

Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, February 23, 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, John Presley, President Bowman

Absent: Ryan Meister, Jim Reid

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of February 9, 2004

Motion XXXV-68: By Senator Fowles, seconded by Senator Rinker, to approve the February 9, 2004 Executive Committee Minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Oral Communication:**From Jim Reid: Request for Senate Executive Committee Faculty Replacement**

Per a request from Senator Jim Reid, the Faculty Caucus will hold an election for a faculty representative to replace Senator Reid on the Senate Executive Committee on March 3, 2004 for the remainder of the 2004 spring term.

Distributed Communications:**02.18.04.01 From Chika Nnamani, Student Affairs Division: Response to Memo from Mobilizing Activists and Students for Hemp (MASH) (To Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)**

Dr. Nnamani responded to an earlier correspondence from the RSO, MASH, Mobilizing Activists and Students for Hemp, regarding the placement of flyers in residence halls advertising the group's events. In his memo to MASH, Dr. Nnamani cited the University Policy, Standards of Conduct in Relation to Alcohol and Other Drugs: "Advertising of University sponsored activities, whether held on or off campus, which include alcohol or other drugs as a part of the promotion of the event, is prohibited." Dr. Nnamani concurred with the Associate Director of Residence Halls' decision that the flyers were in violation of this policy and that MASH would not be permitted to display them in the residence halls. Dr. Nnamani's memo was forwarded to the Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee, which also received the initial correspondence from MASH.

02.19.04.01 From David Barone, Department of Psychology Chairperson: Recommendation of 2-Year Senate Terms (To Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)

Dr. David Barone, Chairperson of the Psychology Department, as well as one of the Chairpersons Council's representatives on the Academic Senate, noted that there were few nominees in CAS as candidates for the upcoming election of Senate representatives. He reported that few of his colleagues were comfortable with the three-year term of service on the Senate and recommended that the Senate consider a two-year term of service instead. His recommendation was forwarded to the Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee for consideration.

02.19.04.02 From Jan Shane, Associate Provost: List of Programs Under Review by Academic Planning Committee (To Academic Senate)

Dr. Jan Shane, Associate Provost and member of the Academic Planning Committee, supplied the Executive Committee with a list of the programs currently under review by the Academic Planning Committee. The programs under review are:

B.S.,B.S.Ed. in Early Childhood Education
 B.S.,B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education
 B.S.,B.S.Ed. in Middle Level Teacher Education
 B.S. in Special Education
 M.S. in Special Education
 Ed.D. in Special Education
 Center for Assistive Technology
 Center for Reading and Literacy
 B.A.,B.S. in Business Teacher Education
 BME Music Education
 M.M.Ed. in Music

M.S.,M.S.Ed in Curriculum & Instruction
Ed.D. in Curriculum & Instruction
M.S.Ed in Reading
M.S. in Educational Administration
Ed.D.,Ph.D. in Educational Administration
Center for Study of Educational Policy
Ph.D. in Mathematics Education
B.S. in Health Education
B.S. in Physical Education
M.S. in Kinesiology and Recreation
Center for the Advancement of Teaching

The program reports will be available at the reserve desk in Milner Library through the end of the spring semester. A full report on the programs will be included in the Academic Plan, which will come before the Senate as an Advisory Item in April.

02.20.04.01 GLT Request for Volunteers to Answer Pledge Phones

GLT is seeking volunteers to answer pledge phones during its annual Spring Fund Drive, which will be held March 31 through April 5, 2004. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Pat Peterson at 438-3581 or pkpeter@ilstu.edu.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting of March 3, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2004

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Committee Reports

Action Item:

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

Communications:

College Voter Registration Act Sense of the Senate Resolution (Senator Garrison/Student Government Association)

02.19.04.02 List of Programs Under Review by Academic Planning Committee (Reports available for review at Milner Library)

Adjournment

Motion XXXV-69: By Senator Borg, seconded by Senator Rinker, to approve the Senate Agenda for March 3, 2004. Senator Borg inquired as to why the Blue Book revisions for the membership of the Academic Planning Committee were not on the proposed agenda. Senator Crothers replied that the Rules Committee is continuing its discussion on the committee's structure, mainly in regard to the term of service on the committee. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Discussion:

Presidential Search Process

President Bowman excused himself from the discussion concerning the presidential search process.

Senator Crothers expressed his anger and disappointment that the rumor mill on campus had hurt the presidential search process. He emphasized that it was not that he did not agree that the best candidate had been selected, but that the allegations on campus that the search process was “fixed” may have caused the other candidates to withdraw. He stated emphatically that the message had to get out that such rumors were untrue and that the search committee acted impartially in its evaluation of each candidate.

Senator Presley noted that the search for a President of ISU was nationally known and that even at a recent out-of-state event that he attended, it was assumed that it was a “done deal”. He stated that the reason for this perception was that overly analytical people search the web for information and opinions on these searches. He added that he was unsure if people on this campus were entirely responsible for the assumptions that were made.

Senator Fowles commented that the *Pantagraph* had named ISU’s Interim President as the front-runner in the search, so anyone searching for biased opinions did not have to look far.

Senator Borg stated that his distress stemmed from the fact that some believed that the search committee was not impartial and had taken a presumptive position. He stated that it was not only from the campus that such inaccuracies were spread and added that he was unsure what could be done to change the perception that an internal candidate would automatically be chosen.

Senator Mohammadi: The College of Arts and Sciences recently conducted its search for a dean of the college. The policy for that search was that no candidate could be in the position of an “acting dean”. This policy was in place because an interim dean would have an advantage over other candidates because of the knowledge acquired while in that position.

Senator Borg: If an appointment to an interim position were without the possibility for advancement as a candidate, what motivation would there be for that person to succeed in an interim capacity?

Provost Presley: Had that been our policy in the presidential search, we would have lost an enormous talent.

Senator Crothers: My goal is to reduce any conspiracy theories. We have to spread the word that search committees are trustworthy. I plan to share my thoughts on this issue with the full Senate.

Senator Borg: In your statements to the Senate, I recommend that you express your frustration about the assumption that the search committee was not trusted, rather than attack the rumor mill.

Provost Presley: Faculty were well represented on this search committee, though there were no statutory obligations for their inclusion, and were central to the process. I think it would be best to focus on that aspect.

Senator Crothers: I read the evaluation forms on the candidates contributed by members of the campus community. The forms contained such messages as “be ware; it’s all corrupt”. The fact that such derogatory remarks could have reached the other candidates is quite disturbing. Candidates dropped out because they did not believe that they could be hired. Would anything be served by the Senate’s affirmation or endorsement?

Senator Borg: Endorsement of the process yes, but not of the Board of Trustees’ decision. All candidates met individually with the BOT and, ultimately, the Board makes the final decision on the choice for the presidency.

Senator Crothers: Then I propose that we add a Sense of the Senate Resolution to the agenda endorsing the search committee process.

The Senate Agenda for March 3, 2004 was so revised.

02.23.04.01 Resolution Requesting Clarification of CSUMB Compliance with the USA Patriot Act

The Executive Committee discussed the “Resolution Requesting Clarification of the CSUMB (Cal State University-Monterey Bay) Compliance with the USA Patriot Act” from the Cal State Academic Senate.

Senator Crothers: Should the Senate follow Cal State’s example and endorse this resolution?

Senator Borg: Have there been any requests for student information? I support the Cal State Senate’s request to “...

protect the first amendment rights, privacy rights, and the diversity and civil, intellectual, academic and political liberties of the University community”, as stated in the resolution, but I am unsure if the endorsement of such a resolution is necessary for ISU.

Provost Presley: ISU Vice Presidents and/or their representatives previously held meetings discussing the USA Patriot Act. Database managers, legal counsel, FBI representatives and members of the local law enforcement were also in attendance. We understand the act and any such request for records are immediately forwarded to our University Counsel. No requests for any records have been made.

Senator Crothers: I appreciate that those meetings were held and that certain individuals gained an understating of the ramifications of the act, but these issues need to be openly and publicly discussed.

Senator Bowman: We do need to have this conversation. We could have someone present information to the Senate concerning these matters, as well as educate the entire campus on what this law entails.

Senator Borg: I propose that we develop a Sense of the Senate Resolution for the Senate’s consideration on the same evening of the presentation.

Senator Crothers: I will work with the President on developing the resolution.

Senator Fowles: I also suggest that the Council of Illinois University Senates take up this issue at its next meeting this semester.

Adjournment