

Executive Committee Minutes
November 13, 2000
(Approved)

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

Present: Khalid Razaki, Curt White, Patricia Meckstroth, Al Goldfarb, Matt Goodwin, Paul Peterson, Charlie Biondollilo, Cori Brown, Lane Crothers, Fred Noyes

Excused Absences: President Boschini, John Walker

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of October 30, 2000

Motion XXXII-51: by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Crothers, to approve the minutes of October 30, 2000. Senator Crothers was listed as present in the minutes of October 30, 2000. As he was absent from the meeting, the minutes will be changed accordingly. With this revision, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Communications (oral):

10.31.00.03 From Al Goldfarb: Request for Executive Session Regarding Selection of Distinguished Professors

Communications (distributed):

10.31.00.01 From Zygmunt Kowalski, Student Affairs Committee Chairperson: Referral of Student Health Concerns Committee Proposal (To Student Government Association). The recommendation from the Student Affairs Committee was that the Student Government Association form a Student Health Concerns Committee. The members of Student Affairs did not feel that they had the resources to maintain such a committee.

11.07.00.01 From Scott Kording: SGA Response to Shared Governance Proposal (To Rules Committee)

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting 11/29/00 at 7:00 P.M.

Information Item:

10.25.00.03 Request from Department of Social Work for Designation as a School (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committees)

Action Items:

Election of Nominees to the Honorary Degree Committee (Rules Committee)

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

05.10.00.03A Entertainment Committee Constitution Change (Rules Committee)

05.10.00.03A Course Withdrawal Deadlines (Academic Affairs Committee)

Communications:

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

Adjournment

Faculty Caucus RE: Faculty Member on BOT and Senate Liaison Appointments

Senator White: Senate liaisons to each college will be appointed informally at the faculty caucus on November 29. Their function is to keep the faculty within their college informed of Senate issues and actions.

Motion XXXII-52: by Senator Noyes, second by Senator Brown, to approve the agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Discussion:

Withdrawal Policy

Senator Brown: Asked if there had been any feedback regarding the course withdrawal proposal before the Senate.

Senator Meckstroth: Sally Pyne has sent out a message on the advisors' list serve about this issue and I have received a great number of emails in response. The tenor of the advisors is in favor of the extended deadline of eight weeks for course withdrawals. I also talked with Eric Thomas about talking with deans and department chairs and I have not yet received any response from that group.

Capital Campaign

Senator Razaki: Reported at the last Foundation Board meeting that the majority of the Academic Senate was very supportive of the Capital Campaign. Senator Razaki added that the campaign was going very well.

Textbook Subsidization

Senator Biondollilo: I received information about a new bill that came out of the student government association at U of I seeking to have the taxes on textbooks subsidized by the government. At this point, they are seeking the support of private schools. The Student Government Association is looking at what other universities are doing and how they are supporting this. Senator Biondollilo asked if private schools could get subsidization for textbooks in this regard.

Senator Crothers: There is a good possibility that that could occur.

Senator Razaki: There was a proposal at one time by the SGA to coordinate buying back and reselling textbooks. Senator Razaki suggested that the SGA move forward on that endeavor.

Senator Biondollilo: Asked where the funds would come from to fund such a project.

Senator Goldfarb: Suggested talking to Dr. Mamarchev, Vice President of Student Affairs, about this issue.

Adjournment

Motion XXXII-53: By Senator Brown, seconded by Senator Goodwin, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved by a standing vote.