

Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, January 13, 2003
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, Vic Boschini, Al Bowman, Lane Crothers, Eileen Fowles, Jack Howard, Mark Ligunas, Khalid Razaki, Jim Reid

Absent: Nicole Clemmons

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of 12/02/02

Motion XXXIV-63: By Senator Fowles, second by Senator Allen, to approve the December 2, 2002 Executive Committee minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Oral Communications:

01.09.03.01 From Robert Dean: Lab School 2001-2002 Annual Report

01.10.03.01 From President Boschini: Procedures and Guidelines for Managing Administrative Professional and Civil Service Hiring Freeze

Distributed Communications:

12.03.02.01 From Teresa Palmer, URC Chairperson: University Review Committee-Faculty Caucus Relationship.

12.16.02.02 From Eric Thomas: CLEP Examinations

01.07.03.01 From Al Bowman: Office of Admissions to Report to Provost's Office

01.07.03.02 From President Boschini: Implementation of Week-Long Thanksgiving Break in 2003-2004

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting of January 22, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2002

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Committee Reports

IBHE-FAC Report (Senator Jerich)

Capital Campaign (Dr. Susan Kern)

Action Item:

Executive Committee Faculty Election

Alternant IBHE-FAC Representative Election

Information Item:

10.31.02.01 School Designation for Applied Computer Science and Name Change (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)

Advisory Item:

09.11.02.03 Academic Calendar 2007-2008 (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)

Communications

Adjournment

Motion XXXIV-64: By Senator Borg, second by Senator Fowles, to approve the agenda. The agenda was amended by adding an election for an alternant IBHE-FAC representative. Curt White has agreed to act as the alternant. The agenda, as amended, was unanimously approved.

Discussion:

01.10.03.01 Procedures and Guidelines for Managing Administrative Professional and Civil Service Hiring Freeze

Senator Reid: Are these guidelines for the present hiring freeze or are they general guidelines for future freezes.

President Boschini: They are just for the current freeze.

Senator Fowles: Is there a timeframe on this freeze?

Senator Crothers: I am not aware of a specific date.

Senator Reid: This is not our original pseudo-freeze?

President Boschini: No, this has begun.

Senator Borg: What about faculty lines for next year.

President Boschini: That is not included, but it depends on the next budget.

12.03.02.01 Memo From University Review Committee Chairperson: URC-Faculty Caucus Relationship

Senator Crothers: When the Faculty Caucus discussed the post-tenure review issues last semester and then forwarded those to the University Review Committee (URC), that committee felt that that was a gross distortion of the appropriate process. They think that we should just send them ASPT issues without telling them what we think is important. I think that this is a misunderstanding of the proper relationship between the Senate, Faculty Caucus and an external committee of the Senate. I am meeting with the chair of URC tomorrow

Senator Reid: As I look at the wording here, it reads, a “the primary responsibility of the URC is to formulate and revise the ASPT document”. It does not say that the URC alone is to formulate that document.

Senator Crothers: In the paragraph just before the last sentence, it reads, “It is our understanding that all issues related to ASPT policies brought to the Academic Senate should be directed by the Executive Committee to the University Review Committee without prior discussion in the Faculty Caucus.” While we ought to defer to their expertise, knowledge and attention because we don’t want to deal with the details of this, we can limit their jurisdiction, but they cannot limit ours.

Senator Fowles: That does not mean that if the Faculty Caucus comes up with a proposal, the URC has to accept it.

Senator Crothers: Similarly, they can come up with a proposal and the Faculty Caucus can reject.

Senator Reid: We want them to act critically and do their best job, including disagreeing with us, but they remain subordinate to us.

Senator Crothers: I just wanted to get your perspectives on these issues before I met with the chair.

12.16.02.03 CLEP Examinations

Senator Crothers: We are now re-instituting CLEP exams after having deferred using them until we had compiled the necessary data. It is my understanding that this is not a change in academic standards. The scale is different, but they are using an equivalency. If they wanted to revise the CLEP or use it in a different way, then it would need to go through the Senate

01.07.03.01 Office of Admissions to Report to Provost’s Office

Provost Bowman: The Admissions Office reported to Undergraduate Studies and was therefore already reporting to an office that reported to the Provost. This change just allows the Provost to have more direct authority over the office for budget planning purposes.

Senator Reid: Is the justification for this the greater role that admissions are now playing in our overall strategy?

Provost Bowman: Yes, admissions are far more critical to us as we fully implement *Educating Illinois*.

01.07.03.02 Implementation of Week-Long Thanksgiving Break in 2003-2004

Senator Crothers: We are going to institute the weeklong Thanksgiving break next fall. I discussed it with President Boschini and others and I actually insisted that they check with Fine Arts and Education to determine whether this schedule could be accommodated.

Senator Borg: With difficulty. It is really putting a bind on our end-of-semester academic activities.

Senator Reid: What were the students' main arguments for this?

Senator Borg: It provides more sufficient travel time. It is really not a problem of time, particularly, for the academic activities, but it would be better to have it in the middle of the semester. About ten years ago, the fall break day was instituted. We eliminated that with the weeklong Thanksgiving break. There just is really no good solution.

Special Budget Meeting

Senator Crothers: I have talked with the President and vice presidents about holding a special Senate meeting on an off-week that the Senate does not meet dedicated only to issues of the budget. I want each of the Vice Presidents to make brief presentations discussing the things that they would be willing to relinquish and those they would not in light of our budget constraints. That would then lead into a very free exchange of principles, ideas and debate. We are in a difficult budget year and we need to start to have profound discussions about what really matters to us. I will invite the vice presidents and also the deans who want to participate.

Senator Borg: Perhaps you should invite the entire civil service governing body, not just the chair, who serves on the Senate.

Senator Reid: In terms of those who give presentation, do you want to include the chair of the Deans Council and the Chair of the Chairs Council?

Senator Crothers: I will certainly suggest it to them.

Senator Reid: The question is who will do the presentations. I would like to hear the concerns at the level of the department.

Senator Fowles: Would it be wise to invite the new Provost prior to his scheduled arrival?

Senator Crothers: The most likely date for the meeting would be February 12, a Wednesday that the Senate does not meet. However, since President Boschini is unavailable to be at the meeting on February 12, I would suggest that we hold the regular Senate meeting on February 12 and hold the special budget meeting on February 19 when he is available. .

President Boschini: On the 19th, we are a week closer to finding out any details of the budget. I still think that is early, but it is still better than the 12th.

Provost Bowman: I think that you would have a better discussion if you knew what the governor's budget plan looked like and if you also knew what the inevitable rescission would be. I would have the meeting float until you knew those two things.

Senator Crothers: We could, from now on, structurally set aside a discussion period in every subsequent Senate meeting of 30 minutes to deal explicitly with budget issues.

Provost Bowman: But your discussion is going to be largely speculative unless you know what the governor plans to do.

Senator Hampton: We could discuss principles and priorities as opposed to actual figures.

Provost Bowman: If you waited until the week after spring break, you could have a meaningful discussion not only about principle, but also about the nuts and bolts, because you would know what 04 is going to look like, at least in a general sense, and the size of the rescission.

Senator Crothers: I think that we can do that on a continuing basis.

Senator Reid: When will we know about the potential rescission?

Provost Bowman: It is speculative, but probably late February.

Senator Crothers: How far will the deans and the chairs have gone in making decisions for the rescission? My guess is they will have gone a long way. At that time, pulling back would be difficult.

Senator Reid: How soon after that would we have to respond?

President Boschini: They have done it different ways. They could subtract it from your budget immediately, but I would think that they would give us six weeks to respond. That is just my guess.

Senator Crothers: Under those circumstances, I would rather have an early educational session dealing with principles and then make this a regular part of the discussion at each subsequent Senate meeting. I have a sense that if we wait until after spring break to initiate this conversation as a body, it will not have the impact that I hope that it does.

Motion XXXIV-65: By Senator Hampton, second by Senator Allen, to move the regularly scheduled Senate meeting from February 19 to February 12, to have a special budget meeting on February 19 and ongoing budget discussions at every subsequent Senate meeting.

Adjournment

Motion XXXIV-66: To adjourn. The motion was approved by standing vote.