was that the Council did not make sufficient use of the opportunity for the Chair to address both the Board and the media. Each of my presentations will be more or less formal reports from the Council.

At this point, we are working on four position papers. The first is a teacher preparation statement that is in draft form already and that I hope to present at the October meeting. We have been asked to comment on textbook rental about which legislation has an interest. We are also working on issues of student debt and affordability as well as a "quality of life" statement, which we have with great urgency told Judy Irwin we would like the Board to work on with us.

The Board is in the middle of a strategic planning process. I think that it is actually a good time for them to do this. I will be meeting with Judy Irwin, the Executive Director of the Board, and representatives from the major teachers' unions in the State on Friday to talk more about this. The Board, in my opinion, needs to figure out how it can do something that actually matters. It has become painfully clear, not only to the Board, but to members of the legislature, that work on the higher ed budget, or for that matter, the state budget, really has very little to do with them anymore. The Board is basically told how much to ask for by the Governor's Office, so that budgeting process, which I think used to be a weighty matter for them, is now actually insignificant. So we are trying to have a conversation with the Board that leads them in the direction of being a more ambitious advocate for higher education in the State. I will let you know if we have any success with that.

Finally, though this has nothing to do with FAC, I thought you would be interested in knowing, I have the privilege of being the College of Arts and Sciences' lecturer for the fall semester. I am telling you this because Kim Pereira is going to be directing some ISU students in a performance from a chapter of a novel that I wrote some years ago called, "Requiem". The performance is on October 23rd, I believe at 7:30 in the Circus Room. I would like to invite you all to come and see what Kim can do with my work.

Senator Crothers: I think it's the case that no Illinois State University person has ever before chaired this council. So congratulations; it is a unique representation for us. Also, I know the university had to prepare a report on textbook rentals a number of years ago, which Dr. Paterson worked on.

Professor White: We have already done a report explaining why it is a bad idea. We gave that to them last year. Frankly, the Board's arm is being twisted a little by the legislature, which has mandated a report by January 15th. All we are going to do is try to help the Board figure out a nice way to say "no".

Senator Crothers: I believe that that was the intent of Dr. Paterson's report, with some numbers to back it up, so you might at least have that conversation with him.

Professor Wilkinson: With the shift in financial support for public universities towards more of a tuition-based support rather from Springfield, do you think that this is one reason for the decline of the influence of the IBHE? Will the university become more autonomous and self-determining as the proportion of the revenue from the State declines and tuition increases?

Professor White: I think it's a matter of changes in the political culture and the dominance of the three democratic figures in budget making. They have made it really clear that it is not going to be a bottom-up process. They have taken considerable political flack over the treatment that they have given to universities and to faculty pension plans. At this point, it seems to me that they are saying, 'we won't do those things again' or 'it won't get worse', but I don't think that has changed the political culture very much.

President Bowman: I think Curt is exactly right. The Governor's Office and their interactions with BHE are just different than they have been in the past. I think that that is more of a reflection of how Governor Blagojevich governs. Senator Bragg worked at the IBHE at one time, so he is a lot closer to it than I am. One of the things that I have seen is that the staff at BHE is less effective than they were 10 or 20 years ago. Some of the treatment that they have received from the Governor's Office and the General Assembly is a reflection of that perception.

Senator Bragg: I would agree with both Professor White and President Bowman. In many respects, what you see in Illinois is the result of trends around the country over the last 10 to 20 years, where strong coordinating boards' responsibilities and powers have been usurped by primarily the executive offices and, in some cases, the General Assembly as well. As resources become tight, governors and budget directors want to maintain more control over the allocation of resources. In Illinois, the higher education budget is between \$2 and \$3 billion dollars, so they want more influence over how those monies are allocated.

With respect to controlling our own destiny, the irony in this is that as our state revenue declines as a proportion of our total budget, the regulatory environment is actually increasing. We are laboring under more restrictions and regulations. The procurement code is probably the chief example of that in that it actually prohibits us and provides negative incentives for us to behave like a private institution or private business. You often hear that universities ought to be run like a business and yet the increasing regulatory environment prevents us from doing that.

President Bowman: I would add that ISU and other universities are part of the problem because we regularly go around the IBHE and try to pitch projects to members of the General Assembly and the Governor's Office. I suppose one of the dangers of having a weak BHE is that the spoils, if you will, will go to those with influence and that is not good for the State.

Advisory Items:

08.22.06.01 *Nomination Process for Distinguished Professor*

08.31.06.01 *University Advancement News*

08.31.06.02 *2006 SECA Campaign*

09.08.06.01 *University Service Awards – Call for Nominations*

Senator Crothers: These advisory items require no action by the Senate. You have in front of you a memo detailing the nomination process for Distinguished Professors. We are fortunate to have at least one, if not several, on this body.

You have also a memo that I received from University Advancement just letting you know some of the details of what is going on. The only question that emerged out of this memo, actually a mild controversy emerged, was a question about whether people were going to be required to purchase 150th Anniversary stationery. To my knowledge, the answer is no.

You also have the annual message from President Bowman regarding the SECA Campaign. I have been told by Maureen Peele, one of the co-coordinators, that she is going to hold me personally accountable for getting the faculty percentage up, so I will probably be hassling you.

Finally, you have a memo from Jan Shane regarding the University Service Awards' call for nominations for the various awards the university offers. These memos are for your promulgation.

Adjournment