

Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, March 29, 2004
(Approved)

Call to Order

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

Present: Paul Borg, Lane Crothers, Hassan Mohammadi, John Presley, Farzaneh Fazel, Susan Winchip, Eileen Fowles, Barry Tolchin

Absent: President Bowman, Josh Garrison, Josh Rinker

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of March 15, 2004

Motion XXXV-81: By Senator Fowles, seconded by Senator Fazel, to approve the March 15, 2004 Executive Committee Minutes. Corrections to the minutes: Provost Presley was indicated as present at the meeting of March 15, 2004; however, he was not in attendance at that meeting. The minutes were, therefore, revised and, as revised, unanimously approved.

Oral Communication:**From Jim Coliz, Rules Committee Chairperson: Review of the UCC Revised Guidelines for the Approval of Academic Curriculum Proposals**

The Rules Committee's requested that the review of the University Curriculum Committee's proposed guidelines for curriculum approval be removed from the Rule Committee's charges and assigned exclusively to the Academic Affairs Committee. The Executive Committee approved this request.

03.26.04.01 From Jan Shane: NCA Accreditation Special Emphasis Team Focus Groups - Schedule for Meetings with Faculty

As part of the preparation for the report for the NCA, the NCA Accreditation Special Emphasis Team will gather information on faculty life and work at the University. The team provided a schedule of group meetings with faculty; the schedule is as follows:

April 13, 14, 15; 8:30-9:30 a.m.; Milner Library, Room 311

April 20, 21, 22; 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Milner Library, Room 311

This information will be supplied to the Faculty Caucus at its meeting of April 7, 2004.

Distributed Communications:**03.17.04.02 From Academic Affairs Committee: General Education Preliminary Summary of Review and Recommendations****03.17.04.01 From Academic Affairs Committee: General Education Recommendations to Academic Affairs Committee**

The Academic Affairs Committee compiled the "General Education Preliminary Summary of Review and Recommendations" and disseminated this executive summary to the campus community via mass e-mail. The committee also disseminated the original recommendations to the Academic Affairs Committee from the Gen Ed Ad Hoc Committee. Academic Affairs will compose a draft report on its review of General Education for Senate consideration as an information item for the Senate meeting of April 7, 2004.

03.17.04.03 From Erin Elder: Leadership Recognition Ceremony – Call for Nominations

The Senate will be informed at the April 7, 2004 Senate meeting of the request for nominations for the recognition of the commitment of outstanding individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions during the past academic year to student life on campus. The Leadership Recognition Ceremony will be held on April 25, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., in the Prairie Room of the Bone Student Center.

02.02.04.01D From Jim Coliz, Rules Committee: Senate Resolution Regarding Faculty Associates Code of Ethics (Forward to Director of Lab Schools, 2005-2006 Rules Committee)

The Rules Committee included in its cover memo to the Senate, for the proposed Consensual Relations Policy and revised Code of Ethics, a resolution concerning Faculty Associates. As all faculty, including Faculty Associates, are exempted from the Consensual Relations Policy, the Rules Committee resolution recommends that the Faculty Associates ensure that language contained in the Faculty Associates Code of Ethics is brought into alignment with the University's policy on consensual relations. The Rules Committee further recommended that the 2005-2006 Rules Committee review that

language. The Senate approved the resolution, along with the Consensual Relations Policy and revised Code of Ethics, on February 18, 2004. At the direction of the Executive Committee, the resolution will be forwarded to the Director of Faculty Associates, Faculty Associate Senate Representative and to the 2005-2006 Rules Committee.

03.25.04.02 From Jim Coliz, Rules Committee: Request to Remove Code of Ethics from Senate Agenda

The Rules Committee provided a revised version of the structure, rather than the content, of the Code of Ethics to the Senate on March 24, 2004 as an information item. After the Senate's extensive discussion, the Rules Committee forwarded a request to the Executive Committee to remove the revised Code of Ethics from the April 7, 2004 Senate Agenda as an action item and that the Executive Committee charge the full revision of the Code to the 2004-2005 Rules Committee. The Executive Committee agreed to the request.

03.25.04.07 Rules Committee Recommendations for Review of Honors Council Membership Needs

In view of the overall shortage of volunteers on campus, the Rules Committee requested the Executive Committee to ask the appropriate Senate internal committee to review the membership needs of the Honors Council. The council currently has six faculty members and six student members. This task was assigned to the 2004-2005 Rules Committee.

Request from Rules Committee for the Addition of the Following Information Items to the Senate Agenda of 4/7/04:

03.25.04.03 Academic Planning Committee Function Revisions

The Rules Committee recommendations for revisions to the functions of the Academic Planning Committee were added to April 7, 2004 Senate Agenda.

03.25.04.04 Rules Committee Response to SCERB Request

10.08.03.01 From Brent Paterson: Request Appointment of Additional Faculty and Students to the Student Code Enforcement Review Board

The Rules Committee received a request from Student Code Enforcement Review Board (SCERB) regarding the addition of two faculty members and two student members to SCERB. The Rules Committee recommended the addition of one faculty and one student member. The committee's recommendation was added to the April 7, 2004 Senate Agenda.

03.25.04.05 Rules Committee Response to Council for Teacher Education Request

01.23.04.04 From Dianne Ashby: Request for the Appointment of Council for Teacher Education Representatives Annually in September

Dean Dianne Ashby submitted a request that the appointments to the Council for Teacher Education be made in September, rather than in April, as is the usual procedure for selection of CTE representatives. The Rules Committee recommended that the CTE appointments be made in the fall at the first Senate meeting of the academic year. The committee's recommendations were added to the April 7, 2004 Senate Agenda.

03.25.04.06 Rules Committee Response to Honors Council Request for Student Membership Composition

02.24.04.01 From Larry Alferink: Request that the Student Membership of the Honors Council Be Composed of Honors Students Only

Dr. Larry Alferink recommended that the student membership of the Honors Council be composed of students enrolled in the Honors Program only. Per Senator Tolchin, student member of the Executive Committee, the SGA does not object to this proposal. Therefore, the Rules Committee's recommendation endorsing the request was added to the April 7, 2004 Senate Agenda.

03.25.04.08 Rules Committee Response to External Committee Disbandment/ Reorganization

03.23.04.01 Information from Jeremy Schenk and Suzette Zompetti, Office of Student Life: Disbandment/Reorganization of Four Senate External Committees

Per information received by the Senate secretary, the Office of Student Life disbanded the Student Center Programming Board and the Student Center Policy Board, both external committees of the Senate, several years ago. There was also conversation about the reorganization of two additional Senate external committees, the Entertainment Committee and University Forum Committee. The disbandment/proposed reorganization of these committees was done without consultation with the Senate, which has oversight of its external committees. The Rules Committee objected to the Student Life proposal and Chairperson Crothers stated that he would discuss the matter of shared governance with President Bowman and Student Affairs. Therefore, this issue will not be on the April 7, 2004 Senate Agenda.

03.01.04.02 From Mary Jo Adams, NTTF Senate Representative: Request for Full-Time NTT Faculty Eligibility for Inclusion on the Chair/Director/Dean Fifth-Year Review Committees

The request from Senate Non-Tenure Track Faculty Representative Mary Jo Adams concerning NTT faculty representation on the Fifth-Year Review Committees for Department Chairpersons/School Directors and Deans was forwarded to the Rules Committee in March. As the Rules Committee has submitted no recommendation on this matter, this issue will not be included on the Senate Agenda of April 7, 2004.

Sense of the Senate Resolution Requesting Assurance of the Confidentiality of Personnel Issues for Administrator, A/P and Civil Service Staff as Provided for Faculty in the Code of Ethics

The Chairperson of the Rules Committee stated that the Rules Committee wanted to ensure that the confidentiality concerning personnel issues of administrators, A/P and civil service staff is protected as faculty are protected by the Code of Ethics. The Rules Committee recommended a Sense of the Senate Resolution to ensure this confidentiality; however, as the resolution from the committee has not been forwarded to the Senate Office, this issue will not be included on the Senate Agenda of April 7, 2004.

03.29.04.01 From Matt Blankenship, Western Illinois Senate Chairperson/Council of Illinois University Senates Representative

At the Council of Illinois University Senates (CIUS) meeting of Monday, March 29, 2004, Matt Blankenship, Senate Chairperson for Western Illinois University, presented a resolution endorsed by the Western Illinois University Faculty Senate. The resolution is in regard to Title 10, Section 654 of the United States Code (policy concerning sexual orientation in the armed forces), to which the ROTC adheres. The resolution states, in effect, that, 'as WIU does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and the concealment of sexual orientation is not required to enjoy the benefits of Western Illinois University's non-discrimination policy, the Faculty Senate condemns Title 10 and calls for its immediate repeal; gay and lesbian ROTC students should not have to conceal their sexual orientation to have access to the same benefits as all other ROTC students, which include scholarships and stipends.'

Senator Crothers: Could this lead to the removal of the ROTC from campus because of such discrimination?

Senator Borg: No, because our federal funding would be in jeopardy if the ROTC is removed. Do we wish to take a position on this resolution?

Provost Presley: I don't want this indefinitely delayed, but I would wait until we get the domestic partners benefits issue settled.

Senator Borg: I suggest that we forward this resolution to the Triangle Association and PRIDE.

Senator Crothers: We could talk to the ROTC officials as well.

Senator Tolchin: SGA would allow PRIDE to bring this resolution forward.

Senator Crothers: This probably won't come before the Senate in the near future.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting of April 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. – Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2004

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Committee Reports

Action Items:

- 03.04.04.01** *Administrator Selection (Search Committee) Policy - Action Item 3/24/04 (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)*
- 11.16.01.12** *Solicitation Policy – Information Item 3/24/04 (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)*

Information Items:

- 04.01.04.01** *General Education Review Report (Academic Affairs Committee)*
- 03.25.04.03** *Blue Book Revisions: Academic Planning Committee Function Revisions (Rules Committee)*
- 03.25.04.04** *Blue Book Revisions: Rules Committee Response to Request for Additional SCERB Members*
- 03.25.04.05** *Blue Book Revisions: Rules Committee Response to Request for Council for Teacher Education Appointments*
- 03.25.04.06** *Blue Book Revisions: Rules Committee Response to Honors Student Membership Composition Request*
- 03.25.04.08** *Rules Committee Response to External Committee Disbandment/ Reorganization of Senate External Committees*
- 03.01.04.02** *Request for Full-Time NTT Faculty Eligibility for Inclusion on the Chair/Director/Dean Fifth-Year Review Committees (Rules Committee)*

Communications:

- 03.17.04.03** *Leadership Recognition Ceremony – Call for Nominations*

Sense of the Senate Resolution Requesting Assurance of the Confidentiality of Personnel Issues for Administrator, AP and Civil Service Staff as Provided for Faculty in the Code of Ethics (Rules Committee)

Adjournment

Motion XXXV-82: By Senator Tolchin, seconded by Senator Winchip, for the approval of the Academic Senate Agenda of April 7, 2004. The proposed Sense of the Senate Resolution requesting assurance of the confidentiality of personnel issues for administrator, A/P and civil service staff as provided for faculty in the Code of Ethics and recommendations for NTTF representation on chair/director and dean fifth-year review committees were removed from the Senate Agenda, as these items have not been received by the Senate Office. The issue of the disbandment/reorganization of several Senate external committees was also removed from the agenda; Chairperson Crothers will discuss the matter with administration. The Senate Agenda of April 7, 2004, as revised, was unanimously approved.

Adjournment