

Executive Committee Minutes
October 30, 2000
(Approved)

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

Present: Khalid Razaki, Curt White, John Walker, Patricia Meckstroth, Al Goldfarb, Matt Goodwin, Paul Peterson, Charlie Biondollilo

Excused Absences: Fred Noyes, President Boschini, Cori Brown, Lane Crothers

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of October 16, 2000

Motion XXXII-43: by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Walker, to approve the minutes of October 16, 2000. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Communications (oral):

- 10.18.00.01 From Sharon Stanford: Senate Representation (College Apportionment)
- 10.25.00.01 From Norma Honn: President Boschini absent from Senate meeting of November 8, 2000
- 10.26.00.01 From Audli Yeakel, University Testing Office: Constitution Exam Revision Update
- 10.30.00.01 From Jim Reid: Suggested Revisions for Senate Liaisons Language: Senator Reid suggested that the language regarding college liaisons from the Senate be modified to read *liaisons* instead of *liaison*. Senator Goldfarb suggested that the language be changed to designate *at least one liaison*. Additionally, Senator Reid suggested the change from "respective colleges" to "respective college *faculty*." The Executive Committee agreed with Senator Goldfarb's suggestion and Senator Reid's addition of the word "faculty".
- 10.30.00.02 From Lucia Cordell Getsi: State-Funded Benefits. Ms. Getsi, as well as other members of the English Department, forwarded a suggestion that state-funded benefits be extended to domestic partners of ISU employees and asked the Academic Senate to look into this issue. Senator Goldfarb stated that benefits are legislatively controlled and suggested that Steve Bragg might be able to provide some information. The correspondence will be forwarded to the Faculty Affairs Committee.
- 10.30.00.03 From Steve Landau: Message re: Senator Len Schmaltz. Senator Len Schmaltz passed away on the morning of Monday, October 30, 2000. Memorial services will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. A local memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.
- 10.30.00.04 Faculty Ethics and Grievance Issue
- 10.30.00.05 From President Boschini: Proposed University Violence Policy (To Faculty Affairs and Student Affairs Committees).

Communications (distributed):

- 10.25.00.03 From Al Goldfarb: School Designation for Department of Social Work Proposal (To Administrative Affairs and Budget Committees)

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting 11/8/00 at 7:00 P.M.

Committee Reports

IBHE-FAC Report (Senator White)

Action Items:

- 09.29.00.01 Proposal Regarding Constitution Exam (Academic Affairs Committee)

03.17.00.02 Graduate School Bylaws Revisions (Rules Committee)

10.19.00.01A Senate Liaisons to Colleges (Executive Committee)

Election of Student Representatives to Dean of College of Education Search Committee (SGA President)

Information Items:

05.10.00.03 Entertainment Committee Constitution Change (Rules Committee)

07.25.00.02 Course Withdrawal Deadlines (Academic Affairs Committee)

10.12.00.01 Revised List of University Sanctioned Events for Equitable Treatment of Students Policy) (Student Affairs and Academic Affairs Committees)

Communications:

Educating Illinois: Distinctiveness and Excellence Report - Revised (Provost Goldfarb)

Communication Regarding Senator Len Schmaltz

Adjournment

Motion XXXII-44: By Senator Razaki, seconded by Senator Goodwin. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Discussion:

Advertising Policy

Senator White: Brought forward the issue of advertising by the Athletic Department for a private company. Senator White will discuss this issue with President Boschini. Senator Goldfarb stated that he would also bring the advertising issue to the attention of the Vice Presidents at their next meeting.

IBHE Meeting

Senator Crothers is not able to attend the next IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee meeting. Senator White will attend this meeting in his place.

Distinctive and Excellence Report

Senator Goldfarb: Stated that since all recommendations in the Distinctiveness and Excellence Report will have to be reviewed, it would be more appropriate to have a Sense of the Senate Resolution rather than have the report on the agenda as an information item. The Executive Committee agreed with this recommendation.

Senator Walker: The Distinctiveness and Excellence Report indicates that there will be internal reallocation in order to provide resources for the various proposals within the report. Senator Walker asked if there was a policy or procedure for making the decisions about reallocations. Does the Senate have any role in this?

Senator White: The reallocations may not necessarily involve academic programs. When we went through the PQP, most of the attention was focused on academic programming. In the Distinctiveness and Excellence Report, there was little focus on eliminating academic programs. A proposal to eliminate a program would originate in the department or college and would have to go through the University Curriculum Committee. The Academic Planning Committee would also be involved in identifying programs that need to be eliminated and there is an academic program Disestablishment Policy as well.

Senator Walker: Could a decision to eliminate an academic program originate in the President's office?

Senator Goldfarb: It is unlikely that it would start at the President's level. The President would still have to follow the Disestablishment Policy and could not unilaterally eliminate a program without going through the process.

Senator White: Also, proposals for eliminating academic programs that are placed on the Senate's Consent Agenda on the web site give Senate members opportunities to bring these proposals before the full Senate for discussion.

Senator Walker: I am talking about positions being eliminated. It happened last year when we eliminated the television production. That is something that could happen at the academic level and in large ways using the Distinctiveness and Excellence Report as the emphasis for that.

Senator Goldfarb: In terms of eliminating academic units, the Disestablishment Policy controls that process. In terms of individuals, like those involved with the television production program, there are units for which administration is ultimately responsible. I brought this issue before the Senate and I still felt that the elimination of the program was the thing we had to do.

Motion XXXII-45: To adjourn was approved unanimously by standing vote.