

Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, August 18, 2003
4:00 P.M.
(Approved)

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

Present: Paul Borg, Lane Crothers, John Presley, Hassan Mohammadi, Ryan Meister, Barry Tolchin, Josh Garrison, Josh Rinker, Susan Winchip, President Al Bowman

Absent: Jim Reid

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of 04/28/03

Motion XXXV-1: By Senator Mohammadi, second by Senator Borg, to approve the April 28, 2003 Executive Committee minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Oral Communications:

05.05.03.01 **From Susan Winchip, 2002-03 Faculty Affairs Committee: Golf Fees Update**
 The golf fees update was added to the Senate agenda of August 27, 2003 as an Advisory Item.

07.23.03.01 **From John Pryor: Resignation from Campus Communications Committee**
 The election of a faculty replacement for the Campus Communications Committee was added to the Senate Faculty Caucus agenda of August 27, 2003.

Distributed Communications:

04.14.03.03 **From Susan Winchip, 2002-03 Faculty Affairs Committee: Faculty Ombudsman Recommendation**
 The 2002-03 Faculty Affairs Committee recommended placing the proposal to appoint a faculty ombudsman on hold until the budget stabilized and the hiring freeze ended. The 2003-04 Faculty Affairs Committee will invite Rick Olshak, Student Dispute Resolution Services, to give the Senate an overview of the faculty ombudsman position.

04.14.03.03 **From Susan Winchip: Distinguished Professor Policy Recommendation (11.16.01.06 Distinguished Professor Policy)**
 A Senate faculty member suggested adding the responsibilities of Distinguished Professors to the Distinguished Professor Policy. The Executive Committee noted that there was a section on responsibilities within the policy and agreed with the recommendation of the 2002-03 Faculty Affairs Committee that the policy is sufficient as it stands. The Provost has added the external evaluation of candidates to the procedures for the selection of Distinguished Professors.

05.01.03.01 **Award Money Usage Memo**
 The Executive Committee discussed a memo from a faculty member regarding the conditions on award money received by faculty. The Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee was charged, in conjunction with the Provost's Office, with clarifying the appropriate usage of award monies and the conditions attached to such usage.

05.01.03.02 **From President Boschini: Green Team 2003 Annual Report**
 The Green Team Annual Report was added to the Senate agenda of August 27, 2003 as an Advisory Item. The web link for the report is: <http://www.greenteam.ilstu.edu/>. Click on "Green Team Committee".

07.07.03.01 **From President Bowman: Surveillance Equipment Memo**
 The surveillance equipment memo was added to the Senate agenda of August 27, 2003 as an Advisory Item. President Bowman will follow up on the specific sites of surveillance equipment currently installed and inform the Executive Committee of those locations. He will also inform the committee of the installation of any new surveillance equipment.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting of August 27, 2003:

Dinner with the President – Circus Room, Bone Student Center – 5:30 p.m.

Internal Committee Meetings – Following Dinner – Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Senate Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of May 7, 2003

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Committee Reports

IBHE-FAC Report (Senator Jerich)

Action Item:

Election of Faculty Executive Committee Member

Communications

Budget Session

Executive Session – Honorary Degree Nominees (President Bowman)

Adjournment

Motion XXXV-2: By Senator Meister, second by Senator Tolchin, to approve the Senate agenda.

Revisions to the agenda included the postponement of the Honorary Degree nomination process held in executive session, pending further review of the Open Meetings Act and consultation with legal counsel. The Senate will elect a faculty replacement for the Executive Committee after a nominee is chosen by the Faculty Caucus on August 27, 2003. Additions to the agenda were three Advisory Items: Golf Fees Report, Green Team Annual Report and Surveillance Equipment Usage. The agenda, as revised, was unanimously approved.

Discussion:

07.18.03.01 Alcohol Policy

A draft of the proposed Alcohol Policy for the University was reviewed by the Executive Committee during the summer. The President gave interim endorsement of the policy, pending a formal review by the Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee during fall 2003.

Approval of Internal Committee Student Appointments

Motion XXXV-3: By Senator Borg, second by Senator Rinker, to approve the internal committee student appointments subsequent to review of the appointments by the Executive Committee by e-mail.

Graduate Studies

Senator Mohammadi: What is the University's commitment to graduate education? Last year, I lost eight graduate assistantships.

Provost Presley: Because the initial rescissions had to be made quickly, we cut many graduate assistantships. I am very concerned about this. It is an issue of institutional identity and our responsiveness to the region. We need to decide to which graduate programs we want to devote more resources. It is an issue of allocation and reallocation. Graduate Studies

is a priority of all of the deans and vice presidents.

President Bowman: It was a short-term strategy, but it did not reflect any weakening in our commitment to Graduate Studies.

Senator Mohammadi: If you look at the composition of graduate students and undergraduate students, we have approximately 21,000 students, 2,000 of which are graduate students. Is this composition reasonable? I don't think that you can have a good undergraduate program without having a solid graduate program.

President Bowman: Graduate programming is coupled with what do at the undergraduate level. We are primarily an undergraduate institution. There will probably never be enough money to have graduate programs in every area, but we intend to support those areas where it is appropriate and where we have strengths. There has been no discussion about pulling back from where we are right now. As additional opportunities become available to us, graduate programming is certainly something that we would look at. But in the near future, it is probably not very likely that you will see any significant expansion of graduate programs.

Adjournment

Motion XXXV-4: By Senator Borg to adjourn. The motion was approved by standing vote.