

**Academic Senate Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 6, 2006**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
*(Approved)*

*Call to Order*

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

*Roll Call*

Senator Borg called the roll and declared a quorum.

*Attendance & Motions*

*Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2006*

**Motion XXXVIII-23:** By Senator Ward, seconded by Senator Anders, to approve the Senate Minutes of November 8, 2006. Dean Curtis requested two editorial changes to her comments: to remove the word “would”, which was followed immediately by “would” and changing “IBHE” to “ISBE”. The minutes, as amended, were unanimously approved

*Chairperson's Remarks*

**Senator Crothers:** We welcome back Martha Burk as the Civil Service Representative. Former Senator Curt White read the IBHE-FAC report, discussed at the last Senate meeting, to the Illinois Board of Higher Education yesterday. It initiated vigorous conversation and will most likely generate larger conversations throughout the state. Mary Campbell has volunteered to be the continuing Senate representative on the *Educating Illinois* Steering Committee.

*Student Body President's Remarks*

**Senator Richards:** Senator Koch has resigned and Allison Graham will replace her. This will be the last meeting for Senators Halfar and Venneman. Senator Halfar will be going to study abroad in Italy and Senator Venneman will be taking a course during our Wednesday meeting time. Senator Horstein has taken over as secretary for us. We intended on having a presentation from the IBHE Student Advisory Council meeting, which occurred last weekend; however, due to the weather, we were unable to attend.

*Administrators' Remarks*

*President Al Bowman*

**President Bowman:** The planning for the sesquicentennial continues to move forward. To date, we have raised over \$100,000 for the celebration. I had a one-on-one meeting with Lane today and part of conversation focused on what has happened at ISU over the last ten years, but even this last semester has been particularly strong. The Stevenson-Turner renovation money was released in August. The governor pledged his support for our arts project. We enrolled the strongest freshman class in our history. The endowment now stands at just over \$74 million. Just eight years ago, it was under \$7 million. We are working on the second round of mid-year raises and hopefully in a couple of years we will get our salaries up to the median of our peers and then move beyond that. We launched a new and exciting partnership with the Foundation with their limited liability corporation, which will allow us to move forward with the former Eagle property on Main St. and other projects down the road. The corporation gives us the kind of flexibility that we have not had in the past.

· ***Provost John Presley***

**Provost Presley:** I have almost completed the review of the sabbatical requests. On March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, the Academic Affairs Budget Request Hearings are scheduled. On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Faculty Excellence Initiative Committee, which works through the Provost's Office, is going to have Dr. Mark Taylor from the University of Arkansas here to do two workshops. One is called, "Generation Next Comes to College" and the other, "Post-Modern Pedagogy". The search for a Dean of the College of Business has begun. The committee is formed and has met once. The advertisement for the position will be in the next issue of *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The deans, this morning, were given information about the mid-year raise process and they have probably already contacted DFSCs and SFSCs. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, they will need to send their recommendations to me. The faculty will learn the results of that process on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the earliest.

Last year, we sent two students from ISU to the Washington Center, which provides internships and connections in Washington, D.C. As an indicator of the impact that these students made at that leadership seminar, the Washington Center has now dedicated two scholarships, each worth \$5,000, for program costs, and two scholarships, each worth \$1,000, for housing costs to be given to students at ISU.

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

**Senator Adams:** The power outage on Sunday was certainly a recipe for disaster. At about 2:00 p.m., the residence halls, with the exception of Watterson, all went down. The dining centers, again, with the exception of Watterson, were all down and a number of classroom buildings were down as well. The heat was still on, but the lights were not. Fortunately, it occurred in the afternoon and I want to certainly compliment those in Student Affairs and the University Housing Office, as well as Campus Dining, for taking care of the situation in a very professional and expert manner. The Housing and Dining staff brought pizza, pop and water in to take care of those students who were impacted on the south campus. We faced evacuation of at least three residence halls, which would have impacted 800 students. The lights were back on at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Interviews are scheduled for this week, tomorrow and Friday, and for next week, Sunday and Monday, for the two finalists in the search for the full-time staff psychiatrist. Dr. James Terfruchte and Dr. Marissa Serrato have been invited to campus. Dr. Terfruchte is currently a Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas; he is also in private practice in child and adolescent psychiatry. He will be on campus tomorrow and Friday. Dr. Serrato, who is currently serving a psychiatry fellowship in College Mental Health at Ohio State University, will interview Sunday and Monday. We hope to have a full-time psychiatrist on staff by July 1, 2007.

The Student Involvement Center will be located in the Bone Student Center on the second floor in the Prairie Room. Construction is expected to begin in January of 2007. The SGA and other student organization offices will be located in the Student Involvement Center upon completion, which, hopefully, will be this spring.

· ***Vice President for Finance and Planning Steve Bragg***

**Vice President Bragg:** Ironically, the electrical outage on Sunday had nothing to do with the weather. It had everything to do with aging infrastructure. A major switch blew a fuse and melted all of the wires in the heating plant. It really only affected four buildings, but in order to replace that switch, our electricians shut

down the radial to much of the campus. The President made the wise decision that, in the interest of safety, with the late developing snow storm, we should shut down the campus on Friday. Facilities did come to work, however. The fact that we were up and running on Monday was truly a remarkable task. One of the consequences of the weather, however, is that we are not going to be able to open our new parking lot at Traders Circle at the beginning of the second semester. The snowstorm prevented us from placing the rest of the curbing and conduit. We will open it early in the next semester.

### *Committee Reports*

#### *Academic Affairs Committee*

**Senator Borg:** The Academic Affairs Committee continues to look at the possibility that we adopt a plus/minus grading system on campus. We have sent a memo to all college councils/leadership teams and curriculum committees, as well as the Student Government. I encourage you to encourage your local group to provide input to me. A second issue that has been brought to our attention concerns recruitment, retention and general campus climate for minority students, especially Native American minority students. It is an issue that transcends our committee efforts and we are trying to assess what we can contribute to a more general discussion of that.

#### *Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee*

**Senator Kalter:** We met with Steve Adams and Brent Paterson this evening and had a very thorough briefing on a psychiatrist hiring and issues around Student Health Services and Student Counseling Services. We are continuing to work on the presidential commentary.

#### *Faculty Affairs Committee*

**Senator Preston:** We are in the final stages of producing a short summary on the child care issue. The summary and a collection of reports will be presented to the Senate on the issue early next semester; we would like to present this as a Sense of the Senate Resolution.

#### *Planning and Finance Committee*

**Senator Riegler:** We discussed the possibility of crafting some kind of resolution regarding the state of funding in higher education. That issue was forwarded to us by the Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee. We discussed our annual ISU Priorities Funding Report. The third issue that we discussed was methods of investigating alternative, long-range funding models.

#### *Rules Committee*

**Senator Holland:** We would like to thank everybody who gave us a response about our Faculty Responsibilities to Students document. We have looked at the comments and are reasonably content with the document. We hope to have it to you as an Information Item next time.

### *Advisory Item:*

#### *11.11.06.01 Campus Dining Plan for 2007-08 - Draft (Steve Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs)*

**Senator Crothers:** I brought this to you because last year the draft that came through the process was quite controversial and left a lot of concerns and questions. I thought that this Senate deserved a follow up on what had changed in the report. If there are any continuing concerns, this is an opportunity to make those known.

**Senator Adams:** I am glad that it went back to the way it used to be as opposed to some of the changes that were suggested initially. I think that the carryout option was a major item of controversy, as well as closing

many of the Subway locations. I can say that those issues have been addressed. Students will receive refunds on any money that is left at the end. We feel confident that the students have had a voice in this. We had an open forum less than a month ago. Tom Potts, the President of ARH, is conducting a survey via I-Campus Portal, which will be out tomorrow. We may get more information from students, but we feel that we have a plan on the table that is very workable and one that will be exciting to see as the dining centers are renovated. One additional item is that Linkin's Dining Center on west campus will close down as of the end of this semester and we will begin our renovation of that. An alternate buffet-style dining location will be Horton Field House for the balance of the academic year and then we expect to have it up and running by the next academic year.

***Communications:***

***12.05.06.01 University Center for Learning Assistance Information***

**Senator Crothers:** You have a communication from the University Center for Learning Assistance. This is a list of services that UCLS provides.

***CFA Announcement***

**Senator Borg:** I would like to remind everyone that there is a series of dance concerts this weekend in the CPA theatre. The Graduate Student Biennial is still currently being shown at the University Galleries. The Madrigal will continue this weekend and the following weekend.

***University Club Announcement***

**Senator Preston:** The University Club is having its annual scholarship presentation ceremony; ten scholarships will be presented on Friday starting at 4:00 p.m. in the Faculty-Staff Commons.

***Adjournment***