

Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2002
4:00 P.M.
(Approved)

Chairperson Lane Crothers called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Ryan Allen, Carolyn Bathauer, Paul Borg, Al Bowman, Nicole Clemmons, Lane Crothers, Eileen Fowles, Jack Howard, Mark Ligunas, Khalid Razaki

Excused Absence: Vic Boschini

Unexcused Absence: Jim Reid

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of 04/22/02

Motion XXXIV-1: By Senator Fowles, second by Senator Bathauer, to approve the April 22, 2002 Executive Committee minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Oral Communications:

- 05.28.02.04 From Barbara Nouri: Council for Teacher Education Bylaws Proposed Revisions (To Rules Committee)
- 07.01.02.01 From President Boschini: Use of Surveillance Equipment in 2003. The committee will follow up with President Boschini about the specifics of the installation locations.
- 08.13.02.01 From Roosevelt Newson, John Urice: College of Fine Arts Bylaws-Revised (To Rules Committee)
- 08.15.02.01 From Larry Alferink: University Curriculum Committee Annual Report

Communications (distributed):

- 05.28.02.01 From Joe Trefzger: Review of University Curriculum Committee Guidelines (To Rules and Academic Affairs Committees). *See Discussion Section.*
- 05.28.02.03 From President Boschini: Approval of Senate Actions March 8, 2002 through April 17, 2002
- 06.19.02.01 From Janet Bremner: Group Insurance Eligibility Changes
- 06.20.02.01 From President Boschini: Request for nominations of Senate faculty representative and two additional faculty members to serve on the NCA Accreditation Steering Committee. *See Discussion Section.*
- 07.11.02.01 From Mike Kurz: ASPT Process Concerns (To Faculty Caucus of September 25, 2002)
- 08.13.02.02 From Brent Paterson: Freedom of Expression Policy-Revised (To Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee). *See Discussion Section.*

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting 08/28/02 at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2002

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Communications

Executive Session – Honorary Degree Nominees (President Boschini)

Adjournment

FACULTY CAUCUS

Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2002

Confirmation of Appointments/Election for Council for Teacher Education Representatives (Rules Committee)

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) Accreditation Steering Committee Faculty Election (Rules Committee)

Adjournment

Motion XXXIV-2: By Senator Borg, second by Senator Razaki, to approve the agenda.

Motion XXXIV-3: By Senator Borg, second by Senator Razaki, to include the NCA Accreditation Steering Committee selection of representatives on the Faculty Caucus Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion XXXIV-4: By Senator Crothers, second by Senator Borg, to remove the IBHE-FAC report from the Senate agenda, as the reports essentially concern budget news that is no longer timely. The motion was unanimously approved.

The agenda, as amended, was unanimously approved.

Discussion

05.28.02.01 *From Joe Trefzger: Review of University Curriculum Committee Guidelines (To Rules and Academic Affairs Committees)*

Senator Crothers: The Senate secretary recalls that when this discussion originally came up about how we may continue to evolve in our approval of courses, there was a deliberate desire to exclude General Education from any streamline process. That is not in this policy.

Senator Borg: Courses and programs proposed for General Education go to the Council on General Education in addition to this process.

Senator Crothers: We need to communicate to the committees that they need to specify that in this document. Additionally, when policies go to two committees, committees may present different visions of their ideas about the issues when the matter comes before the Senate. We need to specify that the committee chairpersons have to negotiate and come to a resolution and that only one committee will make the report to the Senate.

06.20.02.01 *From President Boschini: Request for nominations for the NCA Accreditation Steering Committee*

Senator Crothers: We need to select three faculty representatives for the NCA (North Central Association of Colleges and Schools) Accreditation Steering Committee—one Senate member and two non-Senate members.

Senator Borg: I think it would be good to have an additional Senate representative other than myself on the committee, as I am the co-chairperson. The Student Government Association will also contribute members. This is a 2 ½-year commitment at least. The site visit is in January or February 2005 and the report is due to the NCA the semester before.

Senator Crothers: We need to specify the process by which the representatives are named to this committee.

Senator Razaki: We should take this to the Faculty Caucus because we don't want to exclude someone who might be interested.

Senator Crothers: Do we want to have a call for nominations and a Faculty Caucus election for the non-Senate representatives?

Senator Razaki: If we could send out an e-mail message this week, we could have those individuals elected at the next caucus.

Senator Crothers: We can schedule the election for the caucus following the first Senate meeting.

Cynthia James: Will we have a problem sending out the request for nominations on the faculty list serve?

Dr. Bowman: There should be no problem with sending that out. This is just standard Senate business.

08.13.02.02 From Brent Paterson: Freedom of Expression Policy-Revised (To Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)

Senator Crothers: The Freedom of Expression Policy was assigned to the Administrative Affairs Committee at the last Executive Committee meeting last semester; therefore, Administrative Affairs has done nothing with it. I found the policy deeply disturbing as written. Brent Paterson, Larry Alferink and I met this summer to discuss my objections, some of which were subsequently accommodated in this new draft. Technically, once the policy was forwarded to Administrative Affairs, it was their purview; but in an attempt to solve some of the problems which that committee would face, I assisted in revising the draft. I am now asking for permission to substitute this draft for the one previously sent to Administrative Affairs.

Senator Bathauer: Can you explain the differences in the two documents?

Senator Crothers: There are not enormous differences. It does address the right to counter protest, one of the crucial areas I was disturbed by. In the original document, there was a requirement to receive permission 48 hours in advance to counter protest. This draft is a bit more open. I don't think there are enough changes, but the changes made afford a more tolerant range of expressions.

Motion XXXIV-5: By Senator Borg, second by Senator Bathauer, to forward the revised draft of the policy to the Administrative Affairs Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

Policy Revisions

Senator Crothers: There are a number of policies that will eventually come to the Executive Committee. One policy concerns consensual relations, which is to the going Provost Advisory Council in the near future.

Provost Bowman: A draft will be circulated this afternoon.

Senator Crothers: We have had an ongoing discussion about the list policy regarding the Senate's rights and authority to send messages on the list serves. E-mails we can and can't send will be specified in the policy. Al and I will work on that. Also, last year we discussed the composition of the search committees. That policy should be available at the next Executive Committee meeting for referral to the Administrative Affairs or the Rules Committee. Another issue that the caucus will need to discuss is if it is appropriate for the Faculty Caucus agendas to be approved by this Executive Committee since there are non-faculty members on the committee. We need to discuss this at the next Faculty Caucus. I was asked at the last Executive Committee meeting to talk to the non-tenure track faculty about a Sense of the Senate Resolution that they had proposed to the Senate and that the Executive Committee had decided was not passable in its current form (NTTF Resolution # 7, Document 04.15.02.01). I had such a meeting with the Illinois Education Association Representative to the NTTF Association and told him our concerns. He expressed a lack of interest in changing the resolution, so we can consider the resolution nonviable.

Senator Borg: Is it possible, for those of us who were not on the Senate last year, to see what the resolution was?

Ms. James: I will give you a copy.

Adjournment

Motion XXXIV-6: To adjourn. The motion was approved by standing vote.