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### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edwards in Stevenson 401 at 7:42 p.m. The Secretary called the roll; the Chairman declared a quorum to be present.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV, 135 A motion (Mr. Woods, Mr. Kagy) to accept the minutes as distributed was accepted.

### DISCUSSION OF SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR PRESIDENT

The Chairman explained that he had been on the phone twice with Chairman Barr and had spoken to him when Mr. Barr was on campus for graduation. At that time Mr. Barr had also spoken with several others. Mr. Barr assured Chairman Edwards that any acting president would be acceptable to the Academic Senate. The Chairman stated that Mr. McConnell had also talked to Mr. Barr. Mr. Edwards stated that one item Mr. Barr had asked the Senate to begin work on was the procedures for the selection committee for the new president. The Chairman stated that the feeling of most people he talked to was that the sooner we get a president on board the better. The Chairman read from the Governing Policy for the Regency Universities System of Illinois on the selection of a president.

In the selection of a president, the Board, the faculty, the students and the entire university community are concerned. The search for a president shall be conducted by the Board with the participation of the university community. Procedures for securing representation of faculty, students and others, including alumni, in connection with a presidential search shall be stipulated in each university constitution.

The Illinois State University Constitution states:

A new President shall be elected in accordance with the Governing Policy for the Regency Universities. When a vacancy shall be declared to exist, a Presidential Selection Committee shall be constituted by the Board of Regents to include members of the Board and members of the University community designated by the Academic Senate. The Academic Senate may recommend to the Board specific procedures with respect to the Presidential selection process.

The Chairman referred to the July 1 and July 15, 1970 Academic Senate minutes which contain the procedures used in the selection of the Presidential Selection Committee at the time President Berlo was selected. The Chairman also stated that he had received a communication from the Alumni Director requesting that alumni be represented on the committee.

IV, 136

Mr. Duty raised a question as to input on an acting president. The Chairman stated that many people had made recommendations to the Board. The Board had not met but the Chairman stated that he did talk to Mr. Barr who had advised against any specific resolutions or official action by the Academic Senate in terms of an acting president. Mr. Champagne then questioned the purpose of tonight's Senate meeting. The Chairman answered Mr. Champagne's inquiry stating that the meeting was called in advance in case some action was necessary before the Board meeting. He stated, in addition, that suggestions were very much in order for moving toward procedures for the selection committee. A motion (Mr. Hicklin, Ms. Chesebro) that the Administrative Affairs Committee research the past procedures and present to the Senate the options of selection procedures at the next meeting was made. The Parliamentarian ruled that it was not necessary to suspend the rules to consider this motion since it did pertain to the announced agenda. Mr. Young, Chairman of the Administrative Affairs Committee, announced that three of his eight committee members would not be available. The Chairman, in answer to a question, reminded the Senate that the next meetings were scheduled for June 27 and July 11. Mr. Hicklin explained that his motion was simply meant to ask the committee to state the limitations of the procedures that might occur and be used in the selection of a president. If we waited and let each one do this research individually, we would still have to write the plan around the table at the next meeting. Mr. Mead stated that Mr. Barr had raised the question of the Board naming a permanent president within a specified period. The question was raised about what could the Senate do if the Board chose to violate their own bylaws. Mr. Edwards stated that he could remind them tomorrow of their own stated policy. Mr. McConnell stated that he spoke to Mr. Barr this afternoon and had discussed the rumors circulating about the Board selecting a permanent President. Mr. Barr stated that it was highly unlikely that they would appoint a permanent president. Mr. McConnell stated that several people had asked to go before the Board regarding the choice of acting president and had been told by Mr. Barr "no". Mr. Barr stated that he would relay to the Board what individuals told him. Mr. McConnell called attention to the choice of the Acting President. He stated that he did not know how the Board could accurately assess the feeling on this campus about an acting president. Mr. McConnell questioned how one man could represent the various viewpoints to the Board. Mr. Duty stated that it would be appropriate to go on record recommending something. He recommended that the Chairman recommend to the Board that they select an Acting President and go on record as having a proper search for a permanent president. The question was called for. The motion to have the Administrative Affairs Committee investigate past procedures and present options to the Senate regarding selection procedures passed on a voice vote.

IV, 137

A motion (Mr. Duty, Mr. Woods) to recommend that the Board of Regents appoint an Acting President and that the Board Policy and the ISU Constitution be followed in appointing a permanent president was made. The Chairman questioned the wording of the resolution; it is important not to displease the Board at this time. Mr. McConnell (Mr. McConnell, Mr. Linne) moved to go into executive session and discuss possible names.

IV, 138

IV, 139

Ms. Chesebro raised the question as to whether this motion to go into executive session is germane to the motion. She also disagreed with the idea of discussing names. Mr. McConnell attempted to explain his motion. Mr. Johnson suggested that the real question was whether or not the Board would follow its own procedures. Mr. McConnell explained that the possibility that if we discussed specific names we might want to ask the Board to vary from their stated policy. Mr. McConnell stated that if the Acting President has a broad base of support then there is no reason for having an acting president. Mr. Champagne pointed out that Mr. McConnell is really asking for a possible change in the procedures. The motion (IV, 137) is not calling on them to change their policies or depart from their stated policies. The motion to go into executive session lost on a voice vote. Mr. Duty explained that his motion was binding on the Chairman and should be passed on to Chairman Barr by Chairman Edwards. Mr. Mead suggested a possible amendment which would ask the Board to bring the name of an interim president back to the Senate but when reminded that the Board would probably not approve of this because of time limitations he withdrew the suggestion. However, he did move (Mr. Mead, Mr. Young) that the "Duty" motion be amended to read that the appointee to this position not be considered ineligible as a candidate for the permanent presidency. Mr. Kagy stated that we were getting ahead of ourselves since a previous motion referring the procedures to the Administrative Affairs Committee might suffice to incorporate this into policy. Mr. McConnell asked for a rationale of the amendment. Mr. Champagne described the "kiss of death" which acting president seemed to have on the chances of those holding the position; he still stated that this is in fact writing procedures in advance of the report and should be delayed until the committee reports. The motion (IV, 139) lost on a show of hands, 9-18. The original motion (IV, 137) then passed with Mr. McConnell recorded as voting "No".

Mr. Sutherland raised a question as to whether or not a Board member would be eligible to be appointed as president as discussed in the Vidette. Mr. Hicklin cautioned the Senate that several of the articles in today's Vidette might contain speculation or inaccuracies. He cited one instance involving himself. Therefore, he requested that the Senate not react to these kinds of stories.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Jones stated that the Faculty Status report on the increment schedule would be available in Dean Budig's office twenty four hours before the meeting next Wednesday. This report will be discussed in an executive session of the faculty members of the Senate after next Wednesday's meeting.

IV, 140

A motion (Mr. Barford, Ms. McMillan) to adjourn passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

For the Academic Senate,

Charles R. Hicklin, Secretary

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NAME	ATTEN-DANCE	VOTE							VOICE VOTE		
		Motion # 137	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion No.	yes	no
Amster	A								135	X	
Barford	P								136	X	
Brundage	A								137	X	
Catwinski	A								138		X
Champagne	P								139		X
Chesebro	P								140	X	
Clifton	P										
Duty	P										
Edwards	P										
Ficek	P										
Friedberg	A										
Fuehrer	A										
Harpole	A										
Hicklin	P										
Johnson	P										
Johnston	A										
Kachur	P										
Kady	P										
Liberta	P										
Lindstrom	P										
Linne	P										
Little	A										
Madore	P										
McMillan	P										
Mead	P										
Mensing	P										
Merker	A										
Potter	P										
Rennels	A										
Pex	A										
Roderick	P										
Rogers	P										
Smith	P										
Stein	P										
Stoner	A										
Sutherland	P										
Tarrant	P										
VanTine	P										
White	P										
Wieck	A										
Wissmiller	P										
Workman	A										
Wong	A										
Woods	P										
Young	P										
McConnell	P	NO									
Berlo	A										
Budin	A*										
Johnson	A										

\*sent representative