

Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, February 9, 2004
(Approved)

Call to Order

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

Present: Lane Crothers, Eileen Fowles, Barry Tolchin, Josh Garrison, Susan Winchip, Paul Borg, Hassan Mohammadi, Josh Rinker, Candice Thomas

Absent: Ryan Meister, President Bowman, Jim Reid, John Presley

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of January 26, 2004

Motion XXXV-59: By Senator Borg, seconded by Senator Tolchin, to approve the January 26, 2004 Executive Committee Minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Distributed Communications:

01.27.04.01 From Eli Ortenberg, MASH: Freedom of Speech Infringement

Members of MASH (Mobilizing Activists and Students for Hemp), a registered student organization, questioned whether their right of free speech had been infringed upon by the University. They raised this concern after they were denied permission by the Associate Director of University Housing to post flyers in residence halls advertising a December 4, 2003 educational/entertainment event called Hempfest. The issue was referred by the Executive Committee to the Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee for review.

01.29.04.01 From Jim Coliz, Rules Committee: Academic Senate Bylaws – Revisions to Article II

The revisions to Article II of the Academic Senate Bylaws is an information item on the February 18, 2004 Senate Agenda.

02.02.04.02 From Provost Presley: Academic Affairs Annual Planning Presentation – Invitation to Senate to Attend

The Senate will be informed of its invitation to the Academic Affairs Annual Planning Presentation at the Senate meeting of February 18, 2004.

02.03.04.01 From Steve Bragg: Illinois Education Labor Relations Act Amendment

Senator Bragg's memo provided information on an amendment to the Illinois Education Labor Relations Act. This information will be shared with the Senate at the meeting of February 18, 2004.

02.05.04.01 From Lane Crothers: Planning and Finance Committee Revisions to Guidelines for Academic Program Approval

Senator Crothers: The proposed amendment to the guidelines for program approval from the Planning and Finance Committee is part of the larger document on the web, which instructs faculty on the creation of new programs and courses. The committee proposes this addition to those instructions so that there is specific documentation of the budgetary implications of new programs and more accountability from the departments that submit new program proposals. Budgetary implications currently are poorly assessed by College Curriculum Committees.

Senator Borg: This is a substitution of a statement already in the instructions on the web site that justifies budgetary needs.

Senator Fowles: With a new program or sequence, how are we going to know the number of FTE that are needed in the future.

Senator Crothers: Departments should be able to make projections about the average number of FTE that will be needed for a program.

Senator Borg: This will help to not unduly burden faculty and encourage the departments to begin the planning process early on.

Senator Fowles: You may be stifling the deans by requiring these projections.

Senator Crothers: All we are trying to do is provide more information to the College Curriculum Committees. New programming decisions are made by the deans with little or no information about the budgetary ramifications provided to the committees.

Senator Borg: Does the Senate have the authority to approve this revision?

Senator Crothers: The Provost has requested that it first go to the Provost Advisory Council. I will find out if the Senate needs to vote on it.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting of February 18, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of February 4, 2004

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Committee Reports

Action Items:

07.18.03.01 Alcohol Policy (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)

02.02.04.01 Consensual Relations Policy – Revised (Rules Committee)

02.02.04.01A Code of Ethics Revision - Excerpt (Rules Committee)

Information Items:

01.29.04.01 Academic Senate Bylaws – Revisions to Article II (Rules Committee)

01.22.04.01 Administrator Selection (Search Committee) Policy - Revised (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)

Communications:

12.04.03.01 Educating Illinois 2003-2010

12.04.03.01A Educating Illinois Summary of Changes (Joe Rives, University Planning)

Sense of the Senate Resolution: Endorsement of Educating Illinois 2003-2010 (Executive Committee)

02.02.04.02 Invitation to Senate to Attend Academic Affairs Annual Planning Presentation

02.03.04.01 Illinois Education Labor Relations Act Amendment

Adjournment

Motion XXXV-60: By Senator Rinker, seconded by Senator Borg, to approve the Senate Agenda for February 18, 2004. Senator Borg inquired as to why the revisions to the membership structure for the Academic Planning Committee were not on the agenda. Senator Crothers replied that the Rules Committee is continuing its discussion on those revisions. Senator Crothers recommended moving the presentation on *Educating Illinois*, including the Sense of the Senate Resolution, to follow the committee reports. The agenda, as revised, was unanimously approved.

Discussion:

Student Issues

Senator Garrison: Is it true that graduate students are not a part of the “truth in tuition” program?

Senator Crothers: Yes, but most graduate students receive tuition waivers.

Senator Borg: Also, since the undergraduate and graduate programs are separate, graduate tuition may not necessarily increase at the same rate as undergraduate tuition.

Senator Garrison also provided information about the proposed College Voter Registration Act, which would require public universities and community colleges to provide voter registration to students as part of the registration process. The bill is located on the web at:

<http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocTypeID=HB&DocNum=4141&GAID=3&SessionID=3&LegID=8245>.

Per the information on the web site, the bill has been referred to the Rules Committee of the Illinois House of Representatives. The Student Government Association has already passed a resolution in support of the bill and is currently seeking support from other student governments and student trustees across the state. Senator Garrison may present a Sense of the Senate Resolution for the Senate's consideration at the March 3 Senate meeting.

Adjournment