

Executive Committee Minutes
October 2, 2000
(Approved)

Chairperson Curt White called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Khalid Razaki, Curt White, Cori Brown, Lane Crothers, John Walker, Fred Noyes, Patricia Meckstroth, Al Goldfarb

Excused Absences: Matt Goodwin, Charlie Biondollilo, President Boschini

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of September 18, 2000

Motion XXXII-26: by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Brown, to approve the minutes of September 18, 2000. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Communications (oral):

- 09.26.00.01 From Norma Honn: President absent from Executive Committee meeting of October 2, 2000 and Senate meeting of October 11, 2000.
- 09.27.00.01 From Gary McGinnis: Request for nominees for the Honorary Degree Committee (one student senator, one faculty senator and one member from SGA). (To Rules Committee)
- 09.27.00.02 From President Boschini: Regarding Honorary Degree Recipient
- 10.02.00.01 From Georgia Bennett: Distinguished Professor Lecture
- 10.02.00.02 From Sally Pancrazio: Replacement on Council for Teacher Education (To Rules Committee). Dr. Timothy Longfellow will replace Steve Goodwin as the College of Business Dean's Representative on the Council for Teacher Education.

Communications (distributed):

- 09.29.00.01 From Kenton Machina, Council on General Education: Constitution Exam Requirement. A motion was unanimously approved by the Council on General Education regarding the Constitution Exam requirement. Completion of any one of the four courses in the middle core - Individuals and Civic Life - should fulfill the Constitution Exam requirement. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Academic Affairs Committee.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting 10/11/00 at 7:00 P.M.

Committee Reports

IBHE-FAC Report (Senator Crothers)

Action Items:

- Election of Senate Student Representative to Executive Committee (Rules Committee)
- Election of Student Representative to Council for Teacher Education (Rules Committee)
- Governance Report (Rules Committee)

Communications:

Adjournment

Motion XXXII-27: By Senator Noyes, second by Senator Razaki, to approve the agenda. The agenda was

unanimously approved.

Discussion:

Governance Structure

The Executive Committee expressed its views on the proposed restructuring of shared governance at ISU. Some members felt that the Senate functioned effectively as governance body, that it provided a good system of checks and balances except for the groups that are not represented on the Senate. Another suggestion was to add representation to the current Senate so that all constituencies are represented. Other members expressed a desire for a faculty Senate. One idea was to have the faculty caucus be formalized as a body that considers all faculty issues within the Senate. The Faculty Affairs Committee would essentially become the faculty caucus. Something similar might be able to done with the Student Affairs Committee as a student caucus with liaisons moving between the Senate and the SGA. If the report on shared governance is not approved by the Senate, the Rules Committee could decide to integrate some of the elements in the report into the current governance structure.

Faculty Board Member Update

Senator White: I met with President Boschini and the chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Sulaski, on Thursday about the consensus of the Senate faculty caucus to have a faculty member on the Board of Trustees. Both President Boschini and Mr. Sulaski did not support this point of view. I have asked President Boschini to articulate his reasons for not wanting to support this initiative at the next Senate meeting that he attends. A second decision of the faculty caucus was to ask the Faculty Affairs Committee to formulate a petition for this cause, which will be addressed to the legislature. Part three of the faculty caucus' decision was to survey other universities about where they stand on the issue of faculty members on Boards of Trustees. I did contact one of the people at U of I regarding their quest. However, their movement is not for a faculty member on the Board; all they want is an opportunity to communicate to the Board. I have not been able to reach the chair of the faculty senate at Northern.

Communicating Senate Issues to Faculty

Senator White: A number of Senate members have been communicating issues discussed in the Senate to their colleagues in their respective colleges. Cynthia submitted an idea that we try to formalize those lines of communication. We could have college reps caucus and have someone designated as a liaison to meet with them to communicate Senate issues. We would have one Senate member who would, for that year, be the official communicator.

Senator Noyes: Why don't we have one document that would be distributed in order to have a consistent report?

Senator Goldfarb: Suggested adding reports from each college to the web for referencing.

Senator Walker: Added that he would like to have Senate members included in some of the college bodies such as on the College Council for Fine Arts and to have more interaction with the deans. The deans could be using the senators more to create change.

Senator Meckstroth: Stated that she felt fortunate as a college rep, and also as a Senate member, to be able to bring Senate issues before the college and to the dean personally. She added that she did not want to get away from that and only communicate through the web.

Senator White: Stated that he would try to outline a proposal to try to ensure communication with the colleges. He asked Senator Walker to send him an email with his suggestions.

Motion XXXII-28: To adjourn was approved unanimously by standing vote.