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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edwards at 9:00 p.m. in Stevenson 401. The Chairman apologized for the calling of the special meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REMARKS

Dr. Morris informed the Senate that the President had asked him to inform the Senate that by telegram he has submitted his resignation to become effective at the pleasure of the Board.

ACTIONS OF THE STUDENT AND FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Last evening the student and faculty members of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate voted "no confidence" in the leadership of David Berlo. The meeting tonight was to be an information item about how this transpired. We feel that we must keep you informed as to what is going on. Realizing that the students and faculty will be dispersing soon, we took it upon ourselves to call this special meeting. We feel that it is still best that you be informed even in the light of the recent announcement.

A question was raised as to whether or not the meeting was in executive session. The Chairman responded that this is no longer an executive session because the personnel item has been resolved. We are not going to vote on any item. We will try to keep it as low key as possible. It is necessary to be in on the entire discussion to understand the importance of what happens now in relation to the choosing of a new President.

Mr. Baker sketched the activities of the last few days. Mr. Baker stated that approximately three weeks ago a series of conferences were held regarding various problems at the University. A letter was sent to the Executive Secretary of the Board, Mr. Matsler. Upon the receipt of that letter, Mr. Matsler immediately called inviting us down to Springfield. He also requested that we bring additional people with us. Six faculty members met with Mr. Matsler Tuesday afternoon. At that time we were informed that the Chairman of the Senate should be given the kind of information he needed if he were called before the Board. A meeting of the student and faculty members of the Executive Committee was called for last night. As a result of that meeting, a resolution which was rather carefully worded was drafted and passed. The intent was that the resolution would be provided to the Board of Regents. The Chairman read the resolution.

Mr. Edwards reminded the Senate that maintaining the University and building it, not allowing anyone to tear it down, was what was important. The academic leadership of Illinois State University is utmost in all of our minds. The Chairman assured the Senate that he would be here during the summer and would keep the Senate informed on any actions taken.
PROPOSAL FOR A DOCTORATE IN COLLEGE TEACHING

Chairman Edwards suggested that the Senate consider the proposal for a doctorate in college teaching. The rules would have to be suspended to consider it. It is important to the University in that two departments could put this program into effect; if it is not acted upon soon, it will be too late and will have to be delayed for a year.

Mr. Madore objected to consideration of the proposal since other procedures had already been set up to handle the proposal.

The Chairman explained that this was an experimental program. The money expended is primarily for teaching materials for this pilot program. The English department will probably come in under this umbrella also. The Chairman stated that there had been concern that a quorum could not be achieved at a special meeting dealing with this proposal so that other ways of handling the situation were discussed. The solution arrived at was to ask for input and then have the Executive Committee make a decision.

Mr. Champagne stated that this document had come to the Academic Affairs Committee too late for the proper kind of action, particularly when the Academic Affairs Committee learned that it was an action item on the June Board of Regents agenda. In consultation with the Dean it was felt that perhaps the program could be given tentative approval by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Woods stated that he was not in a mood to discuss the proposal. He moved that we refer it to the Executive Committee. A motion (Mr. Young, Mr. Cetwinski) to suspend the rules to consider Mr. Woods' motion was approved unanimously. A motion (Mr. Woods, Mr. Madore) to leave it up to the Executive Committee after the input of Senate members to that group carried.

Mr. Sutherland said that some Senators may have questions about the actions of the student and faculty members of the Executive Committee at a later date. It should be made clear to them that talking to members of the Executive Committee for further rationale is possible.

A motion (Mr. Madore, Mr. Rogers) to adjourn was passed. The meeting adjourned.

For the Academic Senate,

Charles R. Hicklin, Secretary