Faculty Caucus Minutes Wednesday, May 7, 2008 (Approved)

Call to Order

Senator Holland called the Faculty Caucus to order immediately following the Academic Senate meeting.

Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2008

Motion: By Senator Borg, seconded by Senator Solberg, to approve the Faculty Caucus Minutes of April 23, 2008. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Action Items:

Election of Campus Communication Committee Academic Senate Faculty Representative (Term: 2008-10) Senator Holland: The election to the Campus Communications Committee was brought before the Faculty Caucus at the last meeting. However, at that time, there were no volunteers. This is a fairly interesting committee. Members compose a document, which will be presented at each Board of Trustees meeting, basically giving the faculty and staff perspective of life at Illinois State University. Do we have any volunteers for this committee?

Senator Borg: My term has just ended on this committee. Unfortunately, my class schedule prohibits me from regularly attending the Board meetings. I can tell you that it is an interesting engagement with people that you don't ordinarily see. I served many years ago on the predecessor to this, the Advisory Committee for the Board of Regents. It is important that the Board see that there is both engagement and advice from the campus community. I would volunteer for it, but I cannot for the next term.

Senator Fazel: When does the committee meet?

Senator Holland: The committee meets usually once or twice before the Board meeting. It is typically about a half-hour meeting to get ideas for the letter. Then we meet again to approve the letter.

Senator Kalter: It's usually Thursday or Friday before the Board meeting and then a 1:30 p.m. meeting on Monday because that is when the President is able to attend.

Senator Holland: As a member of the committee, you get to go to each Board of Trustees meeting and the pre-meeting, which is a discussion hour before the Board of Trustees meeting sponsored by the Campus Communications Committee. The Board of Trustees meetings are on Fridays, four times a year.

Senator Fazel: I will volunteer.

Motion: By Senator Holland, seconded by Senator Kalter, to acclaim Senator Fazel to the Campus Communications Committee for the term of 2008-10 as an Academic Senate Faculty Representative. The motion was unanimously approved.

Election of Council for Teacher Education Academic Senate Faculty Representative (Term: 2008-09)
Senator Holland: We need a Senate faculty representative for the Council for Teacher Education. This is a very important committee for the Senate as a whole. We do have a member, Senator Conant, who served in that capacity last year and is willing to serve in that capacity again next year.

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Motion: By Senator Borg, seconded by Senator Stewart, to elect Senator Conant as the Academic Senate faculty representative on the Council for Teacher Education for the 2008-09 academic year. The motion was unanimously approved.

Selection of Faculty Liaisons

Senator Holland: The goal of the faculty liaison is to give a brief overview of what has gone on in the Senate that your constituents will find particularly interesting before the full minutes of the meeting are out. You would then just send those brief overviews by e-mail to your faculty colleagues. (You may contact your college office for a list of e-mail addresses.)

The following individuals were selected as faculty liaisons to each college:

College of Arts and Sciences

Senator Holland (Sciences)
Senator Gudding (Humanities)
Senator Wang (Social Sciences)

College of Applied Sciences and Technology: Senator Waterstraat

Milner Library: Senator Lonbom

Mennonite College of Nursing: Senator Mallory

College of Education: Senator Thompson

College of Business: Senator Solberg

College of Fine Arts: Senator Stewart

Adjournment

Motion: By Senator Stewart to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

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