

**Executive Committee Minutes**  
**February 26, 2001**  
**(Approved)**

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

Present: Khalid Razaki, Curt White, Patricia Meckstroth, Cori Brown, Fred Noyes, Lane Crothers, Charlie Biondollilo, John Walker, Betty Chapman

Excused Absence: President Boschini, Al Goldfarb, Paul Peterson

***Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of February 12, 2001***

**Motion XXXII-98:** by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Noyes, to approve the minutes of February 12, 2001. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

***Communications (Oral):***

- 02.14.01.01 From Betty Chapman: University Appeals Committee Deadlines
- 02.19.01.02 From Randy Winter: Nomination for Faculty Ethics and Grievance Committee: Bryon Wiegand (To Rules Committee Chairperson)
- 02.19.01.03 From Jeri Ryburn: Program Proposal for Professional Publishing and the Literary Arts Sequence (To Consent Agenda on Senate Web Site)
- 02.19.01.04 From Jeri Ryburn: Program Proposal for Publishing Course in above sequence: ENG 354 - Literary Publishing in Theory and Practice (To Consent Agenda on Senate Web Site)
- 02.19.01.06 From Robert Dean, Director of Laboratory Schools: Annual Report for Laboratory Schools
- 02.21.01.01 From Bill Lesch: Resignation as Chairperson of Faculty Ethics and Grievance Committee. Senator White proposed that he talk to the members of the Faculty Ethics and Grievance Committee and then appoint a new chairperson of that committee, which is within the authority given to the Senate Chairperson by the Senate bylaws. Senator Razaki suggested discussing the situation with the committee and having the committee elect its own chairperson. Senator Brown proposed forming a search committee composed of several members of the FEGC and members of the Senate and the Executive Committee. Executive Committee members wanted to ensure that the hearing committee is fair and impartial. The majority opinion of the Executive Committee was that Senator White should discuss with the FEGC the need for a new chairperson and ask the committee to elect a chairperson. Senator White would also give the committee the option of having him appoint the new chairperson.
- 02.22.01.01 Ready2Net Webcast Programs - Satellite Broadcast Programs for Teacher Education
- 02.22.01.02 GLT Request for Volunteers for Fund Drive. Fund Drive is March 30 - April 7, 2001.
- 02.22.01.03 From Betty Chapman: Request to place Academic Plan on Senate Agenda of April 18, 2001.

***Communications (Distributed):***

- 02.14.01.02 From Al Goldfarb: Information Update for Faculty Members Appealing Negative Tenure/Promotion Recommendations. Senator Walker stated that this would be different next year because the ASPT appeals process is different. He wanted to ensure that the information sheet given to those appealing would be updated. Betty Chapman assured him that that would be done.
- 02.19.01.05 From Sharon Stanford: Constitution Language Change Proposal Regarding Non-Tenure Track Faculty (To Rules Committee)

***Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting 3/7/01 at 7:00 P.M.***  
***Committee Reports***

***IBHE-FAC Report (Senator Crothers)***

***Action Items:***

Academic Impact Fund Report (Budget Committee)

02.12.01.05 Policy on Community College Transfer Students (Academic Affairs Committee)

**Motion XXXII-99:** by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Brown, to approve the Senate agenda. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting of March 7, 2001.

***Discussion***

***Faculty Ethics and Grievance Committee Policy Handbook Revisions***

**Senator White:** I talked with the Rules Committee about Attorney Thomas Hustoles, who specializes in writing ethics and grievance and academic freedom documents for universities, revising the Faculty Ethics and Grievance Policy Handbook during the summer. The Rules Committee asked that they be able to review the revisions in the fall. My assumption is that we have gotten the ok from Rules, and that as long as money can be found to pay the attorney, the revision will be undertaken. The cost is estimated at \$3,000.

***Senate Orientation Date***

Senator White reported that Scott Kording, Student Body President Elect, had requested moving the Senate orientation date from March 21 to April 4 so that he would have the opportunity to appoint the five student senators under the new process. He said he would not have enough time to do that by March 21. The Executive Committee had no objections to changing the date.

***02.08.01.01 Tiered Program Admissions System and B.A./B.S. Degree in University Studies Proposal (Academic Affairs Committee)***

**Senator Meckstroth:** There is a proposal for a tiered program for admissions proposal for which we have received a conceptual explanation of how the program is going to work. In order for this to happen, there needs to be a new degree program for students not accepted into a specific major. We are planning to bring forward the conceptual proposal for the tiered program at this point and at a later point in time the program description and a program name change from Degree in General Studies to Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. There are three different paths that the catalog lists toward that degree. As I understand it, they are not talking about changing the program; they are just talking about changing the title. Jon Rosenthal of CAS, in coordination with Undergraduate Studies, is going to bring forward the proposal because most of the degrees of this kind come from CAS. Both proposals would move through the regular curriculum process together. They would go to the General Education Council and the University Curriculum Committee and then come back to the Senate.

**Senator White:** If these things are dependent on each other, shouldn't we wait until they have all gone through the process before you bring them forward?

**Senator Razaki:** If you are not bringing forward the specific proposals, then what do you want the Senate to vote on?

**Senator Meckstroth:** The concept of the tiered admissions.

**Senator White:** I know we set a precedent of approving the revisions to the Constitution in principle earlier in the year, but I don't want to do much of that. I would like to have, as often as possible, the specific proposal that has completed the process. I know that departments are still discussing this and I wonder if Eric Thomas has had an opportunity to hear from everybody.

**Senator Meckstroth:** Dr. Thomas has presented this to the department chairs at a Chairs Council meeting. I asked him to do that again before this came to a vote and he said that he would do that.

**Senator White:** The chairs are going to go back to their departments and talk about it with their councils and the councils may have a problem with it. The Chairs' Council is an informal body, so their approval is not what is needed.

**Senator Walker:** I would like to see the Academic Affairs Committee seek input directly from the departments.

**Senator Meckstroth:** Should we get input from departments at the same time that this is moving through the curricular process?

**Senator White:** If you are going to present it to the Senate as a package, then you should present it to the chairs in the same way and ask them to present it to the departments. This could have consequences that we have no understanding of and we need to give them the opportunity to advise us.

**Senator Meckstroth:** So they would need to see the program description, not just the conceptual proposal for tiered admissions?

**Senator White:** The proposal for tiered admissions will need to have to be turned into catalog language, so we need to see that language. That is what the Senate would be approving. I don't think that it would be a problem for Dr. Thomas to work on language that we would actually implement. There is no reason why we can't act on this this year.

**Senator Meckstroth:** Jon Rosenthal has informed me that their part of it is ready to go to the curriculum committee.

**Senator White:** Anything that has to work through channels should have worked through channels before it comes to the Senate and anything that comes to the Senate needs to be in its final form, not in its principle form. It can have the principle aspect as a rationale attached to the specific language.

### ***Academic Impact Fund***

Senator White asked for clarification on the Budget Committee's motion regarding the Academic Impact Fund, which would come before the Senate as an action item on March 7. He asked if there would be an additional sunset clause and whether the Budget Committee would address in their motion recommendations for revising the way in which the AIF functions.

Senator Walker stated that the Budget Committee had discussed asking the Senate to simply accept the committee's report on the AIF, but he had suggested that the committee actually ask the Senate to recommend the continuation of the fund with the changes recommended by the committee. Senator White stated that the Senate has to take responsibility for its role in the continuation of the fund. He said that he would anticipate a motion that addressed continuing or not continuing the fund, an additional sunset clause and recommendations by the Budget Committee for revising the AIF's functions. Senator White added that whether or not the Provost and the budgetary process adopts what the Senate recommends was another matter.

### ***Statewide Organization of Senate Chairs***

**Senator White:** Reported that he had sent out a proposed agenda to Senate chairs of the other public universities in the state and was beginning to receive responses. Senator White invited Senator Crothers to attend the chairs' meeting on April 5.

### ***English Placement***

**Senator White:** There is a proposal that Eric Thomas is working on to change the way in which the English placement for 101 is done for incoming students. The proposal in brief is that instead of everybody taking a written exam when they arrive on campus, there would be a cut off with ACT scores. Everybody below a certain score would have to take the test. Is this a Senate issue?

**Senator Brown:** I believe that it falls under academic standards.

**Senator White:** The placement of students is an academic standards issue that the Senate should ultimately have a voice in.

The Executive Committee agreed that the proposal should come to the Senate.

***Capital Campaign***

**Senator Crothers:** I wanted to reemphasize the importance of the conversation we had last time about private money and the choices made about the endowment of chairs with those funds.

Senator White agreed that there should be such a public conversation. He suggested that he and Senator Crothers meet with the President to talk about it.

***Adjournment***

**Motion XXXII-100:** To adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved by a standing vote.