

**Executive Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 4, 2001
(Approved)**

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

Present: Mark Albrecht, Lane Crothers, Eileen Fowles, Al Goldfarb, Ziggy Kowalski, Khalid Razaki, Curt White, Susan Winchip, John Walker

Excused Absences: Vic Boschini, Scott Kording, Carolyn Bathauer, la'Rufus Mitchell

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of 08/20/01

Motion XXXIII-11: By Senator Razaki, second by Senator Fowles, to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of August 20, 2001. The motion was unanimously approved.

Communications (oral):

- 08.15.01.02 From President Boschini: Approval of Senate actions August 2000 through April 2001. The Senate secretary will forward future Senate actions to the President as they are approved by the Senate.
- 08.20.01.01 From Steve Klay: Availability of Parents Association Grants.
- 08.29.01.04 From Jill Call: List of Senate and Executive Committee meetings President will be unable to attend.

Communications (distributed):

- 08.08.01.01 From Angelo Capperella: Environmental Task Force Report (Distributed in 8/20/01 Executive Committee packets) (See Discussion Section).
- 08.28.01.01 From Jan Shane: *Educating Illinois* Action List.
- 08.29.01.03 From Scott Kording: Resolution and memo re: succession of presidency to the Vice President of the Student Body when the President of the Student Body is unavailable.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting 09/12/01 at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Remarks

Committee Reports

IBHE-FAC Report: Senator Crothers

Campus Master Plan: Joe Rives, Dick Runner

Communications

Adjournment

FACULTY CAUCUS:

Athletics Council Election

06.13.01.01 ASPT Requirement for COE

Motion XXXIII-12: by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Fowles, to approve the proposed Senate Agenda for September 12, 2001. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion

08.08.01.01 From Angelo Capperella: Environmental Task Force Report of August 2001

Senator White: The President appointed The Environmental Task Force (ETF) last year. Over the duration of last year, the ETF compiled a number reports on findings ranging from the purchasing policy for recycling to the use of toxic chemicals on campus. It forwarded those reports to the President. Members of the ETF are recommending the formation of a "Green Team" and that their reports be forwarded to that team. The Green Team would then make recommendations to the President and to the Senate after one year of consideration. This report of August 2001 from Angelo Capperella is a summary of the activities that have taken place within the ETF during the last year and includes a set of recommendations.

Here are the recommendations:

- 1) Assignment of representatives from the vice presidential areas to create a Green Team;
- 2) Signing of the Talloires Declaration, which commits the University to sustaining a certain level of environmental sustainable development;
- 3) Establish an Environmental Initiative Award;
- 4) Continue the ETF as a parallel and as a resource for the Green Team;
- 5) Build and maintain a comprehensive web site through the President's office addressing all aspects of campus sustainability efforts;
- 6) Send appropriate representatives to conferences on moving universities to environmental sustainability;
- 7) Explore extramural funding sources to support campus sustainability issues.

I think this is a very good and aggressive set of recommendations. I very consciously worked at the reporting of the ETF and the Green Team, not only to the President's office, but also to the Executive Committee. I think that this is a community issue and we should have as much knowledge about these issues as the President has; we need to have a strong voice in whatever resolutions are made. Do any of you have any comments on these recommendations? Do we endorse these recommendations or are there problems with them?

Senator Crothers: If you are creating the Green Team and you are keeping the ETF in the background, there are the questions of patterns of authority, duplication of work and cross efforts of work.

Senator Goldfarb: The Vice Presidents actually recommended against keeping two separate teams. They suggested establishing the Green Team and possibly including some members of the ETF as consultants.

Senator Crothers: I can understand the desire for some oversight function. If you want that to be the Executive Committee or if you want that to be the task force, I think that needs to be more explicit.

Senator White: Reporting to the Executive Committee would ensure that the reports that are generated are treated honestly. I also appreciate the fact that ETF has considerable expertise that may not be present on the Green Team. If we make the points of view of the ETF merely discretionary on the Green Team, then I think that there is a chance that we might lose that knowledge base. If we want to eliminate the ETF, then I think that we should include several key members from the ETF on the Green Team.

Senator Razaki: How large is the ETF and how large is the Green Team?

Senator White: The President did not want to exclude anybody, so there are about 13 members on the ETF. On the Green Team, there would be one representative from each vice presidential area. You could look at in terms of the difference between an implementation team and a team that comes up with basic premises and recommendations.

Senator Razaki: If you want to keep the Green Team membership small, then the ETF serves a legitimate function.

Senator Crothers: It can serve a legitimate function if the oversight function is specified.

Senator White: The membership of the ETF felt a little reluctant to make major recommendations about the way in which the university is run. They are asking the vice presidential area to actually make decisions about how to change things.

Senator Walker: Is there going to be a hierarchy between these two groups?

Senator White: I think there is a hierarchy. ETF sees itself as a resource and the Green Team would have more authority because they would represent the vice presidential areas. The Green Team would make specific recommendations for institutional practices to the President. I am not arguing that we should keep the ETF. I am just saying that the expertise that it has is a valuable part of the process. If we just have the Green Team, there is going to be authority, but there is not going to be any knowledge.

Senator Goldfarb: I think that the VPs are going to ask the President how he sees the two groups working with each other. I sense that the President wants the Green Team to do the kind of assessment that is discussed here and the ETF would be used as a kind of resource. In the discussions that we have had, the Vice Presidents talked about the Green Team using the resources in administration where there are people who have expertise. Since this report went to the President, maybe we should ask him to explain how he sees this. I think he is very supportive of the recommendations.

Senator Crothers: To say that the ETF is a resource essentially means that the Green Team can ignore its recommendations. I am suggesting that if we want some kind of oversight function or the need to clear the recommendations through a Senate body or through the ETF, we need to have that specified. Otherwise, you are setting up a situation where it is at the discretion of individual presidents.

Senator Goldfarb: We should ask the President what he thinks of that kind of reporting. My sense is that the ETF itself has asked not to be that oversight. I do not think the President would be averse to reporting to the Executive Committee.

Senator Crothers: I appreciate the fact that Vic would have no problem with that. The question is what are the long-term principles and policies that one puts into place.

Senator White: In my mind, it was always the Senate that was going to have the ultimate oversight. At the same time, I think the ETF would be disappointed if their report did not yield results. It was very clear in the ETF document that the ETF would report not only to the President, but also to the Executive Committee. We could send a recommendation to the President that the Green Team also send its reports not only to the President, but to the Executive Committee of the Senate as well.

Senator Crothers: I would be satisfied with that.

The secretary will send a memo to the President reflecting the Executive Committee's recommendation.

Approval of Internal Committee Appointment for Student Trustee

Senator White: The Executive Committee at its last meeting noted that the request for the placement of the Student Trustee on an internal committee of the Senate should come from the Student Trustee and not from the Student Government Association. Therefore, Student Trustee Cori Brown has requested that she be assigned to the Rules Committee of the Senate. Are there any objections to placing the Student Trustee on the Rules Committee as an ex-officio, non-voting member?

There were no objections. The Student Trustee was approved as a member of the Rules Committee.

Adjournment

Motion XXXIII-13: The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved by standing vote.