

Executive Committee Minutes

April 23, 2001

(Approved)

Vice Chairperson Cori Brown called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Vic Boschini, Lane Crothers, Ryan McNaught, Pat Meckstroth, Fred Noyes, Khalid Razaki, John Walker, Cori Brown, Scott Kording

Excused Absences: Al Goldfarb, Curt White

Unexcused Absence: Paul Peterson

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of 04/09/01

Motion XXXII-124: By Senator Razaki, second by Senator Noyes, to approve the Executive Committee minutes of April 9, 2001. The motion was unanimously approved.

Communications (oral):

- 02.08.01.01 From Jeri Ryburn, UCC: Tiered Program Admission Proposal (To Academic Affairs Committee). Students would be required to meet further requirements for continuation in a major after the completion of 60 hours of course work.
- 02.08.01.01A From Jeri Ryburn, UCC: Proposal for University Studies Degree (To Academic Affairs Committee). Proposal to create a new major in University Studies.
- 02.08.01.01B From Jeri Ryburn, UCC: General Studies Program Proposal (To Academic Affairs Committee). The proposal concerns changing the name for the major and minor in General Studies to Interdisciplinary Studies and raising the admission GPA to 2.75.
- 04.17.01.01 From Ken Panfilio and Danielle Miller: Request for sponsorship of programs during Passages.
- 04.17.01.02 From President Boschini: Brief Summary of IBHE Meeting of April 10, 2001.
- 04.17.01.03 From Dixie Mills: Dean Representation on Senate. (To Rules Committee)
Deans propose to attend Senate meetings on a rotating basis because of their schedules. The Executive Committee agreed to send the proposal to the Rules Committee.
- 04.17.01.04 From Doug Hesse: Inquiry about printing costs of *ISU Report*. (To Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)
- 04.17.01.05 From Tom Fowles/Joseph Leventhal: RE: Social Security and SURS Benefits. There are two House of Representative bills addressing these issues - HR 664 & HR 848.
- 04.17.01.08 From Department of Special Education: Retirement Reception for Fred Noyes, May 4, 2001, 3 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Degarmo 551.
- 04.19.01.01 From CAST: Science and Technology Week Schedule of Events
- 04.19.01.02 From Helen Mamarchev: Request for volunteers to assist disabled at Commencement Ceremonies.
- 04.19.01.03 From Diversity and Affirmative Action: Farewell Reception for Gigi Fansler
- 04.19.01.04 From Stephen Rosenbaum: Honors Council Student Nominees (To Student Government Association)

Communications (distributed):

04.17.01.06 From Sally Pancrazio: Request for Lab School Representation on Senate (To Rules Committee). Senator Noyes stated that he believed that the College of Education was requesting that the extra Senate seat, which COE received under the new Senate membership, be given to a member of the Lab Schools. There was some discussion among Executive Committee members about whether this was the case or if COE was asking for an additional seat on the Senate. Members also grappled with the problem of the faculty status of Lab School members. Senator Noyes will discuss the issue further with the dean of COE. The request will be forwarded to the Rules Committee of the Senate.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting 05/02/01 at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order (Senate Vice Chairperson)

Seating of New Senators

Roll Call

Election of Officers (Senate Chairperson, Secretary)

Election of Executive Committee Members

Election of Foundation Board Senate Representative

Election of Senate Faculty Member to Campus Communications Committee

Election of Council for Teacher Education Faculty Representative

Presentation: Richard Runner - Campus Master Plan Overview

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Remarks

IBHE-FAC Report (Senator Crothers)

Information Items:

03.26.01.03 Request for Name Change and School Status for HPER (Former Administrative Affairs and Budget Committees)

11.28.00.04 Term Paper Sales Policy Review (Former Faculty Affairs and Student Affairs Committee)

Senate Meeting Calendar

Communications:

04.17.01.07 Senate Endorsement of Council of Illinois University Senates (Senate Resolution)

FACULTY CAUCUS FOLLOWING SENATE MEETING

Faculty Elections to External Committees

Motion XXXII-125: by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Noyes, to approve the proposed Senate Agenda for the Senate meeting of May 2, 2001. The motion was unanimously approved. (Also see **Motion XXXII-127 to amend the agenda.**)

Approval of Internal Committee Appointments: A list of proposed faculty assignments to internal committees was distributed at the meeting for Executive Committee approval. Senator Kording will provide proposed student appointments at the next meeting.

The Senate secretary will check the Constitution after the meeting to ascertain whether the Senate approved a change to the Constitution allowing the Student Government Association to appoint the student members of the Executive Committee without having those appointments elected by the full Senate.

Motion XXXII-126: by Senator Razaki to approve the faculty appointments to the internal committees of the Senate. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion:

Foundation Board's Distribution of Funds to Departments and Units

Senator Razaki: As I reported to the full Senate, our portfolio market value has declined by about 5%. There is a suggestion on the table that there be zero distribution of funds to departments and units. Everyone that I have talked to is very opposed to this. I think the Executive Committee and Senate should discuss this issue. Both Vic and Susan Kern are very much in favor of growing the endowment and not reducing it, but the academic units are stressing that they are entitled to about 5.5% of the endowment principle.

Senator Boschini: It was never suggested that we have a zero distribution. That was just a worse case scenario.

Senator Noyes: Are we talking about a distribution from the interest on the principle?

Senator Razaki: In years that the market value of the portfolio has grown, you can give it out of the growth. The argument is that even if there is no growth or a decline, there can still be a distribution. However, in such years, if anything is distributed, it will lower the endowment principle. I would like to add this issue to the May 2 agenda in order to get the Senate's opinion.

Senator Walker: During the years when there was growth, in essence there are still funds that were added to the principle that could now be distributed to the departments during this year when there was no growth. We are not actually decreasing the amount of money that was given to us by donors originally.

Motion XXXII-127: by Senator Razaki, second by Senator McNaught, to amend the Senate agenda for May 2, 2001 to add the issue of the distribution of funds by the Foundation Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session: Administrator Commentary

Motion XXXII-128: by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Noyes, to move into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Executive Committee entered into executive session. It then concluded its business in executive session and returned to open session.

Adjournment

Motion XXXII-130: by Senator Noyes, second by Senator Razaki, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved by a standing vote.