

Academic Senate Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, April 2, 2007, 4:00 P.M.
(Approved)

Call to Order

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

Present: Lane Crothers, Larry Alferink, Paul Borg, Provost John Presley, Nathalie op de Beeck, Farzaneh Fazel, David Horstein, Phillip Rodriguez

Absent: Peter Smith, Ross Richards, Jacob Ward, President Al Bowman

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of March 19, 2007

Motion XXXVIII-39: To approve the Senate Executive Committee Minutes of March 19, 2007.

Professor Alferink's remarks were revised: the word "reliability" replaces "liability". The minutes, as revised, were unanimously approved.

Distributed Communications:***03.23.07.01 From Provost Presley: Distinguished Professor Lecture***

Dr. Rainer Grobe's Distinguished Professor Lecture will be held on April 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Main Room of the Bone Student Center.

03.23.07.02 From Senate Office: Senate Internal Committee Issues Pending

The issues pending before the Internal Committees of the Senate were briefly discussed by the Executive Committee. Senator Alferink noted that the request concerning concurrent service on the University Hearing Panel and SCERB had been withdrawn.

09.21.05.02 From Senate Office: Student Services Programs Policy (Policy on Review Cycle – Assigned to SGA for Review 10/3/05)

The Student Services Program Policy was assigned to the Student Government as part of its review cycle on October 3, 2005. This policy will be addressed by the current Student Government membership.

03.28.07.01 From Ira Schoenwald, Ombudsperson: Annual Report (Senate Presentation 4/11/07)

Dr. Schoenwald will present his annual report on the activities as the ombudsman for ISU to the Senate on April 11, 2007.

03.28.07.02 From Marabeth Clapp, Business Services and Management: Campus Parking Focus Groups

Individuals invited to the campus parking focus groups were notified by e-mail of the dates and times for the groups to meet.

04.02.07.01 From Paul Borg, Academic Affairs Committee: PhD in Nursing, Focus on Aging Proposal (Senate Information Item 4/11/07)

The Academic Affairs Committee's recommendations for the Ph.D. in Nursing Proposal will come before the Senate as an Information Item on April 11, 2007.

04.02.07.02 From Paul Borg, Academic Affairs Committee: University Writing Exam Recommendations (Senate Information Item 4/11/07)

The Academic Affairs Committee's and the University Writing Exam Board's recommendation to eliminate the University Writing Exam will come before the Senate as an Information Item on April 11, 2007. Senator Borg noted that that he had met with the University Writing Exam Board and had stated that it was his impression that the university could not afford what the group wanted to do concerning the exam. The Board had discussed changing the exam into an electronic portfolio system. Provost Presley stated that over 50% of our students, primarily those students in the College of Education, already have electronic portfolios, which included writing samples. He added that if we

wanted to make that campus wide, it would not be extraordinarily expensive. Senator Borg stated that we should not continue administering an exam that the experts in writing consider obsolete.

04.02.07.03 From Lane Crothers, Planning and Finance Committee: 2007-08 Institutional Goals and Priorities Report (Senate Action Item 4/11/07)

The Planning and Finance Committee's annual Institutional Goals and Priorities Report, which was revised following the Senate meeting of March 28, will come before the Senate as an Action Item on April 11, 2007. Senator Alferink asked if an administrator rejects the recommendations, would that administrator make that rejection directly to the Senate. Senator Crothers stated that he would consider language to clarify that point.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate of Meeting of April 11, 2007:

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of March 28, 2007

Presentation: Ombudsperson Annual Report (Ira Schoenwald)

Presentation: Green Team Report (Charles Scott)

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***

Action Items:

04.11.07.01 Plus/Minus Grading Memo – Recommendation for Task Force Formation (Academic Affairs Committee)

04.02.07.03 2007-08 Institutional Goals and Priorities Report (Planning and Finance Committee)

Information Items:

04.02.07.01 PhD in Nursing, Focus on Aging Proposal (Academic Affairs Committee)

04.02.07.02 University Writing Exam Recommendations (Academic Affairs Committee)

Communications

Adjournment

Motion XXXVIII-40: By Senator Borg, seconded by Senator Alferink, to approve the Academic Senate Agenda of April 11, 2007. Senator Borg stated that he would make any necessary revisions to the Plus/Minus Grading Memo and forward those to the Senate Office. Senator Alferink stated that the Senate Office may receive the revisions to the Blue Book as an addition to the agenda as those revisions were complete. The agenda was unanimously approved with the provision that the Blue Book revisions would be added if they were received.

Discussion:

Seating of the New Senate

The committee briefly discussed the seating of the new Senate. Executive Committee Members were in agreement that certificates should continue to be distributed to departing and newly-elected Senate members. Senator Borg volunteered to distribute certificates to those members leaving the Senate on April 25 while Senator Crothers read the list of names. Ms. James suggested that it might be better to distribute the certificates at the end of the meeting on April 25. For the May 9 meeting, Ms. James further suggested that Senator Borg call the names of the new members of the Senate and that the Student Body President give each new senator a certificate as they entered the meeting room at the beginning of the meeting.

Department Name Change

Senator Presley reported that he had approved the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology's request to change its name to the Department of Communication Sciences. Provost Presley stated that there was a procedure or precedent by which he was to report this change to some committee of the Senate. Ms. James noted that the Senate's only involvement with changes of department names were those requests that involved changing a "department" to a "school". Those types of requests are reported to the Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee of the Senate.

Adjournment