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Academic Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 12, 2016
(Approved)

Call to Order

Senator Kalter called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Senator Gizzi called the roll and declared a quorum.

Chairperson's Remarks

Senator Kalter: Good evening. As you probably noticed, we have a shortened meeting tonight. The Executive Committee briefly considered canceling tonight's meeting so that the Faculty Caucus could again get an early start, and also due to the non-urgency of the items coming out of most of the internal committees. So if you sent us something, we did get it. We're just going to put it on the October 26th agenda rather than tonight's agenda. Once, however, we had received the Student Government Association's proposal, it seemed best to move that one to the floor as soon as possible. So we will not have committee reports tonight, but we will have administrator remarks and a single information item. And that is all I have for the moment, so please let me know if you have any questions.

Student Body President's Remarks

Senator Walsh: Hello everyone. I hope you all enjoyed Homecoming last week. I certainly made the most of my final Homecoming year as an undergraduate. I would like to start off by welcoming our newest addition to the Senate, Senator Chirayath. He is a freshman here at ISU. He will be representing the Tri Towers constituency. Last night the Student Government Association hosted a panel discussion including ISU faculty on freedom of speech and having civil discourse. We had an excellent turnout and it was in my opinion, from a content perspective, one of the most productive and thought provoking events the Association has ever sponsored. And a special thanks to Senator Winger for providing his input on the panel. Next Tuesday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on the Quad the Student Government Association will be co-sponsoring an event with the Association of Residence Hall and the Criminal Justice Association called "Cook Out with the Cops." The intent of this event is to bring together students and law enforcement officers from throughout the community in a casual setting that allows the parties to interact with one another and ask any questions about any concerns they may have and to break down stereotypes. And then this Saturday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Braden Auditorium, SGA will be co-sponsoring an event with APAC, the Asian-Pacific American Coalition, called "ISU without Borders," which is a performance event that is a celebration of the different cultures that are represented here at ISU. Next Friday, the 21st, we will be partnering with the College Democrats for an event at 12:00 p.m. here in the Old Main titled "The Road Back." This is a presentation provided by State Senator Daniel Biss, and we'll highlight the agenda that focuses on tackling Illinois' deep problems by raising wages, investing in people, and tackling corruption. Lastly, we will be having a "Pack the Place" event on Saturday evening as ISU takes on SIU at Hancock Stadium. We have free tickets for our students in our Student Government office so please let your students know to come pick them up. Thank you.

Administrators' Remarks

• ***President Larry Dietz***

President Dietz: Thank you very much. I too enjoyed the weekend this past weekend, and the weekend before that. Family Weekend and Homecoming Weekends are very special times that bring lots of people back onto the campus. My sense is that individuals had a wonderful time. This past weekend as part of the Homecoming Weekend activities is the time for the Alumni Board and the Foundation Boards to meet, and I met with both of those groups and they are really giving good advice and helping us with the mission of those two organizations. Lots of activities associated with both, lots of walking around

enjoying themselves, and then last Friday we also had an open house for about 1200 students. So we're back into the recruiting phase again. You go out of one and into the other. So a lot of interest in ISU and we're absolutely delighted about that. Also kudos to the individuals who have planned and are participating in the International Week. I was delighted to be invited to meet with a group of individuals and spoke about the international dimension of the campus, and also was fortunate to have dinner with the former ambassador to the United Nations from Iraq the night before his keynote speech. Tomorrow night we're having a dinner with student leaders, and frankly I'm not sure how many of you around this table will be there. It's quite a group that we've had in before so we're looking forward to that. This morning we had a community partner's breakfast in this room, and we had about 100 individuals in the room who owned businesses and not-for-profit organizations and so forth. And we do that a couple of times a year so this was the Fall version of that. State Senator Brady was there and Representative Brady was there and I not surprisingly talked about the lack of a budget among many other things. So every time I have an opportunity to press that I try to do that. This afternoon I had a conference call with the Chair of the Illinois Board of Higher Education and with some legislative staffers and we are working on procurement reform and mandate relief. I guess people would rather work on those things than a budget, but nevertheless those are related to the budget, and so it was good to have some conversation about that. Stay tuned I guess is the answer to that. I'd be happy to try to answer any questions that you might have.

Senator Kalter: Any questions for Senator Dietz? I'll just say that relief in any title is a good thing.

President Dietz: Right. Couldn't agree more.

Senator Kalter: Whatever it might be...

President Dietz: Mandate relief and procurement reform.

Senator Kalter: Mandate relief and procurement reform; yes, those sound good. Thank you very much, Senator Dietz.

- ***Provost Janet Krejci***

Provost Krejci: I'll just shout out to students studying for their mid-terms or they're done, and a shout out to all the faculty and staff who are grading all those mid-terms. Homecoming was wonderful, I will echo that. Just an amazing energy on campus and people really love coming back. Study Abroad Fair today if you didn't get to it was fabulous. Every year there are more and more trips, there are more and more faculty taking students to different places. Whether it was China or Korea or Panama or anywhere in Europe. It was in full force today as part of International Week. So kudos to all of you doing that. Studying abroad of course can be so transformational for all, so appreciate all the work that went into that. Enrollment management update: as you know Dr. Troy Johnson will be leaving us and beginning at a University of Texas campus beginning November 1st. We will miss him and we will say good bye to him but we want to thank Jana Albrecht who has accepted the interim starting November 1st and we'll be working closely with her. Dr. Dietz recognized some of our open houses. We had 1500 attend in September and 2200 were registered for the Columbus Day open house. Having said that though I will say that the first time in college admission applications are down right now 11% from last year, and it seems evenly distributed across all colleges. It's very early to make any kind of thoughts about this, but there's a couple things that might be influencing this so if you hear this I want you to know the background. High school counselors are continuing to say that students and parents are looking at out-of-state colleges as well, and that neighboring states are targeting us, maybe more than usual. But, having said that we think there are probably other reasons that are responsible for this and we'll be watching it closely. We had one weekend where our computer system was down, not available, so that may have made up for some of the applications, but I do want to show you our Viewbook and I'll pass this around. It's a fabulous Viewbook that has been heralded by many as one of the best out there. And this really just came out this past week and so we think that's why when this gets to people's mail boxes, we will see an uptick in that. And

because the demographics are coming down for high school students, we did purchase some more names of high school students. So we're monitoring the applications and we're very optimistic because it's early. International recruitment is also ramping up, and you've seen some of that across campus. There are many more universities when they come here to visit with President Dietz and sign an MOU. They are so excited about the possibility. We had one university here last week that has already followed up and wants to see if they can start enrolling students here. So we're doing good work with that. I just want to remind everyone that the conference on October 24th and 25th is being held here on campus. That is the Culturally Responsive Campus Community group and I think there are signs up for that. So let me know if there's any question with that, and with that I will be happy to yield for any questions.

- ***Vice President of Student Affairs Levester Johnson***

Senator Johnson: Hi. I'm going to echo all the great remarks about Homecoming and as opposed to our great Senator Walsh as far as having his last, this was my first. So got to experience it from a different perspective and I must say I'm extremely impressed by an entire week's worth of engagement with great activities and events, including the 50th anniversary of Hewett Hall. So that was really nice having people come through and go through and visit their old rooms as a matter of fact. Great turn out for that. Great weather and great events. I wanted to provide you also an update on our Greek Initiative. I'm pulling together a task force to look into the Greek Life on campus and make some recommendations on how to uplift it and take it to another level. I've actually shared a draft of this with our Student Government President as well as with the Dean of Students, and waiting for some feedback and ready to launch that. Hopefully before the semester is out so that we can have a meeting or two and then really roll up our sleeves and then get to work second semester. So that's moving forward. I wanted to let you know we do have a new Interim Director for our Health Services Department, with the retirement of the past Director last month. It was very important to move quickly in order to get someone and gain someone with some experience in order to lead that area for the rest of the academic year. And we were able to pick up someone with an extensive amount of experience in Dr. Margaret McKeon. She has served in a number of senior Student Affairs officer roles, as well as has some specific certifications and background within the health profession area. So we're glad to have her on board, and her first day on the job was actually this past Monday. So if you are ever in the Student Services area, stop through and say hello to her. Also within the health area I want to provide you an update on accreditation, that actually our counseling services department just recently received from the International Association of Counseling Services. So they have been re-accredited, moving forward. So we are very happy about receiving that as a result of their annual report. One more item: I want to make you aware of upcoming programming on campus, and tomorrow is our annual Career Fair that is going to take place actually here with the Bone Center at 4 p.m. Those of you who are seniors and moving on, make sure you stop by that fair, and those of you who are maybe in your earlier years stop through as well. Okay? And that pretty much ends my report at this point, and I'll take any questions that you may have.

- ***Vice President of Finance and Planning Greg Alt***

Senator Alt: Human Resources is hard at work at implementation of the new rules for the Fair Labor Standards Act, which requires a higher minimum salary for exempt staff. That will affect about 250 ISU employees, the majority of which will be converted from exempt staff to hourly. A couple facility updates, at the risk of sounding like a broken record, the demolition of the South Campus Residence Hall continues with the contractor now expected to complete the demolition work in December. You probably heard this before but we thought the work would be done long ago. Last time we thought they'd have the work done in the summer but I think they've learned there's a lot of concrete and steel in that building and it's taking a lot longer. If you've gone by the site recently you might have seen where the steel and the concrete have been separated out and they've pulverized the concrete which is a good thing because they are going to recycle the steel and the concrete being pulverized is going to be used as the backfill. So it's very environmentally responsible. That's also part of the reason for the delay because it takes a long time to bang all that concrete out of the steel. But it is scheduled to be completed by December and the site improvements once completed will include the development of a small paved parking lot in the southeast

corner of that parcel, and grading of the remainder of the area, and planting of grass. We hope that the new parking lot will be completed in the spring of 2017, and hope that the grass and other site improvements are completed by next summer. Hopefully I won't be repeating this again next summer about further delay. The Outdoor Adventure Center on Gregory Street, which is a project that includes a facility for the outdoor activity center, has a ropes course and boat rental pen and parking area, is progressing at the stage now of the review of the construction documents. The current schedule for that project is to be completed by this next August. And that is my comments.

Senator Powers: For the parking, is that going to be for students or faculty?

Senator Alt: I believe it's going to be a faculty lot because it's replacing some of the faculty lot that was taken out further south, for the land swap exchange. It will be about 90 spaces, but it will open up then some student parking that currently faculty have to park to the south. So it will be a net gain of about 90 spaces.

Senator Winger: Just a quick... I didn't understand what you were saying. What did you say they were going to do with the concrete?

Senator Alt: Well they're separating the concrete out so rather than hauling it away or just burying it like in the old days, they're actually pulverizing that on site and then they use it for the back fill of the site so it's recycled back in as well the steel is pulled out. And so eventually when we build on that site we hope someday to have some kind of health sciences related type facility. That ground is prepared for that, but it's really a recycling of all that steel and concrete.

Senator Winger: Thank you.

Information Item:

09.29.16.05 Memo from SGA Assembly President Heylin to Senate Chair Kalter

09.29.16.06 SGA Declaration of Grievances regarding the Student Code of Conduct

09.29.16.07 Signatures for the Declaration of Grievances

09.29.16.08 Code of Student Conduct Review Committee Proposal

09.29.16.09 Association of Residence Halls Letter of Support

09.29.16.10 Excerpts from the Spring 2015 Academic Senate discussion and debate of the Student Code of Conduct

Senator Kalter: We'll move on to our sole information item. In your packets you'll see that you have a memo from the SGA, a Declaration of Grievances, the signatures for that, a proposal for a committee, an Association of Residence Hall's letter of support, and some excerpts from the Senate discussions about the Student Code. And with that I'll hand it over to Senator Heylin.

Senator Heylin: Thank you. So before we get into discussion about the committee I just want to give a little bit of background on where all this came from, and then just speak briefly on all the materials you'll find in your packet. So this process began last semester when myself, Vice President of the Assembly Beau Grzanich, Student Trustee Ryan Powers, and our former Chief of Staff Matthew Porter started to reflect on the changes of the Code from the last year as well as the processes that it was approved by and also some unfortunate stories that we heard from students going through the process. Throughout the spring and over the summer we worked a lot on the Code and as well developed the materials before you, which are the Declaration of Grievances, the Code of Conduct Review Committee, and then we also have the Letter of Support from the Association of Residence Halls. By initiating this process, it doesn't really come out of a place of anger or spite and it also is not a desire to create extra work or headaches for any staff members, students, or faculty. It really comes out of a genuine concern for the well-being of students and their best interests under their student code of conduct. While some may say that the practices reflected in this Code of Conduct are the best practices for the university, that may be true but we are a

little bit skeptical on whether or not they're the best practices for the students of this university. By establishing this committee, it is our main objective to create and facilitate a structured, informed, data-driven conversation about the best student code of conduct for this university. So the Declaration of Grievances, which can also be just some few concerns, is the rationale for this committee and the process. It's some of the overall major points of contention that we have with the Code as well as the process that the Code was used to be implemented by. The Code of Student Conduct Review Committee is the actual committee that we're debating tonight, and is the action item that we'll have before us. It is just an ad hoc, one-year committee comprised of faculty, students, and staff. And then also the ARH letter of support, the Association of Residence Halls is the main governing body for the residence halls, and the reason we reached out to have their support is we really wanted this to be a unified student effort to look at the Code of Conduct and to really have that structured and data-driven conversation of what really is the best Code of Conduct for our students and for this university. So going forward I would be happy to answer any questions about any of the materials you have before you. I do want to stress that the main issue that we will be voting on eventually is the Code of Student Conduct Review Committee. Thank you.

Senator Kalter: Thank you, and just want to... this is a good time for me since I haven't done it yet this year to remind everybody of information item, action item and the way we follow rules of order, Robert's Rules of Order, but sort of do that loosely. So in the phase of information item, this is for discussion, questions, getting clarification, offering suggestions. It is not the debate phase. Usually we wait two weeks to move something to action; if it gets moved to... if we want to move it on the floor in the same night to action there has to be a two-thirds majority to do that. So with that set out, I'm going to Senator Walsh next for the first comment in the discussion of the information item.

Senator Walsh: So there's kind of just one thing that I want to be clear on today. I actually had a meeting this afternoon with Vice President Johnson. One thing that was talked about is the fact that words are very important. The way that we frame things has a serious impact on the way things are reacted to, and the discussions that we have, which was also discussed last night in our panel discussion on how to have civil discourse with Senator Winger. I know the word that was used by the Student Government Association was grievances and I'm fully aware of how that can be perceived. And I just want to let everyone know it was never meant to be intended as something combative. I would like to echo what Senator Heylin says in that this comes from a place of genuine concern. I think the better word to be used here is concern, and nonetheless these are very important concerns that we have and I believe the process that can be offered through this review committee is the best way to go ahead and address them.

Senator Kalter: Thank you, Senator Walsh. Opening it now for other comments, questions, suggestions.

Senator Horst: I have two questions. The first is I did some research on how the SGA is described in the Senate Blue Book, and under your charge is the review of the Student Code of Conduct. So how do you see this committee as fulfilling a different purpose other than the review that the SGA already can do on its own?

Senator Kalter: Senator Horst and I were doing the same research today apparently. Senator Heylin or Senator Grzanich, do you want to field that question?

Senator Grzanich: Yeah I can take that. So basically we felt that... because originally when we went into the topic of reviewing the Code of Conduct ourselves we ran into the roadblock where we felt that we were overstepping. We decided it would be better for us to open a dialogue between both the students and the administration and the faculty. The Chief of Staff would be an ex officio... or the Chief of Police would be an ex officio on this committee so that we can open a dialogue that would work for everyone, not just the students.

Senator Horst: Some expertise.

Senator Grzanich: Exactly.

Senator Horst: So I can appreciate that. My second point...

Senator Kalter: Can you hold off on that first? Senator Heylin wanted to answer your first question.

Senator Horst: Sure.

Senator Heylin: Just to add a little more information on that as well. The discussion that we had is we think that there would have been a lot more productive information, data provided by the Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution Office. Having people who work with the Code on a day-to-day basis. We thought that there would be a lot better information, and changes and recommendations could come from having a committee through the Academic Senate that has all these different offices and knowledgeable minds contributing to the conversation before it comes to the Academic Senate. Because it's a lot easier to discuss these details and have these conversations in a smaller room than on the floor as we witnessed a few years ago. And we do have some friendly amendments coming later that will address some of those Blue Book issues as well.

Senator Horst: My second issue has to do with the fact that it's an ad hoc committee, and I reviewed the terms as to how an ad hoc committee could be formed. And this seems like a perfect example where it's addressing a specific question. However, I have a real problem with it rolling over into a permanent oversight committee. That's really stepping outside the bounds of what an ad hoc committee can do according to the Senate rules. Think it has to be disbanded, and I would hope that you could strike that language saying it would be turned into a permanent oversight committee. That would have to I think go through Rules and a more formal process.

Senator Kalter: Senator Horst, can I clarify that? Are you saying in other words that... I'm trying to remember, going through the fine detail of the by-laws that an ad hoc committee is ordered to be disbanded? It cannot be converted? It has to go back through an internal committee and usually that is the Rules Committee?

Senator Horst: Yes, I've been reviewing the Senate by-laws and "such committees shall be created for a discrete purpose which shall be complete at a terminal date. Upon completion of their purpose, or the advent of the terminal date, whichever comes first, the committee shall be disbanded, provided that upon reasonable cause the Academic Senate may extend the terminal date." But I think the spirit of it is that you address the purpose, when the purpose is finished, then it's disbanded. And actually creating a formal oversight committee that is part of our structure I think is a different process.

Senator Kalter: Thank you, and Senator Heylin.

Senator Heylin: Yes. So, just so everyone is aware, the section we're talking about is in the Student Code of Conduct Review Committee. Of the functions it's the last one: number six. First off, the way it will happen, or it's supposed to work, is that at the conclusion of the one-year term, the committee will decide if it should recommend itself to the Academic Senate whether to have an extenuation of the term, to be absolved, or to become a standing oversight committee. So if it does make that recommendation it would still have to go through the shared governance procedures. It wouldn't just be able to unanimously turn itself into an oversight committee. It would have to go to the Rules Committee, it would have to be voted on by the Academic Senate at large. It's not just an automatic thing that would happen.

Senator Horst: So it would just be a recommendation?

Senator Heylin: Yes.

Senator Kalter: Thank you.

Senator Gizzi: On both of those points, I think the Executive Committee actually discussed these issues and the discussion that we had as a committee was that using an ad hoc committee of the Senate made more sense for those same reasons. The fact that the student government would not be able to have faculty representation on it, would not be able to have that same broad base. And yeah I think, I understand what you're saying, I think the idea is that at the end of the year if the committee thinks this is something that needs to continue then they recommend to the Senate and the Senate could continue, could temporarily keep it going while it goes on, or they could disband it and do whatever the Senate wants to do, in a year. I really, I think the committee they are proposing is very valid in the sense that what it's doing is not recommending specific changes to the Code at this point as much as studying the Code in both theory and practice. That's one of things that I think we could benefit from. From a slow deliberative process, data driven, and I think in that sense this is a really good thing, and I applaud the students for their work. Yeah I get the idea, the words, probably, grievances or concerns, but those are just the perceptions of students, and they are perceptions and what I've more focused on is the actual process that they are putting forth and I think there are some valid ideas in there, and I hope the Senate will ultimately choose to make this happen for them.

Senator McHale: I just want to say I also agree with Senator Gizzi. The idea that, I appreciate the student initiative on this, the active interest in looking at the process. So I really support that. Actually it raises an issue that has been a little bit of concern to me in the back of my mind. An individual named William Wells was tried recently for rape, but then he was acquitted. And according to the Pantagraph, he was let go from the university, and I certainly respect the decisions made about why he was let go for... well actually Spokesperson Groves didn't say why he was let go from the university and said the process was very confidential. And I can respect all that, but it at least begged the question for me: what were the basis of the decision, why was that decision made? And I think this kind of process, and in particular when we look at that particular item, that the standards for guilt and innocence that might be present in the legal system are going to be way lower here. I think it deserves taking another look at. So I certainly appreciate the students' efforts, the spirit of what they are intending to do even though the word grievance may be misplaced. I appreciate it.

President Dietz: I appreciate Senator Walsh talking about putting this in context and for most of my career, as most of you know, I've spent in working in Student Affairs work. And I advocate and applaud the students for taking an active interest in this. I do think some of the language was inflammatory, frankly, and I wish that we would have had some other discussions before we got to this point. I think that it might have resulted in the same proposal and so forth, but I defend all the time students taking action and I applaud that. But perhaps we can have a different kind of conversation, not in this larger group, about some of the issues that are in here, and also some of the concerns that Senator McHale brought up. The difficult part of any conduct code is that a lot of the information and a lot of the decisions are confidential, and we cannot as an institution talk about that. So there's lots of sides to different stories and so often times there's one side that is printed in the newspaper and that's all people know. Judgment happens all the time in all of our different fields, and judgment happens in this as well. The unfortunate part here is that often times you can't really get into the judgment and the rationale behind that because that would be a breach of confidentiality. But I'll look forward to recommendations. Bottom line is that nothing that we do as a group is beyond reproach, and so that is the process of shared governance. That's what we all believe in, so look forward to seeing how this whole thing ends up. Thank you.

Senator Kalter: Thank you.

Senator Johnson: I should probably not let this go out without me actually adding to the conversation since it kind of falls within our area. Definitely I want to echo Senator and President Dietz's comments as relates to the process and the policies that exist within student government and elsewhere for constant review of our processes and things of that nature, because that is what should be done. We should review our processes on an annual basis. So again, no concerns as it relates to a group being formed, and for us to take a look at our processes and our student conduct system. I would again have to echo some of the thoughts out there, concerns as relates to language. Language does matter, and for areas of student government as well as what I've articulated as to which we wish to stand on to try to create and help out this environment by creating good and civil discourse amongst community members. I must say it was quite shocking, and not the thing that I would have expected from members of the institution who are striving towards shared governance and this type of collaboration. So, that did take me back a little bit, but again not to overstep but to oversee the intent I think behind what students are doing to give forth and push forth as far as the review. I stand for that and with it, and we are going to be open to collaborating and working towards this. I guess I would have a question as it relates to the make up in the voting membership for the piece that may be moving forward. Is that pretty typical as far as the voting make up of that group? I don't know.

Senator Kalter: Yes, it is. I would say that in general for Senate committees we have had a voting structure that includes faculty and students and AP & civil service and faculty associates and both tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty as the voting members of committees. Whereas administrators, and often administrators are sort of advisors to the committees, but also full participants in the committees, that that many, many years ago when we shifted various governance structures, including getting a Board of Trustees instead of a Board of Regents, that many of those positions, if they had been voting in the past had moved into nonvoting. But that that was sort of in the spirit of the collaboration. That it wasn't intended to disenfranchise, but to acknowledge that the administration already is one of the three significant parts of shared governance: the Board, the Administration, and then in most models it's the faculty, but in our model it's the faculty, students and staff. So that is pretty common to have that structure. Further questions, comments?

I'll just make a couple comments. I strongly support this idea for a committee, and Senator Heylin and I just briefly talked about what Senator Horst brought up, that in practice we had put, during the last round of revisions to the Code and the associated Blue Book committees, we had removed from what used to be SCERB, became the Student Appeals Boards, and then is now known as the University Appeals Board. That used to be called the Student Code Enforcement and Review Board, and so originally in their charge was the charge to review the Code. We moved that over into SGA during the 2014-2015 year, but as Senator Heylin just said and I had kind of guessed, the Student Government Association doesn't have the time to devote to this full review, this sort of data-driven process. So it's a good opportunity, a good time to create an ad hoc committee. I also agree with what Senator Gizzi said, that we want to examine the Code, not just the Code, but both in theory and in how it's implemented, what the practice is. Because I think during the debates in 2014-2015, one of my biggest concerns was not with the Code itself, because we weren't actually changing all that much that was substantive in the Code. It was, how is this being implemented, and how many cases are being heard, and why is that.

My only concern is that we don't around the campus create task force fatigue or ad hoc committee fatigue because I know that in many colleges, colleges are having trouble filling their standing committees in some cases, sometimes their college councils. We have a couple of vacancies on the Senate for that reason. So I think when we, and if we... when we create ad hoc committees or task forces, and if we create standing committees, we also have to make sure that we look at what other committees are standing that we might need to retract that are not as useful anymore. And if there aren't any, do we have enough bodies to fill all of these committees, because it is a lot of work. So those are my only concerns, but they're not concerns with the actual proposal. They are concerns with the general sense that we have a lot to do and a limited number of bodies to do it with. Any further comments or questions?

President Dietz: I'm glad that you brought that up because as proposed many of the individuals who are staff would have probably served on the same group two years ago, and had input into that. And so this is pretty time-intensive for those individuals and my understanding is that they followed best practices the last time that this was revised. I'm not suggesting that we ought not to review that. We have a new Vice President for Student Affairs, we have a new Dean of Students, we have a new person in charge of that office. So we have new eyes looking at that process, but a lot of the folks that were involved with this the last time are going to be involved again, and, I think they have a legitimate question, although they'll do the work, of, well, it's only been two years, what are we doing? But, you know, that's what we do, so we'll move forward.

Senator Kalter: Let me ask, actually, Senator Heylin, can you speak to the reason for the four members, and Senator Dietz, are you suggesting perhaps a reduction in those four members?

Senator Dietz: No, I'm not. I'm just saying that I think some of those folks, they did it last time and in some respects that may be good historical information for folks that are looking at it now. But it's just the issue that you were talking about that everybody is busy. So here we go again but it's important to go again. So we'll do that.

Senator Kalter: And Senator Heylin any, I mean, these seem the obvious people, right? The Director of the SCCR office, the Vice President for Student Affairs or the person he designates, the Director of Housing or the person she designates, and the Chief of Illinois State police or his designee. So you're obviously thinking of, a lot of the Code happens in Housing or through the police in somewhere because of, what would you call it, accusations, sometimes it happens through criminal accusations or what have you. And also that it goes through this office. The only one I see there I guess that may be extra is number two given that all of those other people fall under the Vice President's jurisdiction. Senator Johnson, do you want to comment on that, if that's overtaxing to your staff? Number two is Vice President of Student Affairs or designee.

Senator Heylin: Just to comment briefly before... I definitely did, as I said in my opening remarks, it wasn't to create any extra work or headache for any members of the university. The way I set out when I was thinking about the members that should be a part of this discussion, it really was to have it an immersive and very knowledgeable discussion with the people that are in charge or familiar with the living and breathing Code of everyday. So that is why you have the Director of Housing or designee, and the Chief of Illinois State University police or designee. It wasn't to try to tax people's already very busy schedules. For your concern, I definitely see where you are coming from with having the Vice President of Student Affairs as an ex officio member might be a little bit of an overkill, but I thought that it was important to have Student Affairs specialists in the conversation. But if there is a motion to reduce one of the ex-officio members, I wouldn't be very against that or fight against it very much. It's just I was trying to have more voices than little, because I would rather it be more than less.

Senator Kalter: Yes, and I wasn't necessarily taking a position, just I wonder, that one is the one that stands out to me as... there's some obvious reasons why the Vice President of Student Affairs should be on the committee, right? Essentially this is something that the SGA and that individual work on very closely together, that they have to agree. On the other hand, that in some ways all of these other people are his designees or his representatives. So it wasn't necessarily a position but whether there was a reason for all four as opposed three. Senator Johnson, did you want to say anything about that?

Senator Johnson: I'd advocate that it stay the same, but possibly for different reasons. With the Dean of Students actually being a part of this, I think we have our executive team from Student Affairs represented and I have all the confidence in Dr. Davenport to serve in that role. But I actually see some advantages to the VP or designee because I think it might be beneficial actually as someone within a different area, not

to throw your area under the bus, Senator Brauer, but it may be helpful to have individuals sitting on that committee that can provide data and information as relates to student behavior when it comes to wellness issues. So I think I want to put some thought to that and maybe have some conversations with them as to who that other individual might be.

Senator Kalter: Excellent. Other comments or questions? Alright, if there are none, we have a choice to make.

Senator Heylin: I know we talked in Executive Committee whether or not to have this as an information item only or an information/action item only, and if there are no objections to it, I would like to move it to an action item, but that is as long as there are no objections. I really don't want to have this coming off as we're trying to expedite the process, but if there aren't any objections, I would like to see it as an action item.

Senator Kalter: Let me first ask if there are any objections, but we're also going to take a real vote. Are there any objections? Looks like none, so you, Senator Heylin, can move it on behalf of the SGA, and you're an internal committee of the Senate, so that would not need a second. So I would consider it so moved, and so let's have debate now.

Motion, by Senator Heylin, on behalf of the Student Government Association, to move the information item to action item status.

Senator Kalter: We first of all want, if there's any debate about moving it to an action item, we would need to have that debate first. Is there any debate about moving it to an action item? Senator Gizzi abstains from debating. Alright, I had a feeling we had none.

The motion to move the item from information to action passed unanimously.

Senator Kalter: So we are now in the action item phase. Why don't I have you formally put the motion on the floor, Senator Heylin.

Motion, by Senator Heylin on behalf of the Student Government Association, to have the Code of Student Conduct Review Committee come to the floor.

Senator Kalter: Wonderful. Is there any debate?

Senator Horst: To clarify again, it's an ad hoc committee, right? So the Code of Student Conduct ad hoc review committee.

Senator Heylin: I'll motion to do the few friendly amendments that we had in mind now.

Senator Kalter: I was just going to do those, but you can go ahead. Excellent.

Senator Heylin: So, on line 31 of the ad hoc review committee, we would add after the Dean of Students Office, the Student Government Association.

Senator Kalter: On my copy that's on 37.

Senator Heylin: Oh, I have a different copy. My apologies.

Senator Kalter: Senator Heylin, you are in number five of the functions of the Code of Student Conduct Review Committee?

Senator Heylin: Yeah.

Senator Kalter: Great. And you're in the last sentence of number five?

Senator Heylin: Correct.

Senator Kalter: Go ahead.

Senator Heylin: So on line 37 after the Dean of Students office, have the Student Government Association be included. And then additionally for line 41 after "Functions" have "in concert with the Student Government Association," and then continue with the "or dissolve."

Senator Kalter: Terrific. And you'll also all notice there's a third friendly amendment off to the side. I accidentally put this on the wrong piece of paper at first. Where it says "Executive Committee made a unanimous friendly amendment to add to this charge..." and we will make that number five, and make five six, and six seven. So it says "examine Title IX concerns regarding students as articulated in the American Association of University Professors' recent report 'The History, Use, and Abuse of Title IX,' which may be found at..." So I think we could actually just end that sentence before the "which," so that it just says "as in the AAUP's recent report The History, Use, and Abuse of Title IX." So that's the third friendly amendment. The Executive Committee was considering this partly because we also had changes to the Code that happened over the summer that did not go through the Senate yet. And those were supposed to be because of compliance issues but we also on Exec identified some that we thought were beyond mere compliance. So those are also going to be part of this review, those summer 2016 changes to the Code. So those are the three friendly amendments. Anybody else have any debate or amendments?

The motion to create an ad hoc Code of Student Conduct Review Committee passed unanimously.

Senator Kalter: Wonderful! Congratulations. This is now the second committee that the SGA has initiated in the last two years. I have this sneaking suspicion that Senator Powers has something to do with that, but we've got one permanent and one ad hoc. Terrific.

Communications

Senator Kalter: Now we move on to Communications. I'm just going to say a couple of them. First of all, I wanted to say I went to Steven Salaita's talk. It was terrific. Congratulations to—that was the Bone Lecture—to the Politics and Government Department for bringing him in. He was the man who was fired from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and caused an academic freedom uproar a couple of years ago. I also went to see last night the former Ambassador to the UN from Iraq, and that was a very, very interesting talk. Just wanted to also communicate, some of you have gotten from the Women's Studies program the Black Lives Matter action that is happening next week. So that is both a vigil on Monday night, I believe it's at seven, a candlelight vigil on the Quad. I'm not sure how they're going to have candlelight at seven, but it might work. And then all day on Wednesday, the request is to wear a Black Lives Matter shirt to show solidarity with that movement. The final thing that I wanted to communicate is that we do have somebody who's acting right now as extra help in the Senate office as the clerk. That man is Adam Raboin so when you have a chance to welcome him, please do. He is the one that is now helping us get out the agendas, minutes, materials and all kinds of other information. And anybody else have any communications for the Senate?

Senator Hoelscher: On November the 11th we have our annual Start-up Showcase. It's shark-like, but it's a very friendly shark tank. We had 18 competing teams last year. We expect as much competition this year. This is the group that started Pack Back Books, then it went on the actual Shark Tank. So it should be a lot of fun. It's all day Friday the 11th, and it's at the Marriott. So welcome everyone.

Senator Kalter: Thank you.

Senator Dawson: The MAP grant card campaign is continuing state-wide. I need to be put in contact with somebody from SGA who can... and it's not too late to get them in. If you pick them up, just send them back to me, campus box 5520, and we'll make sure they get delivered to Springfield by the 4th. A big response on that. We're hoping it's like talking to Virginia in the courtroom and all the bags of mail coming in.

Senator Kalter: Excellent, and in black and white, as well I hope.

Senator Gizzi: The Super Tuesdays event continues the next three Tuesday nights in the Center for Visual Arts, room 110. The Role of the Courts next week, Media and the Modern Candidate on the 25th, and Modern Political Movements on November 1st.

Senator Kalter: Terrific.

Adjournment

Motion: By Senator Hoelscher, seconded by Rafalovitz. The motion was unanimously approved.