

Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, January 28, 2002
(Approved)

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

Present: Mark Albrecht, Carolyn Bathauer, Lane Crothers, Eileen Fowles, Scott Kording, Jack Howard, Ia'Rufus Mitchell, Curt White, Marian Hampton

Excused Absence: Al Goldfarb, Susan Winchip, and Vic Boschini

Guest: Betty Chapman

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of 01/14/02

Motion XXXIII-77: By Senator Mitchell, second by Senator Albrecht, to approve the January 14, 2002 Executive Committee meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Communications (oral):

- 01.09.02.01 From President Boschini: Approval of Senate Actions (11/28/01: Non-Tenure Track Faculty Election Process Revisions to Constitution and Senate Bylaws; 12/12/01: Revised Admission Requirements)
- 01.18.02.01 From Sharon Stanford: University Review Committee Membership Apportionment
- 01.18.02.03 From Lowa Mwilambwe: Faculty Staff Commons Area Ceremony (January 30, 2002, 1:30 p.m.)
- 01.24.02.01 From Betty Chapman: Program Review Reports

ADDENDUM:

- 01.28.02.01 From Scott Kording: New Student Elections Code**

New Student Elections Code Discussion:

Senator White: The SGA President has sent us the new Student Elections Code as an information item. Ordinarily, the Senate acts on the amendments to the Student Elections Code. We also noted that the Senate was removed as one of the organization that needs to oversee the document. That's a problem.

Senator Bathauer: We are meeting tonight, so I will pass that information on to Scott.

Senator Albrecht: Removing the Senate from oversight of the Elections Code is not in the new version?

Senator White: No, it is not. The old version called for the amendments to be approved by the Senate. Scott argued that there were no amendments to the Elections Code, but that instead an entirely new Code had been rewritten. That won't fly. So, unless I miss my guess, the new Elections Code will have to be run by the Senate before it's approved.

Senator Albrecht: Can it be put on the agenda for Wednesday because that has got to be approved? We need to rush that as soon as we can because the elections are in a month.

Senator Bathauer: Yes, elections are in a month.

Senator White: If you guys are ready to bring it forward as an information item at the next meeting, that's fine.

Senator Bathauer: Yes. It has been approved through all the necessary Student Government Organizations. It has been approved by the SGA, Black Student Union and Association of Residence Halls.

Senator White: I would suggest, though, that you add the Senate back in as an appropriate oversight body to this version of the document.

Ms. James, Secretary: Does this need to go to the Rules Committee?

Senator White: No, this can be brought to the Senate by SGA. So, they can bring it forward as an information item.

Senator Bathauer: OK.

Senator White: So that's not the problem. We don't have to refer it anywhere, but its fine if the students want to bring it forward as an information item at the next Senate meeting. Do you have it on a disc so that Cynthia can get it to the Senate?

Senator Albrecht: The Elections Code is actually on line. I believe it is on the SGA web site as a link. I think that you can print that as a PDF file.

Ms. James: Do you want the Senate to have a revised version?

Senator Albrecht: That would be the revised version of it (on the web).

Senator Bathauer: I was unaware of this and I think Mark and la'Rufus were unaware of it as well. We have an Executive Committee meeting tonight and we will have to talk about it.

Ms. James: So, you just want this version to go to the Senate then?

Senator Bathauer: Yes, that is the updated finalized version so far.

Senator Fowles: We can always offer a Friendly Amendment when you present it as an information item to add that in.

Senator Albrecht: I think we will probably fix it tonight.

Senator White: We are not at this point saying anything about the content of it other than if you are going to remove a body as an oversight body from a document, you have to let the body know. So, I would, in fact, like the Senate put back in as an oversight body.

Senator Bathauer: OK.

Senator White: That's the only thing I am suggesting in terms of the content of the document.

Senator Albrecht: Sure.

Senator White: Until the new version has been approved, you need to follow the old version, which calls for the Senate to approve the election document.

Senator Albrecht: So noted.

Communications (distributed):

01.18.02.02 From Paul Walker, UCC Chairperson: ASPT Calendar

01.18.02.04 From University Curriculum Committee: Baccalaureate Program Hour Limitations (To Academic Affairs Committee)

01.18.02.05 From University Curriculum Committee: Curriculum Reform Trial Period Review (To Academic Affairs Committee and Rules Committee)

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting 02/06/02 at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order by Senate Vice Chairperson

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Remarks

Committee Reports

IBHE-FAC Report (Senator Crothers)

Action Items:

01.23.01.01D Revision of University Mission Statement (Academic Affairs Committee and SGA)

Information Item:

01.28.01.02 Student Elections Code (SGA)

Communications:

Educating Illinois Update (Senator Goldfarb)

University Family Campaign Presentation

General Art Sequence Proposed Deletion (Major in Art, B.A./B.S)

Approved by Senate on Consent Agenda: January 31, 2002

Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence Proposal (Sociology and Anthropology)

Approved by Senate on Consent Agenda: January 31, 2002

Clinical Counseling Degree Program Proposal

Approved by Senate on Consent Agenda: January 31, 2002

Teacher of Writing Certificate Proposal

Approved by Senate on Consent Agenda: January 31, 2002

Adjournment

FACULTY CAUCUS

Approval of Minutes of 1/23/02

Election of Faculty to Academic Freedom Committee

(To fill vacancies resulting from lack of candidates in April 2001 election)

Adjournment

Motion XXXIII-78: By Senator Crothers, second by Senator Hampton, to approve the Senate agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Discussion:

01.18.02.06 Baccalaureate Program Hour Limitations

Senator Hampton: Will we get a chance to discuss the 124-hour limitation for programs at some point?

Senator White: If we have immediate concerns, we can discuss those now. What we usually do is refer it to an appropriate committee for a more detailed review. This is definitely an item that will return to the Senate for approval and you can discuss your concerns at that time as well.

Dr. Betty Chapman: I spoke to Provost Goldfarb about the 124 hours and both he and I are concerned about the number of exceptions that are being granted. We are very anxious to take a look at this again.

University Family Campaign (Pat Grogg)

Senator White: Pat Grogg is here today to talk about the University Family Campaign, which is a portion of the Comprehensive Campaign.

Dr. Pat Grogg: It is my pleasure to be coordinating the University Family Campaign, along with Becky Benner. We thought the most useful thing for the Executive Committee would be for you to see the presentation, which will be made across campus to academic and non-academic groups, and to then offer your input on the presentation.

To make the goals of *Educating Illinois* a reality, the University steps forward with its first ever comprehensive fundraising campaign. Its theme is "Redefining Normal". As we redefine normal, we will work very broadly on four comprehensive goals for the campaign. The first goal is building endowment dollars for scholarships, endowed chairs and faculty development. Goals two and three bring students, faculty and staff together through enhancing the campus experience and promoting areas of excellence. The fourth campaign goal aims at improving ongoing support.

The campaign priorities offer a number of choices for involvement. Many donors will choose to make a gift to their department. There are also two campus projects that are uniquely highlighted for consideration by "family members". One is the long-dreamed-of employee childcare center, which would offer employees who are parents the security of onsite quality care. The second is the Learning Community Initiative, an endowment fund that would provide grants for special speakers, workshops and other learning opportunities beyond the reach of regular curricular offerings.

Payroll deductions are available for those currently employed at the University and you can make a pledge for up to five years. The amount would be totally up to the individual, depending on his or her particular situation. Whatever you decide, we hope that you will come to the campaign kickoff on Friday, March 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commons of Watterson Towers. You will be getting invitations and seeing posters on campus.

This presentation is an introduction to the campaign and its priorities. You will get more information on the campaign, along with an opportunity to make a pledge later in a mailing to all current and retired employees. That mailing should reach you the week of March 25th. If you have any questions or if you would like to make an early pledge, please contact Pat Grogg (438-8562) or Becky Benner (438-8149) in the University Advancement Office.

The Executive Committee offered its feedback on the presentation.

Schroeder Hall Renovation Classroom Assignment Schedule

Senator Howard: I was contacted by two of our department chairs about the Schroeder Hall renovation classroom assignment schedule. Even though we have made several alternative proposals for classroom assignments during this time of renovation, we continue to get back the same 20 time slots within which 5% of a department's classes are to be assigned. We have proposed, for example, rather than 4:00 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday the alternative of 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. It has no bearing whatsoever on a 5:30 p.m. class. I think one of the problems is that this assignment assumes that everyone has the same pedagogy and I don't necessarily believe that to be the case. I would really like to have actual numbers from Eric Thomas' office on what classrooms are going to be available, how many seats they have and why it has to be 5% across the board for everyone.

Senator White: Are you asking Eric to come to Exec to explain the process and what they are planning to do and allow us to react to that?

Senator Howard: Yes, because our department chair has sent this back three or four times and we get the same document back every time. Night classes are not really an issue, but there are certain segments of the population for which Saturday classes will never work.

Senator Hampton: The School of Theatre has been considering the same issues. We have also been asked to redesign the two-hour studio classes to one-hour and fifteen minute classes, which doesn't give time for warm up or the technical exercises that need to occur. It has been suggested, but as far as I know not considered seriously by anyone, that there might be temporary space located off campus or brought to the campus. Also, there are conference rooms in the residence halls that are not used during the daytime. Why can we not use those spaces for classes? I am not sure that all possibilities have been explored. We are trying to protect the excellence of the program and it is going to be hard to do that given what we are told we must do.

Senator Crothers: We talked about office staffing for Schroeder. We looked at temporary buildings and it was all an issue of money. You can take the \$18 million for Schroeder and you can spend \$4 million on temporary classes, but then Schroeder gets \$14 million instead of the \$18 million that it needs.

Dr. Chapman: The money that we have been given for Schroeder cannot be used for temporary buildings. We are funded for the building, not for temporary space.

Senator White: I will ask Eric or Al to provide us with the background information that some of you have. We can ask them to join us for a conversation about this and get their reactions to some of your concerns.

Campus Crime and Security Report

Senator Hampton: I brought up the issue of the Campus Crime and Security Report as a communication at the last Senate meeting before Christmas. I was told that someone would get back to me on this. I have talked with some people in our department and I have an actual student letter from my department that came in last year and a letter written by a member of our faculty regarding this. It is a horror story and there are others from students who have been harassed in residential halls. What troubles us in our department is what happened in this case. The student who was being harassed was removed from that environment, but the problem still exists. Removing the student does nothing about the climate on campus; it doesn't do anything to protect students.

Senator White: That is why we have an administrator who is responsible for those things, the Director of Diversity and Affirmative Action.

Dr. Chapman: Ruth Townsend is the interim director and would be the one to speak to about issues of harassment. We will have a new director starting in June.

Senator White: When they receive certain kinds of official complaints within that office, they are obliged to go through certain procedures, which include interviews, and if necessary, sensitivity training. Those wheels are set in motion simply by making a formal complaint. My suspicion is that this person did not contact that office.

Senator Hampton: This student went to the places that he was advised to go, which did not include the diversity office. You can see from this letter how someone can fall through the cracks by not knowing where to go.

Dr. Chapman: The policy is in the Student Handbook, so that would be a really good place to start.

Senator Hampton: I think that the first approach was to the counselor in the building, who told this student to go to another person, which turned out to be the wrong person. Everywhere down the line, the student was ridiculed for not knowing what he was supposed to do or where he was supposed to go.

Senator White: It is very disturbing that it is not generally known where people should make a complaint about harassment.

Senator Hampton: The faculty person who wrote a report on this didn't know that, so I guess it is not widely known.

Senator White: That seems to be a reasonable thing to say to the new Director of Diversity and Affirmative Action, that there may need to be a need for outreach because people don't know that those protections and procedures are available. We could ask to have a conversation with Ruth Townsend and ask what her plans are for making the

availability of these important services better known.

List Serve Policy:

12.04.01 From Jim Reid (In Exec Committee Packets of 1/14/02)

12.04.01A From Cynthia James (In Exec Committee Packets of 1/14/02)

Senator White: We have one issue here that was left over from last time. As I recall from our minutes, Al was going to ask Dave Williams to send us a letter about the list serve policy and then we were going to consider what to do with it. We haven't received that letter yet.

Dr. Chapman: I can assure you that he is working on it. He is aware that he is in arrears on that.

Senator White: I expect this needs to stay on the agenda.

Adjournment

Motion XXXIII-79: To adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved by standing vote.