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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 13

5:05 - 7:50 p.m.

President's Conference Room

April 17, 1974

Members Present: Mr. Arnold, President Budig, Ms. Frankland, Mr. Henry, Mr. Hicklin, Mr. Kolasa, Mr. Liberta, Mr. Madore, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Young.

Visitors: Dean Belshe, Mr. Chamberlain, Dean Gamsky, Dean Helgeson, Dean Rives, Ms. Robbins, Mr. Steinbach, Mr. Taylor.

Chairperson Sutherland called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

First item of business was the agenda for April 24 meeting. Appointment of student and faculty nominees to external standing committees was put on the agenda on motion by (Kolasa, Madore). A question was raised if the Carrington memo re the need for more women participation in committee system had been considered in making these appointments. The answer was affirmative. A question was raised about staggering the terms for the Economic Well-Being Committee which have somehow gotten off schedule. Motion (Tarrant, Madore) to change the term of the first and third nominee to 1976 was approved. Motion (Madore, Kolasa) to put the elections of members of the Faculty Status Committee, Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, and Faculty Grievance Committee on the agenda approved. List of the nominees will be sent to Senators.

Mr. Taylor discussed his communication to the Chairperson regarding a study of the Placement Services. Mr. Taylor explained that he had originally wanted an ad hoc committee because of the need for broad based participation and he felt that normal committees could not handle the input load. He stated, however, that he would leave the type of committee up to the ExComm. He expressed again his concern that Student Association, Alumni Services, Student Affairs Office have an active role in the study. The questions raised concerned career counseling and modification of facilities. Mr. Taylor stated that he did not suggest that career counseling was inadequate, just that it could be improved. He stressed the need for coordinated program of career counseling. Mr. Taylor stated that many departments of the University were not telling their students that no jobs were available for their majors. Mr. Arnold asked if a standing advisory committee would have the same power as a review committee. Mr. Gamsky responded that any committee would make recommendations regarding the policies and procedures to the President and the Dean of Student Affairs. Mr. Gamsky clarified that the Placement Service is an information gathering and disseminating office. Some changes have already been made. He stated that an advisory council has been established to go into problems in more depth. The Board of Regents is studying career counseling. Mr. Gamsky stated that his office is in the process of obtaining a system that will provide data bank job information. Mr. Taylor said that the whole area of career counseling needs to be tied together -- academic advisement, counseling center and placement services. Mr. Gamsky stated that he would resist the proliferation of committees studying this. To have an advisory committee study the issue, then another committee do the same thing would be wasteful. Mr. Madore asked if there is a critical kind of deadline. The Board Report will be given at the June meeting. The committee may be able to zero in on some points raised by this report. Mr. Taylor stated that when he talked to Sam Baker of the Board staff, Mr. Baker had raised the need to solve institutional problems as well as system-wide problems. Dan Taylor stated that the Placement Service is a peculiar type of animal in that it deals with sensitive problems. The Senate needs to investigate this area. He stated that he was not trying to pull the rug out from under Joe Arnold's committee. Mr. Arnold stated that he thought the situation is critical. He was in

full agreement that it is in bad shape. He didn't think putting the situation to the Senate right now would be the thing to do. He thought the Student Advisory Committee could investigate it. Mr. Madore asked if it would be critical to start this committee right now. President Budig stated that there are a set of basic concerns. Perhaps the group Joe Arnold and Mr. Gamsky are forming would be the one to investigate. Mr. Taylor stated that he wanted some Senate input. Mr. Gamsky stated that they are tackling the problems from several different points. He would suggest that it takes a long time to explain the situation. He would see nothing wrong in having the Student Affairs Committee calling people in and running through exactly what the status is, what is and what is not being done. The Advisory Committee from Student Association could be investigating, then could report to Student Affairs Committee. Mr. Sutherland stated that he was sensitive to the concern that Senate have input. He was wondering if the Student Affairs Committee could get information on what is happening so that Student Affairs Committee could participate if they wished. He would like to see the Student Affairs Committee involved. Mr. Tarrant raised a question about the unification of the three areas. Mr. Taylor stated that that might be something the group would want to do. A motion (Madore, Hicklin) to refer the letter to the Student Affairs Committee for preliminary review with a request for a report in two weeks (including liaison with Student Advisory Committee) was approved.

A communication from Dan Taylor re the Union Board policy of allowing Union employees to serve on the Union Board was discussed. Mr. Taylor stated that Union Board policies and procedures have been in the Vidette every week for the past three years. He asked that this policy be reviewed to see if this is the best way to insure a voice. All year the Union Board has been caught up in stupid, bitchy types of arguments which do not affect the services. Mr. Sutherland stated that this is a legitimate area of Senate concern. The Senate would have the right to pursue this if it desired to. Mr. Taylor asked if this is appropriate policy. Perhaps the Senate might want to review all policies. A motion (Tarrant, Kolasa) that the Senate consider forbidding the employees of the Union to be members of the Union Board was made. Mr. Hicklin recommended an immediate solution through the Union Board screening committee. The screening committee could simply ask for a commitment from those screened that they would not support a work-committee policy. The Rules Committee could also go for recodification of the Union Board. It could exclude by codification employees of the student union and solve the problem in that manner. The short range solution would be screening; the long range solution would be to have Rules Committee look into codification. Mr. Young stated that the Senate had just codified Union Board and that he was reluctant to vote for the motion without background investigation. If Senate persists in doing this sort of thing, its credibility will be questioned in various quarters. Codification goes through standing committees. Mr. Young therefore stated his preference that this letter be referred to the Student Affairs Committee. Mr. Tarrant stated that representatives of the Union employees spoke at the meeting on codification and were very persuasive against a ban on employment. Mr. Taylor stated that he had no intention of getting a snap decision. If there is some way that the sense of the Senate could be expressed against the policy of allowing employees of the Union to be on the Board it should be done. He stated his concern about the credibility of the Union Board. He stated his belief that to permit more employees to serve on the Board would be a mistake. Mr. Henry stated that he was not sure that screening would be the way to go on this. The Union Board is the type of issue we have to address ourselves to. He stated that several people had spoken to him saying that the Senate hides from the tough issues. There are many dissatisfied people on this campus. We have got to investigate the Union now. Screening can be the first step towards that end. Mr. Arnold stated that the Student Association

could assist in this investigation. Many people are upset about the Union. Mr. Arnold stated that we should go ahead with the motion and then review the whole codification policy. Mr. Henry stated that he was not saying that we should wipe out things but problems have been prolonged. We should try to see what we can do to get the Union under control. Mr. Young asked about legal aspects of recommending that Senate vote to forbid someone to serve on this committee and be a Union employee. The motion was revised to read: The Executive Committee asks the Senate for a stipulation that an individual may be an employee of the Union or serve on the Union Board, but not both. The motion was approved and will be placed on the agenda as an action item. A motion (Madore, Frankland) to refer Mr. Taylor's Union Board letter to the Student Affairs Committee was made. Mr. Arnold asked if the Student Affairs Committee could recommend that the Union Board come under the auspices of the Student Association Assembly. The question was raised why recodification wasn't specifically mentioned in the motion. The motion to refer the letter to the Student Affairs Committee was approved.

A report on the budget was presented by Deans Belshe and Rives. Mr. Tarrant asked if a briefing on the budget picture, especially the enrollment picture, could be given to the Senate. The President stated that he would be glad to arrange for this.

A letter from Alan Johnson re academic load restrictions was referred to the Academic Affairs Committee on motion (Budig, Kolasa).

A letter from Entertainment Committee re enlarging the membership of the committee was discussed. Mr. Trevor Steinbach spoke for this proposal. A motion (Hicklin, Madore) to refer this to the Student Affairs Committee for recodification consideration was approved. It was stated that the committee should screen extra alternates who could be seated as regular members if the recodification is approved.

A report on the outcome of the Union Board screening situation was given by the Chairperson. He also reported that the Student Affairs Committee has appointed Doug Sims to serve on the screening committee. The committee is now complete and hopefully the matter can be settled soon.

A letter from Mr. Henry re storage parking was discussed. Mr. Henry stated that several lots have been turned into commuter lots. We have been told that something will be done to solve storage parking problem. What can be done to increase storage lot parking? A motion (Young, Kolasa) to refer the letter to Administrative Affairs Committee was approved.

The President's letter to CCGR in response to the letter from CCGR addressed to the President and the Chairperson of the Academic Senate was noted. The Chairperson stated that it had been suggested that the CCGR meet with the Academic Senate and members of the University community. The Chairperson stated he had discussed this idea with Mr. Eimmermann who was delighted. The timetable might call for either a special meeting or the regular May 8 meeting for this discussion. It is a pressing matter of great concern. Mr. Sutherland stated that no votes of any kind would be allowable at this meeting. It was suggested that the Senate wait until fall to hold this meeting. Several members suggested both --a special session to get discussion started so that in September the Senate can work on it. People are not taking this seriously. Mr. Hicklin stated that he would like to see the CCGR document their charges about the Senate. A motion (Kolasa, Madore) calling

for a special session to discuss the CCGR report was approved. It was suggested that the first hour be for Senate members followed by a discussion open to members of the University community. Stevenson (O) was discussed as a possible meeting place. It was decided to leave the exact date up to the Chairperson. A motion (Young, Henry) to schedule a second open hearing in the fall was approved.

A report from the Economic Well Being Committee re retirement was referred to the Faculty Affairs Committee on motion (Young, Tarrant).

A letter re the state retirement system was noted. Mr. Madore stated that the letter is already being considered by Faculty Affairs Committee. The letter deals with the underfunding of the system which threatens the preferred status of the retirement system.

A letter from the President of the Northern Illinois University Assembly re sick leave benefits was noted. Mr. Madore stated that the Executive Secretary of the Board already has called for a meeting of the JUAC. A motion (Hicklin, Madore) to refer the communication to the Faculty Affairs Committee was approved.

Dean Helgeson requested an executive session of the faculty members of the Senate following the next meeting to discuss personnel items. Mr. Henry asked why students were excluded from the meeting. Mr. Hicklin stated that the procedure is specified by the ISU Constitution. Mr. Henry stated that it seems strange that students can vote on the procedures to be followed but cannot participate in the procedures. Mr. Arnold raised the question of the legality of holding an executive session of a body from which meeting some members of the body are excluded.

A discussion of the scheduling of June meetings arose. A motion (Madore, Tarrant) to hold a meeting on June 26 was approved.

Mr. Sutherland voiced his concern about the state of limbo in which the standing committees find themselves between election and the selection of new committees. A motion (Hicklin, Young) to ask the Rules Committee to investigate this situation was approved.

A communication from John Hill re the election of a member to the Academic Affairs Conference of Midwestern Universities was received. The item was placed on the reserve agenda.

Mr. Henry raised concern over the seating of the members of the press at the Senate meetings. He asked if the representatives of the press could be seated at the table. The Chairperson said that such seating arrangements could be made.

Mr. Henry raised a concern about a safety problem at the Union. The President suggested that Mr. Henry contact his office and that he would see that the problem was alleviated.

A motion (Liberta, Young) to adjourn to executive session was approved.