

Executive Committee Minutes
March 8, 2001
(Approved)

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

Present: Khalid Razaki, Curt White, Patricia Meckstroth, Fred Noyes, John Walker, Betty Chapman, Ryan McNaught

Excused Absences: President Boschini, Al Goldfarb, Paul Peterson, Charlie Biondollilo, Lane Crothers, Cori Brown

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of February 26, 2001

Motion XXXII-104: by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Noyes, to approve the minutes of February 26, 2001. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Communications (Oral):

- 03.06.01.03 Announcement of Women's History Cultural Dinner
- 03.06.01.03 From Keith Gehrand & Tudy Schmied: Workplace Violence Workshop to be held on March 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Professional Development Building.
- 03.06.01.04 From Jan Shane: Nominations for Academic Freedom Committee (Nweze Nnakwe) and Panel of Ten (Mardell Wilson)
- 03.06.01.05 From Dimple Patel: 13th Annual Minority Recognition Ceremony - Request for Nominations
- 03.06.01.06 From Jill Call: President Boschini will be absent from Executive Committee Meeting of March 8, 2001.
- 03.06.01.07 From Paul Walker: ASPT Calendar 2001-2002 for faculty reappointment, promotion, tenure, performance-evaluation and post-tenure review.

Communications (distributed):

- 03.06.01.01 From Jill Benson: Outstanding Student Leader Award - Request for Nominations
- 03.06.01.02 From Dan Graybill: Resignation from Faculty Ethics and Grievance Committee and Appeal of Executive Committee Decision. The Executive Committee received the document from Dan Graybill; it was considered and the Executive Committee decided not to take action.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting 3/21/01 at 7:00 P.M.

Action Items:

- 02.19.01.01 Academic Impact Fund Report (Budget Committee)

Information Items:

- 12.08.99.01 English Placement Test Proposal (Academic Affairs Committee)

Adjournment

Faculty Caucus: Salary Incrementations

Motion XXXII-105: To approve the Senate agenda. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting of March 21, 2001.

Discussion

Academic Impact Fund Recommendations

Senator White: Asked Senator Walker about the second recommendation of making 10-20% of the Academic Impact Fund available to departments in years when there was a surplus. He asked if this was really meaningful, because if

there were a surplus, part of it would inevitably go to departments without this recommendation. He stated that perhaps the Budget Committee was trying to achieve more flexibility within the department, which would be to say that 10-20% of the funds would be distributed to departments for discretionary purposes.

Dr. Chapman: I am puzzled about how this would work because monies would be redistributed to departments late in the fiscal year and would have to be spent before the end of the fiscal year.

Senator Walker: This came from what the chairs had expressed as their desire. Originally the recommendation was that 10-20% of the money be retained by the departments. However, Senator Goldfarb wanted it tied to the budget process and *Educating Illinois*. In some years we might know early in the year whether there is going to be a surplus or a shortfall in the fund.

Dr. Chapman: That decision is not really reliable until fairly late in the spring.

Senator White: Before AIF, it was possible for the department to have variance dollars to use as needed. After AIF, the chair always had to go for every request to the dean and then the dean to the Provost. It has always been my desire to get some of that money back to the departments when it is possible so that there is a little freedom within the department for making budget decisions.

Senator Razaki: Suggested changing the time period for review of the fund from five years to three years.

Senator White: Suggested that he and Senator Walker discuss the possibility of variance dollars with Senator Goldfarb. He added that changing the years from five to three was up to the Budget Committee.

Senate Membership

Senator White: Jan Shane, Chair of the Chairs Council, has sent an inquiry about the department chairperson's inclusion on the new Senate. She suggested that because the Chair of the Chairs Council already has to sit on the Provost Advisory Committee, the additional burden of having to sit at the Senate meetings might discourage people from wanting to be the Chair. She asked if they have a department chairperson who is elected to the Senate by the college, would they still need to send an additional representative from the Chairs Council, if it is clear that that member is going to be serving as a liaison to the Council. I responded that they should let us know what they want to do.

Senator Razaki: We could change the language to indicate that there can be a representative from the Chairs Council and not necessary the Chair. Then it would be up to them to choose their representative.

Senator Walker: But the chairs' representative is a non-voting member, so that might cause a problem if the representative they choose is a department chairperson who is also an elected senator, and therefore a voting member.

Senator Noyes: The College of Education has been discussing the representation of the Lab Schools on the Senate. I hope we can get this resolved. The college council is proposing that the extra member provided to the College of Education through the new membership structure be a representative from the Lab Schools. I see one potential problem in that that person is not a faculty designated representative.

Senator White: The Senate could challenge the appropriateness of that appointment; however, most people would be open to this resolution.

Senator Noyes: I believe that the college council is going to make this recommendation and I wanted to make sure that you were all aware of this potential situation.

Adjournment

Motion XXXII-106: To adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved by a standing vote.