

**Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, February 25, 2002
(Approved)**

Vice Chairperson Scott Kording called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Eileen Fowles, Scott Kording, Jack Howard, la'Rufus Mitchell, Marian Hampton, Vic Boschini, Lane Crothers, Susan Winchip

Excused Absences: Mark Albrecht, Curt White, Al Goldfarb, Carolyn Bathauer

Guest: Betty Chapman

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of 02/11/02

Motion XXXIII-93: By Senator Howard, second by Senator Fowles, to approve the February 11, 2002 Executive Committee minutes. Revisions to the minutes involved changes in the designation of speakers (pages 8 and page 9; speaker was Senator Fowles instead of Senator Hampton). The revised minutes were unanimously approved.

Communications (oral):

02.19.02.04 From President Boschini: Approval of Senate Actions of 1/23/02 (Approval of Revised Milner Bylaws) and 2/6/02 (Approval of Revised University Mission Statement)

Communications (distributed):

- 02.12.02.01 From Eric Thomas: College Level Examination Program Policy Revisions (To Academic Affairs Committee)
- 02.13.02.01 From Al Goldfarb: Issues Related to Undergraduate Degrees Requiring More Than 124 Hours (To Academic Affairs Committee)
- 02.19.02.01 From Ruth Townsend, Diversity and Affirmative Action: Guidelines for Selection and Review of Faculty and Staff Applicant Pools
- 02.19.02.02 From Eric Thomas: Review of Policy 2.1.9 - Requirements for Majors, Comprehensive Majors, Interdisciplinary Programs and Minors Policy (To Academic Affairs Committee)
- 02.19.02.03 From Eric Thomas: Proposed Revisions to Automatic Reinstatement Procedure (To Academic Affairs Committee)
- 10.19.01.02A From Ed Wells, Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee: Revised Draft of 2006-2007 Academic Calendar
- 02.20.02.02 From Curt White, Council of Illinois University Senates: Public Monies to Private Universities and Colleges (Proposed Sense of the Senate Resolution)

Proposed Agenda for the Academic Senate Meeting of 03/06/02 at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Committee Reports

IBHE-FAC Report (Senator Crothers)

Action Items:

03.16.01.04A Graduate School Bylaws Revisions (Rules Committee)
(In Senate Packets of 2/20/02)

Information Items:

06.08.01.14 Extent of Student Teaching Policy (Academic Affairs Committee)
(In Senate Packets of 2/20/02)

10.19.01.02A Revisions to Draft 2006-2007 Academic Calendar (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)

Communications:

02.20.02.02 Public Monies to Private Colleges and Universities (Sense of the Senate Resolution)

Adjournment

02.20.02.02 Council of Illinois University Senates: Public Monies to Private Universities and Colleges (Proposed Sense of the Senate Resolution)

Senator Crothers: As I understand it, all of the Senates of all of the public universities will endorse this resolution regarding public monies to private universities and colleges. I think that Senator White is looking for an endorsement from our Senate.

There were no objections to having the item remain on the agenda as a Sense of the Senate Resolution.

Senator Crothers asked the Executive Committee if he should continue to present his IBHE-FAC report at Senate meetings. The majority of the Executive Committee agreed that it was an asset to have the report presented verbally and that it should remain a part of the Senate agenda. Committee members commented that probably more questions were generated when the report was presented orally than would be the case if it were only a written report posted on the Senate web site.

Motion XXXIII-94: By Senator Crothers, second by Senator Howard, to approve the Senate agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion

02.13.02.01 Issues Related to Undergraduate Degrees Requiring More Than 124 Hours (To Academic Affairs Committee)

Senator Howard: I understand that we want to try to keep things to where people can finish their coursework within a reasonable time. However, I find it difficult to come up with a set of specific rationale for exceptions when we can't anticipate what is going to happen in the future.

Dr. Betty Chapman: When the State of Illinois required so many hours for the Accountancy Program, that became an issue. Knowing that, we resolved the issue by making that a five-year program, including a Masters Degree. So even though you can't anticipate what accrediting agencies might bring forward, I think that you have to have standards for what constitutes an undergraduate degree and then use those standards to help the institution grapple with situations rather than just add on hours. The General Education Implementation Team is looking at the possibility of having the outer core courses overlap with major courses in a discipline.

02.19.02.01 Guidelines for Selection and Review of Faculty and Staff Applicant Pools

Senator Crothers: I have a problem with a section of the Guidelines for the Selection and Review of Faculty and Staff Applicant Pools. Last year for our national search, we were given a relatively small sum of money to conduct

that search. Is this policy saying that we must bring at least three candidates to campus? How fast can a department move if it is having to process its phone list through the Diversity and Affirmative Action Office? I am a great believer in diversity, but if you don't financially support the options of bringing three people to campus, then you are setting up another barrier. I propose that this section be revised to read, "phone lists may be selectively audited".

Senator Boschini: I don't think that departments have a problem with submitting their phone lists each time.

Senator Crothers: It just puts another structural barrier in place.

Senator Boschini: I am not sure how this adds an additional barrier.

Senator Crothers: The policy says if we only bring in two candidates, we must have that cleared through the Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action (ODAA). We have to submit the phone list and then submit the interview list. It slows down the process.

Senator Boschini: Even if it takes a long time, the issue is ensuring diversity on campus. I don't think that this is an extra barrier. If you are unable to bring three candidates to campus, then you should submit the phone list to ODAA. Let's invite Ruth Townsend to an upcoming Executive Committee meeting to give us more information on this procedure. Senator Crothers, would you submit your concerns to Ruth prior to her meeting with us?

Senator Crothers: I will do that.

10.19.01.02A Revised Draft of 2006-2007 Academic Calendar

Senator Howard: Many people are asking whether the revisions to the calendar extending Thanksgiving Break to one week could be done sooner than 2006-2007.

Senator Crothers: This is within the purview of the Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee, subject to the President's approval. The 2006-2007 calendar was the calendar that was sent to us for approval. The calendars prior to 2006-07 were approved in years past. There was discussion with Dr. Eric Thomas about the possibility of changing those calendars that have not come into effect. He stated that it might be possible to put a mechanism into place to do that. No effort has been made to do this by the Administrative Affairs Committee; however, we could do so if some would like to make a motion to that effect.

Senator Kording: I met with the Provost last week because Dr. Borg had asked if SGA was going to try to get that moved up. I asked the Provost what we would need to do to initiate that process and he said to just to write him a letter and he would take that up with Administrative Affairs. He said it would take Board action and he would, with the President's approval, decide whether to approach the Board.

Senator Hampton: If we make Thanksgiving Break a weeklong break, we would come back on a Monday and essentially have only a week for exams?

Senator Kording: Two weeks for classes and then the final exam week.

Senator Crothers: That depends on where Thanksgiving falls, which was one of the questions we addressed. We thought that 2006 would be the perfect time to model it and present it. We have almost as many academic days as any other university in the state; the fall semester is actually longer than the spring semester by about a week. We are only losing two days because the Fall Break Day is transferred to the Thanksgiving Break week.

02.20.02.01 Schroeder Hall Renovations Classroom Availability

Senator Crothers: I am comfortable waiting until Dr. Thomas is available for the discussion on the Schroeder Hall Renovations Classroom Availability Schedule. (Dr. Thomas will join the Executive Committee for this discussion on March 8, 2002.)

SGA Elections

Senator Crothers: I have an issue that has come before me in the last couple of days involving the SGA elections. A number of individuals, particularly students, have come to me troubled that the current editor of the *Vidette* is canvassing for the presidency of the SGA. They do not think that he would not be a good candidate, but they do think that it is inappropriate for him to stay with the *Vidette* in any capacity and also run for SGA. The candidate did sign a statement for a leave of absence. However, those concerned expressed to me that that is insufficient.

Senator Boschini: Do you want to bring this concern to the *Vidette's* Publications Board?

Senator Crothers: The statement in the *Vidette* was that he had cleared this with the *Vidette* faculty advisor and the Publications Board. Perhaps we need to bring this to the Board and ask that it discuss this in greater depth.

Senator Kording: You can also tell the students that the proper group to adjudicate that type of complaint is the Student Elections Committee. In my view, I think what he has done is sufficient.

Senator Crothers: Does this body want to go to the Publications Board about this issue? I would be happy to express the issues that have been raised and forward those comments first to the Executive Committee to make sure that I have made no misrepresentations.

Senator Mitchell: I have the concern that this may shape opinions about the candidate.

Senator Kording: I think that this could adversely affect one or more of the campaigns and I think it should wait until after the elections.

Senator Crothers: I am not sure if it would adversely affect the elections. The question concerns the campaign coverage between now and the elections' date.

Senator Kording: I agree that if this is a legitimate concern, it should be aired; but it could adversely affect one or more of the elections.

Senator Crothers: Not doing anything could also affect the election.

Senator Kording: Those students who are concerned should file a grievance with the Elections Committee. I would just rather it not come from this body and that we not influence the student elections. If Senator Crothers wants to do it of his own accord, then so be it.

Motion XXXIII- 95: By Senator Crothers, second by Senator Hampton, to bring the issues before the Publications Board on behalf of the Executive Committee. The motion did not pass. Senator Crothers will bring the issues to the attention of the Publications Board of his own accord.

Non-Tenure Track Faculty Elections Process

Senator Crothers: Not very long ago, all faculty received a message requesting nominations from NTT faculty for a NTT faculty Senate representative. Apparently, that e-mail was sent on Monday with a deadline of Wednesday. Supposedly, a second e-mail was sent out announcing an extension of that deadline. Gretchen Knapp indicated that she had not seen that e-mail and that she did not know of any NTT faculty who had seen it.

Ms. James: I talked to Georgia Bennett about the second message and she specifically stated that she had indeed sent the second message out on the faculty list serve on the very day (February 20) that I spoke to Gretchen.

Senator Crothers: At this point, essentially, as I told Gretchen, the deadline is the 25th and today is the 25th. She understood that and that wasn't the issue. I raise it only because clearly there remain significant communication difficulties in this process, which do affect the legitimacy of the process and the confidence of NTT faculty in their position here.

Ms. James: I am not sure that all NTT faculty are on the faculty list serve.

Senator Crothers: The NTT list serve is different from the faculty list serve. NTT faculty had the opportunity to receive information from the NTT list serve and may have chosen not to avail themselves of that information. The question is are we doing the comprehensive job that we are trying to do?

Ms. James: If you like, we can send it out again.

Senator Crothers: But the deadline is today, so I raise it mostly as a communications issue rather than a redress issue.

Senator Boschini: Could we get a copy of both e-mails?

Ms. James: Yes, I will send both e-mails to you. This leads us to the other item on the agenda for discussion, the list serve policy. The message to NTT faculty would have gone out sooner, but I was waiting for a resolution on how we could use the faculty list serve. Use of the faculty list serve to solicit NTT nominations was one of my questions, which we have never addressed.

List Serve Policy:

12.04.01.01 Request to Review Policy (In Exec Packets of 2/6/02)

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Senator Kording: The list serve item is still on the agenda because I think we are still waiting to hear from Dr. Williams.

Dr. Chapman: He is gathering information from other universities on how they handle their list serve usage.

Adjournment

Motion XXXIII-96: By Senator Hampton, second by Senator Howard, to adjourn. The motion was approved by standing vote.