

**Executive Committee Minutes  
Monday, September 15, 2003  
(Approved)**

***Call to Order***

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

***Present:*** Lane Crothers, Eileen Fowles, John Presley, Ryan Meister, Barry Tolchin, Jim Reid, Josh Rinker, President Al Bowman, Hassan Mohammadi, Josh Garrison, Susan Winchip

***Absent:*** Paul Borg

***Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of September 3, 2003***

***Motion XXXV-7:*** By Senator Meister, seconded by Senator Rinker, to approve the September 3, 2003 Executive Committee Minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

***Distributed Communications:***

***09.09.03.01 From Lane Crothers: Recommendations for Senate Bylaws Revisions (To Rules Committee)***

***09.10.03.01 From John Walker: Computer Ownership Initiative Recommendations***

Interim College of Fine Arts Dean John Walker chaired the committee on the Student Computer Ownership Initiative. The committee supported the initiative, but submitted recommendations for revisions. Provost Presley stated that the recommendations would be passed on to Mark Walbert, Associate Vice President of Technology. Provost Presley stated that he was amenable to revising the document after all discussions are completed.

***Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting of September 24, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.***

***Call to Order***

***Roll Call***

***Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2003***

***Chairperson's Remarks***

***Student Government Association President's Remarks***

***Administrators' Remarks***

***IBHE-FAC Report (Senator Jerich)***

***Committee Reports***

***Advisory Items:***

***08.22.03.01 University Enrollment Committee Charge (President Bowman)***

***09.03.03.01 Student Computer Ownership Initiative Policy (Provost Presley)***

***Communications:***

***Program Proposals – Approved by the Senate on the Consent Agenda 9/2/03***

***08.06.03.01 Mass Communications Program Revisions***

***08.06.03.02 Social Aspects of Aging Professional Development Sequence***

***08.06.03.03 Interactive Media Sequence in Mass Communications***

***08.06.03.04 Television Sequence in Mass Communications***

- 08.06.03.05**     *Radio Sequence in Mass Communications*
- 08.06.03.06**     *Visual Communications Sequence in Journalism*
- 08.06.03.07**     *News Editorial Sequence in Journalism*
- 08.06.03.08**     *Broadcast Journalism Sequence*
- 08.06.03.09**     *Journalism Major*
- 08.06.03.10**     *African-American Studies Minor*
- 08.06.03.11**     *Exercise Science and Fitness Sequence Deletion*

***Budget Session***

***Adjournment***

**Motion XXXV-8:** By Senator Meister, seconded by Senator Tolchin, to approve the Senate Agenda of September 24, 2003. Jan Cook, Professor Emeritus and a former chairperson of the Senate, will present a campus community update to the Senate on September 24. This item was added to the agenda. The Senate agenda, as revised, was unanimously approved.

***Discussion:***

***Executive Committee Meeting Time***

Senator Crothers asked the members of the Executive Committee if 4:00 p.m. was a satisfactory meeting time for Executive Committee meetings. Some members responded that the 4:00 p.m. meeting time best served their schedules. Student members stated that they had arranged their class schedules around the 4:00 p.m. meeting time. They stated that they would be amenable to such a change next semester. Other members stated that they were not opposed to changing the time of the meetings. The Executive Committee agreed to continue to meet at 4:00 p.m.

***Recruitment, Retention and Leadership Development Study***

Senator Mohammadi reported that he had reviewed the College of Arts and Sciences Recruitment, Retention and Leadership Development Study. The study recommends family and personal support to improve the retention of faculty, including improving the benefits package, family leave, partner hiring and childcare services. President Bowman stated that he was committed to better benefits, spousal hiring and childcare services, but that the University at this time does not have the resources to address these issues. Senator Mohammadi continued that some of the resources at ISU are not always used efficiently. An example he presented was his inability to gain access to Metcalf School for his child. He suggested that establishing a policy of access for the children of faculty would build a better sense of ISU community. President Bowman replied that due to the school's support through state taxation, no special consideration can be given to any student, except for the siblings of an already admitted student because of difficulties with multiple school admissions for any one family. There isn't enough space for the demand. If special access was permitted, the school would lose its financial support from the State and it would probably create a backlash from the community.

Senator Fowles inquired as to why the faculty and staff cannot utilize the current childcare center for the children of ISU's students. President Bowman stated that it was an issue of available space and that the University should serve the student needs first. He added that childcare is a priority and that the University would move ahead with its discussion on that subject when the economy improves.

***Adjournment***