

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

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

Present: Al Goldfarb, Charlie Biondollilo, Lane Crothers, Khalid Razaki, Curt White, Patricia Meckstroth, Fred Noyes, John Walker, Ryan McNaught

Excused Absences: President Boschini, Cori Brown, Paul Peterson

***Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of March 8, 2001***

**Motion XXXII-111:** by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Noyes, to approve the minutes of March 8, 2001. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the minutes with the change of the word "enviably" to "inevitably" on page 2.

***Communications (oral):***

- 03.16.01.04 From Student Affairs & MECCPAC: Invitation to Reception for Minority Scholar in Residence
- 03.21.01.01 From Sandra Little: Graduate School Bylaws Revisions (To Rules Committee of 2001-02)
- 03.22.01.01 From Richard Olshak, Student Dispute Resolution Services: SCERB Hearing Panel Membership Issue.
- 03.22.01.03 From Extended University: Electronic Learning Webcast Program
- 03.22.01.04 From Student/Staff Development Office: Presentation by Dr. Ronald Takaki on Asian American History.
- 03.22.01.05 From Richard Grinnell: Nomination for Faculty Ethics and Grievance Committee - Yvonne Unrau, School of Social Work (To Rules Committee)
- 03.26.01.01 From Nancy Ridenour: Nomination for Panel of 10 - Denise Wilson, Mennonite College of Nursing (To Rules Committee)
- 03.26.01.03-05 Announcement of Reception for Laura Pedrick
- 03.26.01.03-05 Request for School Designation for HPER and Name Changes for Political Science and for Industrial Technology (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committees)

***Communications (distributed):***

- 03.16.01.05 From Pat Jarvis, University Appeals Committee: Summary of 2000-2001 Appeals Process
- 03.16.01.06 From Jerry Fitzgerald: Campus Alarm System. Outsourcing maintenance for campus alarm system.
- 03.22.01.02 From Dianne Ashby: Request for nominations for Ben Hubbard Leadership Award and Department of Educational Administration and Foundations Distinguished Service Award

***Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting 04/04/01 at 7:00 P.M.***

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

***Action Items:***

- 03.16.01.01 English Placement Test Proposal (Academic Affairs Committee)

***Information Items:***

Governance Structure Proposal (Rules Committee)

Academic Freedom Committee Nominations (Rules Committee)

Faculty Ethics and Grievance Committee Nominations (Rules Committee)

## Panel of 10 Nominations (Rules Committee)

**Motion XXXII-112:** by Senator Crothers, second by Senator Noyes, to approve the agenda of April 4, 2001.

*Discussion:***Disney Internship Recruiting Program**

**Senator Crothers:** There was a protest on campus recently regarding Disney's presence on campus for recruitment purposes. There are some policy questions that we ought to consider such as what do we think about the transfer of public space to private organizations for the purpose of recruiting for private gain. Particularly in this case, you have a registered student organization reserving the room for free and transferring that to Disney, who would have otherwise had to rent the space, clearly transferring some cost to the university. What is the proper relationship between a public university and organizations with private interests in such cases? The police performance in terms of the general protest was really very bad. To be pushed out of a public building and have the doors locked behind you on the grounds that you were eavesdropping is absurd. Additionally, another student went to the rally to neither to support or protest it, but to see what it was about. He reported that police told him that what Disney had to say was more important than what the protestors had to say. It portrays some institutional policy questions that the Senate ought to take on.

**Senator Razaki:** As to the first point, providing free space for recruitment purposes has gone on for a long time. We have a strong internship program and actually the university encourages this for placement of students in jobs. The second part concerns me. I think that we should make a very strong statement to the police about what our institutional values are and how they can or cannot behave.

**Senator Crothers:** I disagree that we can't consider the first point as a broad policy question. I do agree that we can't consider it specific to an organization.

**Senator White:** It would be possible for ISU to have a screening committee that could actually develop a list of corporations that present these types of problems. It does not have to be limited to issues such as sweatshops, but also could include environmental policy.

**Senator Goldfarb:** I wouldn't want to talk about the ramifications of freedom of expression for all groups. Some students might want to hear what Disney has to say.

**Senator White:** The campus is limited in its ability to say certain things. I don't think we have to treat all comers equally.

**Senator Biondollilo:** When you have an authority figure that is armed and making the comments that the police did, the students followed the authority that was dominant. One of the officers was extremely biased. It is kind of scary not to know where freedom of speech can start and end now.

**Senator White:** What law were they enforcing when they removed the students from the building? I don't think they were enforcing the Student Code of Conduct. I suggest that we send Senator Crothers' two points of discussion to internal committees of the Senate. We could charge the committees with investigating the particulars of the incident and then make recommendations about policy.

**Senator Crothers:** I think it is a mistake to worry too much about the details of what actually occurred. The policy questions transcend the particular incident.

**Senator Goldfarb:** The charges to committees could be the two points contained in Senator Crothers' letter: the Senate internal committees should investigate the university's policies regarding the private use of public space and make recommendations to the Senate and the committees should investigate ISU's policies regarding peaceful protests making recommendations to the Senate that favor free speech rights of peaceable students to the fullest extent possible.

**Senator Walker:** In the course of the investigation, I would like someone to talk to the police, not about this particular incident, but about what their procedure is and what they base decision making on, as well as how they are trained. Then we could talk about some sort of agreement between the police and the university as a whole.

The Executive Committee agreed to forward the issue to internal committees. The Administrative Affairs Committee will be charged with investigating the private use of public space. The Faculty and Student Affairs Committees will be charged with investigating police policies involving peaceful protests.

***Adjournment***

**Motion XXXII-113:** by Senator Noyes, second by Senator Razaki, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved by a standing vote.