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Academic Senate Minutes
Wednesday, November 7, 2012
(Approved)

Call to Order

Senate Chairperson Dan Holland called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Senate Secretary Susan Kalter called the roll and declared a quorum.

Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2012

Motion XLIV-24: By Senator Hoelscher, seconded by Senator Olszewski, to approve the Senate minutes of October 24, 2012. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairperson's Remarks

Senator Holland announced that during the Faculty Caucus he would ask for a volunteer for the Team Excellence Awards Committee. He also reminded the Senate about the importance of reviewing items on the Consent Agenda.

Student Body President's Remarks

Senator Manno reported on an event called Election Night Live. Students viewed the election results at Schroeder Hall. The t-shirt swap was a huge success. Senator Ehmen played a major role in that project. SGA will be working on a bereavement policy for students.

Senator Ellerton asked about education programs for bicycle safety on campus and on roads and similarly for pedestrians that walk across main roads.

Senator Manno stated that that was something that SGA could look into when it has its Office on the Quad program.

Senator Dawson stated that the issue of bicycles is on the Parking and Transportation Committee's agenda as well as the bike racks.

Administrators' Remarks

• ***President Al Bowman - Absent***

• ***Provost Sheri Everts***

Provost Everts stated that the president was at the Board of Trustees Retreat. The vice presidents will attend tomorrow. They will share the latest draft of Educating Illinois with the board. She thanked Senator Holland, who served on the writing team.

• ***Vice President of Student Affairs Larry Dietz***

At the last meeting, there was some discussion about registered student organizations and how many of those were ethnically based. The Student Involvement Center has all of the 350 student organizations listed on the Dean of Students website. There are 24 student organizations that are ethnically classified. There has been a Native American Student Organization in the past; there isn't one currently. We would issue an invitation just like to any of the rest of these, but the interest needs to come from the students. If students want to organize properly, the Dean of Students will help them with the process.

• ***Vice President of Finance and Planning Dan Layzell***

The FY13 merit salary process is moving along very well. The increase will show up in the November 30th paycheck and the retro-payment will show up in the December 21st paycheck. We received our final state payment for FY12 on October 31st and we expecting that we will begin to receive our FY13 appropriations in December. We will receive our fall MAP payment in January; the spring payment will be in the range of March or April.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs Committee

Senator Gizzi: The committee discussed bylaws changes for the Council on General Education.

Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee:

Senator Kalter: The committee is creating a faculty survey about the policies we have about chairpersons. This came out of a request from the Chairpersons' Council last year.

Faculty Affairs Committee:

Senator Horst: The committee continues to revise the Academic Freedom Policy and is creating a shared governance policy. We discussed an AAUP position about faculty layoffs and current ISU definitions of financial exigency.

Planning and Finance Committee:

Senator Rich: We enjoyed a presentation on civic engagement. Our guests were Provost Everts, Vice President Dietz and Jim Jawahar. Our institution is nationally recognized for civic engagement.

Rules Committee:

Senator Fazel: We discussed the Code of Student Conduct. We plan to invite Vice President Dietz to our next meeting.

Action Items:

09.28.12.02 College Level Examination Program Policy (Academic Affairs Committee)

Motion XLIV-25: By Senator Stewart to accept the changes made to the College Level Examination Program Policy. There were very minor changes.

Senator Bushell stated that he had no context to understand the general education requirement scores in section 7. Senator Holland stated that it most likely meant at least the given score.

The policy as revised was unanimously approved. Senator Holland stated that we will make a note about if they want to change the score language at some point.

09.28.12.01 Undergraduate Proficiency Examination Policy (Academic Affairs Committee)

Motion XLIV-26: By Senator Stewart to accept the changes made to the Undergraduate Proficiency Examination Policy. There were very minor changes. The policy as revised was unanimously approved.

10.11.12.03 Ombudsperson Policy – Revised (Faculty Affairs Committee)

Senator Horst: We are going to have an election of the ombudspersons. Candidates were solicited in the spring. We made recommendations to open up the nomination process. Faculty will be able to nominate themselves via the External Committee Volunteer Form that is distributed by the Academic Senate.

Motion XLIV-27: By Senator Horst to approve the revised Ombudsperson Policy. The policy was unanimously approved.

Information Items:

10.04.12.01 Athletic Council Reporting – Blue Book Revision (Executive Committee)

The revision to the Blue Book is adding “and to the Faculty Affairs Committee” on the last page of the Athletic Council section. In the Faculty Affairs Committee section, it already states that the Athletic Council reports to Faculty Affairs and SGA.

10.25.12.02 Planning and Finance Committee Membership - Blue Book Revisions (Rules Committee)

Senator Fazel: Currently, there are six faculty on the Planning and Finance Committee. We revised the Blue Book so that the Senate Secretary is no longer required to serve as a member of that committee so there will now be seven faculty on the committee instead of six. We clarified the language, but there were no other membership changes.

Senator Fazel asked if there was any objection to moving the item to action. Two senators were not in favor of that move.

Adjournment

Motion XLIV-28: By Senator Hoelscher, seconded by Senator Dawson, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.