

Academic Senate Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, October 16, 2006, 4:00 P.M.
(Approved)

Call to Order

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

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of October 2, 2006

Motion XXXVIII-16: By Senator Fazel, seconded by Senator Borg, to approve the Executive Committee Minutes of October 2, 2006. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Oral Communication:**10.10.06.02 From Senate Office: University Writing Board Membership**

Bob Broad, University Writing Director, is intending to revise the University Writing Board structure and function in some ways. The question posed by Professor Broad was if Mennonite and Milner should be included in the membership. The question of Mennonite would simply be an editorial change because the intent was to include all colleges in the membership. However, Milner does not have any academic programming at this time, though they are looking at reinstating their Library Science academic programming. The Executive Committee agreed to refer the question to the Rules Committee.

Distributed Communications:**10.04.06.01 From Mark Walbert: Associate Vice President for Technology: Summary of Information Technology Strategic Planning for 2007-2010**

Senator Crothers: We have from Mark Walbert an executive summary of a much broader document, which is the strategic planning document for Information Technology. Mark is going to come to the Senate on November 8th to discuss it.

10.06.06.01 From Dianne Ashby: Old Main Bell Ceremony – Request for Nominations

Senate Communication Item on November 11, 2006

10.09.06.01 From Provost Presley: Distinguished Professor Nominees (Faculty Caucus Agenda of 12/6/06)

Senator Crothers: I think that we need to make one change in regard to Provost Presley's memo. The language about the President making the presentation to the Academic Senate requires that it be before the entire Senate rather than only the Faculty Caucus. So, if you are happy with it being to the whole Senate that's fine. Historically, it has been the entire Senate because the President typically does not attend the Faculty Caucus meetings. So, that will be done on December 6th in executive session.

Provost Presley: I have no strong feelings about either.

Senator Borg: We could look it up in the minutes to find out.

Senator Crothers: Maybe the students said, at one time, that they did not care and we talked about separating it out. Why don't we check the minutes?

NOTE: Per the Faculty Caucus Minutes of December 7, 2005, the recommendations for Distinguished Professor were presented to the Faculty Caucus in executive session on December 7, 2005.

10.11.06/01 From Amy Roser, Enrollment Management: Herb Sanders Award for Outstanding Academic Advisement – Call for Nominations

Senate Communication Item on November 11, 2006.

10.12.06.01 From Amy Roser, Enrollment Management: Academic Calendar 2011-2012 Draft

Distributed to the Administrative Affairs Committee for review.

10.13.06.02 *From Sarah Jome, International Studies: Immigration Updates*

Senate Communication Item on November 8, 2006.

10.13.06.01 *From Paul Borg, Academic Affairs Committee: General Student Policy*

Senator Crothers: We next have the proposed General Student Policy from Academic Affairs. What type of timeframe are we looking at for the Senate's approval of this item?

Senator Borg: We need it for next fall's catalog and I think the deadline is mid-November. If we do it as an information item and then two weeks later bring it as an action item, we should be ok.

Senator Crothers: It is really the only thing on the next Senate Agenda.

Senator Borg: If you are thinking of cancelling the October 25th meeting, we would have to have it done at the next one.

Senator Crothers: I was thinking of cancelling the meeting if that item could be delayed.

Senator Borg: No, it's a catalog issue.

Provost Presley: I don't think that there is going to be a lot of discussion with this. Even if there is a lot of discussion, I think there will be time for that.

Senator Crothers: So, the question is, would you rather have the meeting a week from Wednesday and be sure that the process in the next three meetings can be worked out. We could probably go to the first meeting in December and still submit it in time for the catalog. Or would you rather take the risk and cancel the October 25th meeting.

Senator Borg: The discussion at the Academic Affairs meeting went smoothly. They brought up a number of questions, but all questions were answered. There was no disagreement concerning the need for this policy.

Senator Alferink: There are a couple of things that are not specified in the policy, one of which is, what happens to students who lose their major?

Senator Borg: It's for students at 75 hours without a declared major and it does not specify how they reached that point.

Senator Alferink: So, they would fall into the same category?

Senator Borg: Absolutely, they would have their next semester schedule dropped.

Senator Alferink: My next question relates to the admissions policy. How does it affect transfer students?

Senator Crothers: The policy contains language about admissions being denied.

President Bowman: I thought we are not admitting transfer students.

Senator Crothers: That is correct. We are not admitting transfer students who have not been admitted into a major.

Senator Richards: Up to how many hours, generally, can a student have to be admitted?

Senator Crothers: I think it's up to 66 hours, which is approximately the number of hours for an associate's degree.

Senator Borg: We do state that we are recommending that the policy statement on the implementation be understood

as being endorsed when we deal with the policy. It is not officially part of the policy, because that is far too cumbersome. We did agree, however, that this all needs to be there and understood that that is how it's going to work without cluttering up the actual policy statement itself.

Senator Crothers: It sounds like we have gone through the various possibilities; committees will still be expected to meet on October 25th.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate of Meeting of October 25, 2006:

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2006

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

- ***President Al Bowman***
- ***Provost John Presley***
- ***Vice President of Student Affairs Steve Adams***
- ***Vice President of Finance and Planning Steve Bragg***

Committee Reports

- ***Academic Affairs Committee Chairperson, Senator Borg***
- ***Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee Chairperson, Senator Kalter***
- ***Faculty Affairs Committee Chairperson, Senator Preston***
- ***Planning and Finance Committee Chairperson, Senator Parette***
- ***Rules Committee Chairperson, Senator Holland***

Information Item:

10.13.06.01 General Student Policy (Academic Affairs Committee)

Communications:

10.06.06.01 Old Main Bell Ceremony – Request for Nominations

10.11.06.01 Herb Sanders Award for Outstanding Academic Advisement – Call for Nominations

10.13.06.03 International Studies Immigration Updates

Adjournment

Motion XXXVIII-17: By Senator Richards, seconded by Senator Rodriguez, to approve the Senate Agenda of October 25, 2006. The motion was not approved and the October 25, 2006 meeting was cancelled.

Discussion:

Asbestos Removal Concerns

Senator op de Beeck: After the most recent Senate meeting, I talked to the Director of Facilities Management about Stevenson Hall asbestos issues. A few people have asked about the issue of the floors and about the use of elevator and disabled students going up to the second or third floors, depending upon which floor is being worked on. Also, of

concern are the partitions. I am interested in getting more information on that, so how might I go about that?

Senator Crothers: There are two answers to that. One, you can ask Susan Kalter as Chair of Administrative Affairs, to invite Dick Runner back to the Senate.

Senator op de Beeck: OK, because people are coming to me about the elevator issue.

Senator Crothers: They build plywood walls to the elevators, so you basically have a plywood tube to the elevator.

Senator op de Beeck: And plywood must be permeable.

Senator Crothers: They seal it all they have too.

Senator op de Beeck: People were saying that even when you have a negative system that when you open a door, your negative system is compromised. And, working in that building, I have some reservations about it, too.

Senator Crothers: One of things to remember about asbestos is that the only people who get mesothelioma are people who ingest huge volumes of asbestos.

Senator op de Beeck: There are still concerns. People are asking why can't everyone just move out all at once, but I know that that is a cost issue.

Senator Crothers: It's not a cost issue, it's a space issue.

President Bowman: You can be assured that it can be done safely and Dick Runner can answer those questions.

Senator Crothers: I have recommended, as a member of the Capital Planning Board, that he go to department meetings and explain it to people directly. If he hasn't organized that yet, he should.

Senator op de Beeck: So that should go through the Administrative Affairs Committee?

Senator Crothers: Absolutely. E-mail Susan and cc Dick Runner, Steve Bragg and anyone else you want until you are satisfied with the answers, that is, as much as you could possibly be satisfied.

Adjournment