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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Geoffrey Kolasa at 7:10 p.m. in Stevenson 401.

Seating of Senators

Mr. Kolasa welcomed the new senators to the Senate and declared them to be seated.

The resignation of Anthony Liberta from the Senate was announced by Mr. Kolasa. The runner up in the last election in that constituency was Wilson Banks, Mathematics. A motion (Ficek, Madore) to accept Mr. Liberta's resignation with regret was approved unanimously. Mr. Tarrant stated that it was ridiculous to consider this as a resignation for this year. He stated that Mr. Liberta had stated several times that he was going on leave. Mr. Tarrant stated that this should not be counted as one of the resignations for this year. Mr. Banks was seated to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Liberta's resignation.

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Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present.

Mr. Kolasa stated that the additional items on the agenda, including approval of the minutes, administrators' remarks, and SA president's remarks, will be withheld until a new chairperson of the Senate was elected.

Action Items:

1. Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary

Balloting began for the Chairperson of the Senate. Mr. Kolasa read the voting procedure from the By-Laws of the Academic Senate.

Mr. Kolasa announced that Mr. Quane was elected as Chairperson on the first ballot.

Mr. Quane assumed the Chair. He stated that it was a privilege and honor to work with the Senate. He expressed his hope that the relationships will be strong and close. He stated his hope that the Senate would work as one group and would have a strong voice in the governance of the University. He stated that he would try to ensure that all sides will be heard.

Election of Vice Chairperson

Mr. Quane stated that the position of Vice Chairperson is traditionally occupied by a student.

Mr. Rhodes asked if any information about the students had been distributed. He asked if it was legitimate not to vote as no information has been distributed and he would be voting blind.

Balloting began for the position of Vice Chairperson. Action continued on the agenda items.

Election of Secretary

Balloting began for the position of Secretary. Action continued on the agenda items.

Approval of Minutes

VI, 135 A motion (Madore, Rex) to approve the minutes of February 26, 1975 as distributed was approved.

Mr. Quane announced that Mr. Hanrath was elected as Vice Chairperson.

Administrator's Remarks

VI, 136 President Budig asked that the Senate direct the new secretary to frame an appropriate resolution for the present Vice Chairperson including in that resolution a statement of the significance of that position. A motion (Budig, Stone) to so direct the Secretary was approved.

Student Association President's Remarks

Ms. Holmberg stated that she was glad to be on the Senate and expected to enjoy working with the Senate.

VI, 137 *The results of the first ballot for Secretary showed that no majority had been obtained. All those nominated on the first ballot withdrew except Mr. Young, and a motion (Boaz, Cohen) was made that the Senate cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Young. The motion was approved.*

2. Election of Executive Committee

Balloting began for the faculty members of the Executive Committee. In response to a question, the statement was made that Executive Committee members are not usually chairpersons of a standing committee.

Balloting began for the student members of the Executive Committee. Mr. Quane explained that Ms. Holmberg and Mr. Hanrath are on the Executive Committee by virtue of their positions on the Senate.

The results of the first ballot for faculty members on the Executive Committee were announced. Elected were Ira Cohen, Normand Madore, and Patrick Tarrant. Balloting continued for the remaining position on the Executive Committee.

The results of the election for two students on the Executive Committee were announced. Elected were Terry Corrigan and Dave Gremaud.

3. Election of Members of Joint University Advisory Committee

VI, 138 Mr. Madore reminded the Senate that the Rules Committee was asked to come up with a proposal to fill one of the faculty positions on the JUAC with a civil service representative. He asked if one seat should be kept vacant for the civil service representative. A motion (Corrigan, Madore) to keep one faculty position vacant was made. An objection was raised that we don't have any idea how long it will take Rules to come up with a recommendation on this subject. A question arose over how the position would be filled. It was stated that Rules Committee would make a recommendation on this.

The results of the second ballot for Executive Committee were announced. No candidate received a majority of the votes. Balloting continued between Jo Workman and Elizabeth McMahan.

VI, 139 Mr. Young stated that we don't know how long it will take Rules Committee to come in with a recommendation. He suggested that we might amend the motion to include a stipulation that the person with the least votes would be replaced by a civil service representative at the proper time. Mr. Corrigan withdrew his motion. A motion (Young, Boldt) to elect two faculty members with the stipulation that the person getting the lowest number of votes be replaced by a civil service representative at the appropriate time was made.

Mr. Quane announced that Ms. McMahan was elected to the Executive Committee.

VI, 139s A question was raised if at present all universities have equal representation on JUAC. The response was made that at present all universities have five members on JUAC. The other two regency universities do have one civil service representative as one of their JUAC members. Mr. Gordon stated that the Senate should not presuppose the results of the Rules Committee recommendation. Mr. Madore stated that one of the problems on JUAC is the rapid turnover of members. A suggestion was made that the vacancy go on for no more than two meetings of the Board of Regents. A substitute motion to hold one faculty position vacant until a predetermined date was suggested. A two months span means that the person would miss only one Board meeting since the Board does not meet in April. The substitute motion was acceptable to the makers of the original motion. The motion (Young, Boldt) as substituted was that one faculty position on JUAC be held vacant for a period of two calendar months. The motion was approved.

Balloting began for the faculty member to JUAC.

The result of the first ballot were announced. No candidate received a clear majority. Balloting continued between Amster, Boaz, and Workman.

Balloting began for the student member to JUAC.

Mr. Quane announced that Mr. Newman was elected on the first ballot as student member to JUAC.

No candidate received a majority on the second ballot for faculty member to JUAC. Balloting continued between Amster and Workman. After the votes were tallied, Mr. Quane announced that Ms. Amster was elected with a clear majority on the third ballot.

The Senate took a five-minute recess.

Information Items:

1. Proposal for a D.A. in English

Mr. Quane asked Ms. Chesebro, as Chairperson of the former Academic Affairs Committee, to introduce this proposal. Ms. Chesebro stated that this proposal had come through the former Academic Affairs Committee which recommended that it be approved. The Senate did not feel comfortable suspending the rules to approve the proposal at the last Senate meeting.

Present to discuss the proposal were Dean Charles A. White, Dr. William Linneman, Dr. Ray White, and Dr. Carmen Richardson. Dean White stated that he had sent copies of the proposal to the new senators with a cover letter. He stated that he would accept questions from the Senate.

Dr. Linneman stated that this proposal was the result of two years of work; it is the fourth of ISU's D.A. degrees. He stated his belief that there is a need for this degree. The degree is intended specifically for the training of community college teachers. He stated that the department has been training community college teachers at the masters level for several years. He stated that the department is fairly sure of a large clientele for the degree. He also stated that the department can supply the personnel to operate the degree.

Dr. Ray White asked Dr. Budig to speak to the action of the Board of Regents staff in recommending nonapproval of the program. Dr. Budig stated that the staff had questioned the need for the degree and had questioned if the degree should be advanced for adoption. Dr. Budig stated that it was his intention to strongly support this proposal. He stated that he would ask the Board to allow us to move the program forward to the June meeting.

During a lengthy discussion, the following issues were raised regarding the proposal for a D.A. in English:

1. Effects of D.A. program on undergraduate instruction
2. Percentage of course work allowed for the dissertation
3. Responsibilities of D.A. candidates in the department
4. Residency and completion of program
5. Specialization in course work
6. Source of full time students

Responses to each of the issues were presented:

1. The D.A. in English would enhance undergraduate instruction because it was a degree in undergraduate teaching and so would have an effect on the teaching of the faculty at ISU.
2. The percentage of course work allowed for the dissertation was the same as the Board of Scholars recommendation of 14 hours. This requirement is consistent with the other D.A. programs and not out of line with the Ph.D. and Ed.D. programs.

3. D.A. candidates would have teaching responsibilities only if holding a teaching assistantship. The D.A. is an in-service program.
4. There is no Graduate School policy on residency requirements. The D.A. in English requirement is the same as the D.A. in History. "Continuing progress" would not be interpreted rigidly. The main concern is steady and continuous work.
5. The D.A. is meant for people holding Masters. The interdisciplinary approach eliminates specialization. Some specialization is allowed to overcome inadequacies. Work will be in literature, composition, and language with a field of concentration.
6. The D.A. would probably have few full time students. Full time students would be those on sabbaticals and on assistantships. The number of full time students cannot be large but can be significant.

VI, 140 A motion (Tarrant, McMahan) to suspend the rules to consider this proposal as an action item was made. Ms. Stone spoke against the motion. She stated that the new senators should get an opportunity to talk to people about the program. Mr. Salome stated that he had had time to look over the proposal. He stated that he didn't need any more time. Mr. Sawicki stated that he too had seen the document but he felt there was a difference between getting people's interpretation and the document itself. Mr. Tarrant stated that the motion had failed at the last meeting only by one vote. He stated that normally this should have been an action item. He stated that the transcript of the discussion at the last meeting was available and there had been a lot of discussion tonight. He stated that this process could go on for months. Mr. Madore spoke against the motion. Dr. Madore asked President Budig to explain what action he would take tomorrow at the Board of Regents meeting on this proposal and asked if early approval would affect his action. President Budig stated that approving this tonight would have no bearing on his remarks. He stated that he assumed that the Senate would accept the proposal at some point in time. Dr. Morris asked Ms. Chesebro to restate her position on the proposal. Ms. Chesebro stated that in a sense there is no Academic Affairs Committee. She stated that she felt in a state of limbo. The former Academic Affairs Committee was in favor of the proposal. She stated that the last Senate was better prepared than this one to act on it. The motion to suspend the rules failed on a roll call vote.

Chairperson Quane announced that the next meeting of the Senate would be in the Old Main Room of the University Union on April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

2. Proposal for Information Sciences Major

The Chairperson stated that the senators had the proposal and a memo from Dr. Parr before them. Dr. Streeter was invited to the table to discuss the proposal. Dr. Streeter stated that he felt somewhat defeated about doing his song and dance again when the Board of Regents staff had recommended disapproval. He stated that when the department was formed it wasn't given much chance of surviving. He stated that the faculty was somewhat harmonious; the department was increasing in majors; and the department has been able to bring about some integration. He stated that the objection to the proposal seems to have centered around the lack of structure. He stated that it was difficult to be on the edge of something new. At the last meeting he outlined what would happen if a student came in with certain needs. He stated that last week a student came in majoring in library science but who really didn't want to be a traditional librarian. Dr. Streeter stated that he explained the information sciences major to the student who stated that this was what he was

looking for. Dr. Streeter said that what we are asking for is an opportunity to go to the staff of the Board of Regents and see if we can't change their minds. This doesn't require any financial outlay; the costs will be absorbed within the department. It doesn't infringe on other departments, and it does provide an integration mechanism for the department.

The following issues were raised regarding the proposal for a major in Information Sciences during a lengthy discussion.

1. Lack of structure
2. Program could be accommodated in the proposed contract major
3. Integration of major with other existing majors and courses
4. Overlapping majors in library science, mass communication, and information science.

Responses to these issues were presented:

1. The requirements on page two of the proposal gave structure together with the prerequisites in the courses listed.
2. Interdisciplinary nature of program takes place in Department of Information Sciences not with other departments. Courses are cross-listed with English. Integration with proposed applied computer sciences major has just begun. Information Science requires a different computer language than ordinarily taught in the Mathematics Department.
3. The information sciences major provides visibility of the program for both faculty and students.

Communications

Secretary Young stated that he would like to make three points: first, minutes will continue in the revised format until the Senate decides otherwise; if this doesn't meet with your needs, we will change the format; secondly, use the microphones whenever possible; thirdly, when there are motions that have been presented to the Senate, these should be in writing.

Ms. Chesebro warned the new senators that the packet of new programs which were distributed tonight would not be reproduced again and therefore should be kept in a safe place.

Adjournment

VI, 141 A motion (Madore, Cohen) to adjourn was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Young, Secretary

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