

Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, October 13, 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, President Bowman, Hassan Mohammadi, Josh Garrison, Susan Winchip

Excused Absence: Paul Borg, Josh Rinker

Guests: Barbara Kurtz, Nick Maroules

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of September 29, 2003

Motion XXXV-19: By Senator Meister, seconded by Senator Garrison, to approve the September 29, 2003 Executive Committee Minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Oral Communications:

10.09.03.01 From Chuck Scott: Green Team Overview for Senate

Senator Crothers: Chuck Scott, Green Team Chairperson, will give the Senate an update on the Green Team's activities and progress at the Senate meeting of October 22.

Distributed Communications:

10.01.03.01 From Pat O'Rourke: Unionization Questions

Senator Crothers: I responded to Professor O'Rourke, as instructed by the Executive Committee at our last meeting, regarding his questions on faculty unionization. He has sent a follow up memo. He states that he was not seeking support or opposition from the Senate on the question of unionization, but rather was looking for clarification of unionization procedures. We could send his memo to the Faculty Affairs Committee for its review of his questions.

Senator Mohammadi: There is no faculty unionization activity going on at this time.

Provost Presley: There are no administrative procedures for interpreting the law about which he has questions.

Senator Fowles: Is there another forum that could explain the law—that signing the unionization card is supporting unionization?

Senator Crothers: Individuals who want to begin a campaign for a union would have to provide that information.

Senator Mohammadi: Perhaps the Provost could send a letter to faculty about this.

Provost Presley: I have already done so.

10.01.03.03 From Steve Bragg: Social Security Number Usage (To Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)

Senator Crothers: We received a memo from Senator Bragg of the Office of Finance and Planning regarding the establishment of a task force to look at the usage of social security numbers. This has been forwarded to the Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee. That committee has as its charge the development of a policy for the use of randomized student identification numbers in place of social security numbers under certain circumstances.

10.02.03.01 From Joe Armstrong: Academic Affairs Committee's Revisions to Repetition of Course Requirements Policy

Senator Crothers: The Academic Affairs Committee has submitted its revisions to the Repetition of Course Requirements Policy for placement on the next Senate agenda. Under the revised policy, students receiving a grade of WX, WP or WF can repeat that course at an institution other than ISU. They cannot do so under the current policy.

Senator Mohammadi: If a student graduates, but wants to come back and repeat a course, can he or she do so?

Senator Fowles: They could repeat a course, but it would not affect their graduating GPA.

10.03.03.01 From Parker Lawlis, ISU Annuitants: Pension and Benefits Memo

Senator Crothers: Parker Lawlis has contacted me about presenting information to the Senate Faculty Caucus on pensions and benefits. If you have no objection, I will contact him about when he is available to make this presentation.

There were no objections.

10.07.03.01 From Nick Maroules, Larry Long, Barb Kurtz: Waiver of Guidelines for Dean Search Committee Composition (See Discussion Section)

10.08.03.01 From Brent Paterson: Request for Additional SCERB Members (To Rules Committee)

Brent Paterson, Executive Secretary of SCERB (Student Code Enforcement and Review Board), has requested additional members to serve on SCERB. He states that it is increasingly difficult to schedule hearings in a timely manner due to scheduling conflicts. The additional members would allow more flexibility in scheduling, thus eliminating the possibility of a student's due process rights being compromised. The request for the increase in the SCERB membership of two additional faculty members and two additional student members will be forwarded to the Rules Committee.

10.10.03.01 From Provost Presley: Assessment Advisory Council Appointments

Provost Presley requested the appointment of a member of the Senate's Academic Affairs Committee to serve on the Assessment Advisory Council. Jim Reid has volunteered to serve in that capacity; he will discuss his appointment to the council with the members of Academic Affairs.

10.10.03.02 From Dianne Ashby: Council for Teacher Education Bylaws Revisions (To Academic Affairs Committee)

Minor revisions to the Council for Teacher Education Bylaws will be referred to the Academic Affairs Committee, the committee to which CTE reports.

10.10.03.03 From Faculty Affairs Committee: Award Money Usage Clarifications

The Faculty Affairs Committee recommended adding an attachment to the congratulatory letters sent to recipients of monetary awards clarifying the options for the usage of such awards. The attachment would cite relevant University guidelines and procedures as well state law. The proposal will be offered as an Advisory Item at the Senate meeting of October 22, 2003.

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

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2003

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Committee Reports

Information Items:

10.02.03.01 Repetition of Course Requirements Policy Revisions (Academic Affairs Committee)

10.10.03.03 Award Money Usage Clarifications (Faculty Affairs Committee)

03.27.03.02 College of Arts and Sciences Bylaws Revisions (Rules Committee)

Blue Book Revisions (Rules Committee)

Communications:

NCATE Update (Barbara Nourie, Dianne Ashby)

Green Team Report (Chuck Scott)

Budget Session

Adjournment

Motion XXXV-20: By Senator Reid, seconded by Senator Fowles, to approve the Senate agenda of October 22, 2003.

The Award Money Usage Clarification was moved from Information to Advisory. The Budget Session of the agenda will be retired until such time as there is new information concerning the budget.

The agenda, as revised, was unanimously approved.

Discussion:

10.07.03.01 From Nick Maroules, Larry Long, Barb Kurtz: Waiver of Guidelines for Dean Search Committee Composition

Senator Crothers: Department Chairpersons Barbara Kurtz and Nick Maroules join us today to discuss the composition of the CAS Dean Search Committee. They have stated that a chairperson's eligibility to be elected to the search committee does not guarantee chair representation on the committee. They favor chairs being placed on the committee by a waiver of the search committee membership guidelines.

Senator Kurtz: Chairpersons have much more interaction with deans than do other faculty members. Chairs on the committee would represent a faculty perspective, but could also provide the expertise of working with the deans, especially concerning the budget.

Dr. Maroules: With only three faculty positions on the search committee, I do not approve of chairs running for election to the committee. We are asking for representation on the committee because of the expertise that chairs can provide.

Senator Winchip: Were there any direct reports—specific slots for a dean or AP on the former Provost Search Committee?

Senator Crothers: The existing rules do not include them.

Senator Mohammadi: Would there be a conflict of interest if a chair and faculty representative from the same subgroup within CAS served on the committee? If not, then the inclusion of a department chairperson would be beneficial.

Senator Crothers: There would not necessarily be a conflict of interest, but perhaps a conflict of expectations. The chairpersons may look at the candidates differently.

Senator Meister: Are we making these changes just for this search committee?

Senator Crothers: If we make this ruling for this waiver, we may also do so for the CFA Dean Search Committee.

Senator Fowles: Only if they make such a request.

President Bowman: It would be a better committee with chair representation.

Senator Crothers: Should this go to the entire Senate, it needs to come forward as a proposal. Will the chairs be voting members? It changes the balance of power.

Provost Presley: I have also received a request for representation for AP and civil service staff.

Senator Crothers: The proposal of APs and civil service makes the voting of chairs more problematic.

Senator Reid: The chairs need the right to vote to help make the choice of the candidate selected.

Senator Crothers: How shall these additional members be selected? We could present AP, civil service and chair names to the Provost and he could appoint them.

Senator Reid: I don't think it's a good idea for the Provost to appoint one-half of the committee.

Senator Kurtz: We are quite willing to have representation of a former chair because he or she could also offer expertise.

Dr. Maroules: If it is a past chair, it should be a recently former chair. Why not let the Provost appoint the chair?

Senator Crothers: I think I have a summary of the proposal we want to bring forward. The Provost will appoint the chair representative. The CAS AP members will elect the CAS AP representative and the CAS civil service members will elect the CAS civil service representative. The AP Council and Civil Service Council will conduct their respective elections. These additional members of the search committee will all be voting members.

Motion XXXV-21: By Senator Meister, seconded by Senator Reid, to approve the proposal for the addition of members for the 2003-2004 search committees. The motion was unanimously approved. The membership waivers will be brought before the full Senate as an information item on October 22, 2003. If approved, the waivers will also apply to the search committee for the CFA dean, if that college so desires.

Adjournment