

Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, October 15, 2001
(Approved)

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

Present: Mark Albrecht, Lane Crothers, Khalid Razaki, Curt White, Susan Winchip, John Walker, Ziggy Kowalski, Carolyn Bathauer, la'Rufus Mitchell, Richard Dammers, Al Goldfarb

Excused Absences: President Boschini, Eileen Fowles

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of 10/01/01

Motion XXXIII-28: By Senator Albrecht, second by Senator Kowalski, to approve the October 1, 2001 Executive Committee meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Communications (oral):

- 10.03.01.01 From President Boschini: Confirmation of Acceptance of Honorary Degree
- 10.10.01.02 From Ruth Townsend: Request for Nominations for Strand Diversity Achievement Award (Criteria and Forms available in Senate Office)
- 10.11.01.01 From President Boschini: Announcement of installation of first Endowed Chair of General Education on October 26, 2001
- 10.15.01.01-02 From Academic Standards Committee: Admissions Process for New Freshman - Approved by Academic Standards 9/20/01 (To Academic Affairs Committee)

Communications (distributed):

- 10.05.01.01 From Lou Perez: Request to Add Additional Member to Council on General Education (Chair of General Education) (To Rules Committee)
- 10.08.01.02 From President Boschini: Contract with Meyers and Associates for Washington D.C. Initiative (Profile of Meyers and Associates available in Senate Office)
- 10.11.01.02 From Paul Borg: Items for Senate Agenda
- 10.11.01.03 From Lane Crothers: Proposal for Sense of the Senate Resolution for Faculty Choice of Nine- or Twelve-Month Pay Periods
- 10.12.01.01 Non-Tenure Track Senate Faculty Election Procedures Proposal (From Rules Committee) (Changes to Constitution)

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting of 10/24/01 at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Remarks

Committee Reports

Information Items:

- 08.10.01.01 Establishment of a Graduation Rate Goal Policy (Academic Affairs Committee)**
- 02.08.01.01 Proposal for Tiered Program Admissions (Academic Affairs Committee)**
- 02.08.01.01A Proposal for B.A./B.S. Degree in University Studies (Academic Affairs Committee)**
- 02.08.01.01B Proposal for Renaming General Studies to Interdisciplinary Studies and increasing GPA Requirement (Academic Affairs Committee)**

10.12.01.01 Non-Tenure Track Senate Faculty Election Procedures Proposal (Rules Committee)

Communications

10.11.01.03 Sense of Senate Resolution: 9- or 12-Month Payroll Option

Motion XXXIII-29: by Senator Crothers, second by Senator Kowalski, to approve the agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of October 24, 2001. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion

10.08.01.02 Contract with Meyers and Associates for Washington D.C. Initiative (Profile of Meyers and Associates available in Senate Office)

Senator White: We have contracted with Meyers and Associates to assist in our lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C.

Senator Walker: Would there be a conflict of interest in those efforts if they were lobbying for other schools?

Dr. Dammers: We are currently the only school in Illinois to which they are providing this service. Should the possibility of a conflict of interest arise, they would notify us.

10.11.01.04 Proposal for Sense of the Senate Resolution for Faculty Choice of Nine or Twelve-Month Pay Periods

Senator White: This proposed Sense of the Senate Resolution from Lane Crothers is a proposal for the option of a twelve-month option pay period. This item is in the *Educating Illinois* document.

Senator Goldfarb: I will ask Steve Bragg to talk about it at the next Senate meeting. There was a review committee that looked at this issue and found that it be difficult for our current payroll system to allow this option.

Senator White: The problem is the software. It is not a procedural problem; it is that we would have to pay a certain amount of money to get the new program. This is one item that was certainly around before *Educating Illinois* and it never seemed to get to the point where it was important enough to be acted upon. I think many of the chairs see it as a problem in making the lives of our junior faculty members reasonably pleasant.

Senator Walker: Do you see this as a potential faculty recruitment and retention issue?

Senator Goldfarb: Like Curt, I actually argued for this 25 years ago when I arrived, even though I was told by some of my colleagues at the time that they were very good at being able to budget. I don't think of it as an issue in terms of recruiting; I just think it should be an option. The problem is that we have an antiquated personnel system. I will take this back to Steve and let him know it has been brought back to the Senate. I don't know where they are regarding a timeline.

10.12.01.01 Non-Tenure Track Senate Faculty Election Procedures Proposal (From Rules Committee) (Changes to Constitution)

Senator White: We have received proposed constitutional amendments from the Rules Committee regarding the election procedures for the non-tenure track faculty Senate representative. Are there not other groups of amendments to the constitution that we want to make and when we do these constitutional amendments, don't we want to make them all at the same time?

Senator Razaki: Even for the civil service and the AP person, there was a question whether automatically the chairs would serve as Senate representatives or whether they would be elected by the councils. In the first paragraph, in the last line of the revisions, it says that the voting membership shall also include a representative of the AP and Civil Service Council, but it does not specify how the representative is to be appointed or elected.

Senator White: But we leave that to those councils by implication.

Senator Razaki: I think we should specify it.

Senator Goldfarb: We could simply restate it to read the voting membership will include an elected representative of the AP and Civil Service Councils.

Senator White: That is something that we can actually amend on the floor. My concern was actually larger than that, which is that I thought that we were going to look at a raft of constitutional changes that would include actually removing ASPT references from the constitution. I wasn't anticipating that the NTT election procedures would come in the form of a constitutional amendment. This is appropriate, however, but there is not much in the way of procedure here. It doesn't help us with where do the nominations go, where do they come from, how the election is to be held, etc. So this brings up two issues: what are the specific procedures for election and should we bring all of the constitutional amendments before the Senate at one time so that we may present them to the Board as one package?

Senator Goldfarb: Why don't we talk to Rules at the next meeting to develop a strategy for this? I will speak to Sharon and ask her to speak to Rules about all of the issues of the constitution.

Senator Walker: It doesn't address the process of election for any of the Senate members, so we did not speak specifically about process, but just stated that they would be elected by all of the non-tenure track faculty members.

Senator White: The problem with the process for non-tenure track is that they are across colleges, so we don't have an administrative center to do the election. Someone has to administer the election, which is the clarification I was hoping for.

Senator Bathauer: I thought that we discussed procedure. I am wondering if Dr. Reid just sent you part of it. We looked at this and then we talked about specific procedures as far as what office would run it and how they would do it, including receiving nominations from departments and self-nominations. Perhaps Dr. Reid has something more for you.

Senator White: I will talk to him.

Senator Walker: From my understanding, the Rules Committee decided that the Senate office would handle it, that it was not necessarily a Provost's office responsibility, but since it was a Senate position, the Senate would handle it.

Senator White: We will put it on the agenda as an information item, but I suspect it will be withdrawn. I don't think it is wise for us to make piecemeal constitution changes.

Student Dispute Resolution

Senator White: Following up on the complaint that we had last time regarding SCERB procedures, the policies relating to SCERB are in the student ethics document and that document is approved by the Senate. Therefore, in my opinion, we have jurisdiction over procedure exactly the same way and for exactly the same reasons as we did last year in the ethics and grievance case. So, I am going to forward that, unless there are objections from this committee, to the Rules Committee.

Non-Tenure Track Faculty Senate Representative Election

Senator White: As you know, we decided that for this year alone that the Executive Committee would elect the non-tenure track faculty representative. Nine nominations were forwarded to us.

Since there was a tie vote after conducting the first and second ballots, a third ballot was conducted. Mary Kay Rotsch from the Department of Management and Quantitative Methods was elected as the non-tenure track faculty Senate representative.

Adjournment

Motion XXXIII-30: By Senator Kowalski, second by Senator Walker, to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved by standing vote.