

Academic Senate Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, April 18, 2005
(Approved)

Call to Order

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

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of April 4, 2005

Motion XXXVI-70: By Senator Borg, seconded by Senator Kauzlarich, to approve the Executive Committee minutes of April 4, 2005. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Oral Communications:***Sense of the Senate Resolution: Comments by Trustee re: SEAC Activities***

The Executive Committee discussed a proposed Senate resolution expressing concern about comments made by a member of the Board of Trustees in regard to SEAC activities. The Executive Committee decided to continue development of the resolution and present it to the Senate for endorsement on April 27, 2005. The committee also discussed how it might further proceed, contingent upon conciliatory efforts. Senate discussion on the issue may extend into the new Senate, which will be seated on May 11, 2005, and may include the question of support for the non-reappointment of the trustee.

04.08.05.01 From Jan Cook: Executive Committee's Invitation to ISU Annuitants Association Meeting

Members of the Senate Executive Committee were invited to attend the State Universities Annuitants Association meeting of April 15, 2005. Tom Wilson, Chairperson of the Legislative Committee of the SUAA, provided information on the status of higher education budgets and benefits for state employees.

04.13.05.01 From Jan Shane: Request to Place Academic Plan on Senate Agenda

The Academic Plan will come before the Senate at its meeting of May 11, 2005 as an Advisory Item, per Jan Shane's request.

04.15.05.05 From IBHE: Request to Select IBHE-FAC Representative

The Senate received a request to select a faculty representative to serve on the Illinois Board of Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council for the term 2005 to 2009. Professor Curt White, English, is willing to continue to serve in this capacity. The Faculty Caucus will conduct the election of the FAC representative on April 27, 2005.

Distributed Communications:***04.05.05.01 From Chuck Scott: Green Team Annual Report***

Chuck Scott, Director of Facilities Management, will present the Green Team Report, the annual environmental report, to the Senate at its first meeting in the fall of 2005. The Green Team focuses on the environmental concerns of the University; Chuck Scott serves as its chairperson.

04.12.05.01 From Sharon Stanford: Department/College Teaching Assignments Data

Comprehensive data regarding faculty teaching assignments was provided to the Senate Executive Committee. The information will be forwarded to the Faculty Affairs Committee as an additional resource for its discussion on faculty retention and recruitment. The information is also posted on the "Documents" page of the Senate's web site at: [/documents.html](http://documents.html).

04.14.05.02 From Roslyn Wylie, Faculty Affairs Committee: Academic Freedom, Ethics and Grievance Committee Policy Revisions

The Executive Committee discussed the proposed revisions by the Academic Freedom Ethics and Grievance Committee, in coordination with the Faculty Affairs Committee Chairperson, to the AFEGC Policy. Senator Crothers noted that the revised policy was not ready to go forward to the Faculty Caucus in its current form as there were questions from the AFEGC within the text of the draft. The Executive Committee requested that 2005-2006 Faculty Affairs Committee re-submit the policy to the Executive Committee no later than October 1, 2005.

04.15.05.01 From Joe Armstrong: ISU Foundation Board Report

Former Senate member, Joe Armstrong, serves as the faculty representative on the ISU Foundation Board. Professor Armstrong will provide the Faculty Caucus with an update on the Foundation Board's activities during the Faculty Caucus meeting of April 27, 2005.

04.15.05.02 From Senator Crothers: Pension Cuts Memo to Governor

Senator Crothers drafted a memo to the Governor presenting ISU's concerns about the Governor's proposed pension reductions. The memo will be forwarded to the Senate for its endorsement on April 27, 2005.

04.15.05.03 From Mike Plantholt, Senate Planning and Finance Committee: Institutional Goals and Priorities

The Institutional Goals and Priorities Report, developed by the Senate Planning and Finance Committee through discussions with each of the University's Vice Presidents, will be forwarded to the Senate as Information Item for the meeting on April 27, 2005. The report is also on the Senate web site's "Document" page at: </documents.html>.

04.15.05.04 Letter From Faculty Member Re: Concerns about comments made by Trustee

See Oral Communications Section.

04.08.05.02 From Priscilla Matthews: URC Recommendations for ASPT Calendar Revisions

The Executive Committee discussed the revisions to the ASPT policies and procedures by the University Review Committee concerning the ASPT calendar/timeline. Senator Crothers noted that the Faculty Review Committee did not support the revisions to the calendar as it does not allow for an additional review after the Provost's recommendations. The Provost reiterated that since he is unable to provide the FRC with reasons for his recommendations, the FRC has no objective information concerning those recommendations upon which to build an appeal. It FRC's position, however, that the additional level of review, after the Provost's recommendations and before those recommendations are forwarded to the President, should remain in tact. Provost Presley stated that the faculty would be better served if all issues concerning tenure and promotion were resolved prior to any such recommendations being forwarded to his office. The Executive Committee agreed to include the URC's recommendations concerning the ASPT calendar on the Faculty Caucus Agenda of April 27, 2005.

The following items were placed on Senate/Faculty Caucus Agendas of April 27, 2005, though these documents were not yet available for Executive Committee review:

Disestablishment of Academic Units Policy (Revised by the Administrative Affairs Committee following the Senate meeting of April 13, 2005)

Amplification Policy (Revised by the Administrative Affairs Committee following the Senate meeting of April 13, 2005)

External Committee Faculty Elections Slate (Rules Committee)

Academic Senate Sense of the Senate Resolution: Response to BOT Member's Comments Re: SEAC Activities (Senators op de Beeck and Reid)

URC Recommendations for ASPT Five-Year/Post-Tenure Review (Revised by the URC following the Faculty Caucus Meeting of April 13, 2005)

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting of April 27, 2005:

Call to Order

Roll Call

Presentation: State Legislators

Presentation: Green Team Annual Report (Chuck Scott, Green Team Chairperson)

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Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Committee Reports

Action Items:

Disestablishment of Academic Units Policy-Revised (Administrative Affairs Committee)

**Senate Information Item on April 13, 2005*

Amplification Policy-Revised (Administrative Affairs Committee)

**Senate Information Item on April 13, 2005*

External Committee Faculty Elections Slate (Rules Committee)

Administrative Selection Panel and AFEGC Committee Elections by Ballot (Vitae distributed to Senate on April 13, 2005)

Information Item:

04.14.05.02 Academic Freedom, Ethics and Grievance Committee Policy Revisions (University Review Committee/Faculty Affairs Committee)

Information Item:

04.15.05.03 Institutional Goals and Priorities (Planning and Finance Committee)

Communications:

04.15.05.02 Pension Cuts Memo to Governor – Presented for Senate Endorsement (Senate Executive Committee)

Academic Senate Sense of the Senate Resolution: Response to BOT Member's Comments Re: SEAC (Senators op de Beeck and Reid)

Adjournment

Motion XXXVI-71: By Senator Wylie, seconded by Senator Borg, to approve the Senate Agenda of April 27, 2005. The Executive Committee revised the agenda in the following manner. The AFEGC Policy was removed from the agenda and referred to the Faculty Affairs Committee for further review. The Panel of Ten, AFEGC and Senate External Committee elections will be conducted by the Faculty Caucus rather than by the full Senate. The Green Team Report will be presented to the Senate at its first meeting in the fall. Additionally, the Institutional Goals and Priorities document will be presented to the Senate as an Information Item rather than an Advisory Item. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the Senate Agenda of April 27, 2005, as revised.

Adjournment