

Academic Senate Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, February 12, 2007
(Approved)

Call to Order

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

Present: Lane Crothers, Larry Alferink, Paul Borg, Farzaneh Fazel, Provost John Presley, Nathalie op de Beeck, Peter Smith, David Horstein, Ross Richards, Phillip Rodriguez, President Al Bowman.

Absent: Jacob Ward

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of January 29, 2007

Motion XXXVIII-29: By Senator Borg, seconded by Senator Richards, to approve the Senate Executive Committee Minutes of January 29, 2007. Provost Presley asked for a revision to his comments on page 2: "error to have policies considered by only one committee" was revised to "error to have policies considered by multiple committees". The minutes, as revised, were unanimously approved.

Executive Session: Presidential Commentary Report from Administrative Affairs Committee

Motion XXXVIII-30: By Senator Richards, seconded by Senator Fazel, to go into executive session to consider the annual Presidential Commentary Report. The Illinois Open Meetings Act, section 5 ILCS 120/2 section c, 1, allows for closed meetings to consider "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body".

The Executive Committee completed its work in closed session and returned to open session.

Oral Communications:

Senator Crothers: I received an e-mail from Steve Adams regarding the Performing Art Series. It is being placed on hiatus across the university. I recall that the Senate changed the committee makeup and elected individuals to serve on the committee. They were going to try to perhaps keep those people on the committee perpetually. My response was that they are elected for terms and if you choose to restart the series and someone's term has expired, we would need to elect someone new.

Also, at some point in time, we need to have the Green Team report to the Senate.

Ms. James: They prefer to report to the Senate in April.

02.12.07.01 From Foundation Board: ISU Foundation Investment Summary as of November 30, 2006

Senator Crothers: Dianne Ashby and I met this week and she provided me with the summary of the ISU Foundation investments as of November 30, 2006. President Bowman, do you have any objection to this being communicated to the Senate?

President Bowman inspected the summary and had no objection to its distribution to the Senate. It will be a Senate Communication Item on February 21, 2007.

Distributed Communications:**02.01.07.01 From Jon Rosenthal, Enrollment Management: Reinstatement Procedure Revision to 2007-08 Undergraduate Catalog**

Senator Crothers: Next, we have a revision to the reinstatement procedure. In my opinion, this constitutes nothing

more than an editorial change with no meaningful policy impact. Therefore, it does not need to be voted on, but should be communicated to the Senate as a Senate Advisory Item at the next Senate meeting.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate of Meeting of February 21, 2007:

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2007

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Body 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***

IBHE Student Advisory Committee Report

Advisory Item:

01.26.07.01 Distinguished Professor Policy – Revision (Faculty Affairs Committee)

02.01.07.01 Reinstatement Procedure Revision to 2007-08 Undergraduate Catalog (Jon Rosenthal, Enrollment Management)

Action Item:

***12.08.06.01 Faculty Responsibilities to Students Policy (Rules Committee)
(Distributed to Senate on 1/24/07)***

Communications:

01.23.07.01 FY08 Academic Affairs Annual Planning Presentations

01.29.07.01 Sense of the Senate Resolution: Ethics Training Implementation (Senators op de Beeck and Fazel)

Adjournment

Motion XXXVIII-32: To approve the Academic Senate Agenda of February 21, 2007. Senator Richards asked to add a report from the IBHE Student Advisory Committee. The agenda, with the addition of the report and the ISU Foundation Investment Summary, was unanimously approved.

Discussion:

Provost Presley: There is a vagueness in our weather policy, policy 5.1.10. It is more relevant to Fine Arts than to any other college or unit, with perhaps the exception of Athletics. The last time we cancelled evening classes because of the weather, I would have assumed that the same concern would have been invoked for members of the public coming on campus for events. The policy currently leaves it at the call of the people organizing the events. It seems to me that if the university is closed, it can't be up to them.

Senator Crothers: If the university is closed, by definition, I would think that all but the most emergency kinds of personnel are gone.

President Bowman: We rarely use that, in part, because we don't have evening staff in the dining centers.

Provost Presley: Right, so what we are saying with this is that the decisions about public events are up to the sponsors.

Senator Borg: And you think that that ought not to be the case?

Provost Presley: I don't know; I think that this group might want to think about. It may be something we want to consult legal counsel on. There is the question that if people are coming to see a play, are the sidewalks going to be clear. Maybe they are cleared; I don't know. If they are not, we are liable. Our policies are vague; there is an implication that one can draw. I am about to issue a little edict on that to CFA, because they asked, but it may be an issue that this group and others want to take up.

Adjournment