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April 23, 1975

Faculty Affairs Committee  
Illinois State University Academic Senate  
Resolution

Background

The Academic Senate at Illinois State University supports the position that the State should meet the minimum statutory requirement of appropriating funds for the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) sufficient to meet the normal cost of currently accruing liabilities (11.73 percent of payroll) plus interest on past service liabilities (currently 4.5 percent of payroll).

This statutory requirement has not been met for years, thus threatening further increase in the unfunded liabilities of the SURS.

The Illinois Public Employees Pension Laws Commission, which is composed of 5 Senators, 5 House members and 5 public members appointed by the Governor, has approved a funding plan for all State-financed pension systems which would provide for a gradual increase in appropriations for retirement contributions each year over a period of years until all benefits earned to date by active and retired members will be fully funded. The plan provides for graded increases in the annual appropriations of 2% of payroll until a certain level of funding is reached. It is estimated by the Pension Laws Commission that this plan would provide a full funding level for the State retirement systems after a period of about 20 years.

An additional compelling reason for affirmative action on this plan lies in the fact that our retirement system might be disqualified under Section 401a of the Federal Internal Revenue Code resulting in serious tax losses to dependants.

Resolution

The Academic Senate of Illinois State University strongly endorses the plan for gradually increasing the level of funding of the SURS as recommended by the Pension Laws Commission. Further, the Academic Senate urges representatives from the 44th legislative district to implement the funding plan proposed by the Pension Laws Commission. (add "and the Governor" after the word "district")

Copies of this statement and resolution shall be forwarded to Representatives Gilberg Deavers, 122 North Street, Normal; John R. Lauer, 12 Arcade Building, Lincoln; Gerald A. Bradley, 226 East Market Street, Bloomington; and Senator Harber H. Hall, 1523 W. Market St., Bloomington; Governor Daniel Walker, State of Illinois, Capitol Building, Springfield, Illinois.

April 23, 1975

To: Academic Senate, Executive Committee

From: Faculty Affairs Committee

Subject: Retirement Annuity Escalation Clause

Early in April a proposal concerning tying University Retirement System Annuities in with the Consumer Price Index was received from the Economic Well Being Committee. After discussion with a representative from that committee, the FAC would like to submit the following resolution as an information item for the next Senate meeting.

Whereas, at the present time the University Retirement System annuitants receive an annual 2% cost of living adjustment, and

Whereas, double digit inflation has made the adjustment grossly inadequate, be it resolved that,

The University Retirement System annuities paid the annuitants and their survivors be appropriately increased to the point that annuitants purchasing power is not eroded by inflation.

Copies of this resolution with a cover letter shall be forwarded to: JUAC, Board of Regents, Faculty Advisory Committee to Board of Higher Education, Council of Presidents of Board of Higher Education, Advisory Committee to SURS Trustees, Mr. Edward Gibala, Executive Director SURS, SURS Trustees, Pension Laws Commission, ISU Annuitants Association.

April 23, 1975

To: Executive Committee  
From: Administrative Affairs Committee  
Re: Summer School Program

The Administrative Affairs Committee was charged by the Academic Senate to examine the summer school schedule and make recommendations on the calendar. The Committee feels that maximum flexibility and opportunity for students and faculty are provided by the present calendar. Therefore, we recommend a five-week pre-session, beginning about May 19, and an eight-week summer session, beginning about June 23. Courses might be offered for 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 weeks during the pre-session, and a number of 4-week courses should be provided in the eight-week session.

In the course of studying the summer session, the Committee examined a number of concerns that relate to the calendar. The Committee feels that every reasonable effort should be made to:

1. Provide additional money for the summer session.
2. Provide extensive publicity and recruitment efforts to increase summer enrollment.
3. Provide substantial social, cultural, and recreational programming during the summer.
4. Provide a substantial amount of scholarship and loan money and make available more part time jobs for students during the summer.
5. Ensure that faculty members who are designated to teach at any time during the summer are, in fact, employed during that time period.

The Committee further recommends that study be given to the advantages and disadvantages of reducing or eliminating tuition and fees during the summer session.

April 16, 1975

University Bicycle Advisory Committee:

Membership: Five (5) voting members and one (1) non-voting member. One civil service person appointed by the Civil Service Council for a three-year term; one faculty member appointed by the Executive Committee for a three-year term; two students appointed by the Student Association for one-year terms; one administrative member appointed by the Secretary of the University; and one non-voting liaison member appointed by the Town of Normal. The committee will elect its own chairperson and secretary each year.

Functions:

1. To make recommendations to the Secretary of the University with regard to bicycle racks and paths.
2. To advise regarding upkeep and maintenance policies.
3. To recommend feasibility studies of future policies concerning regulation, registration, and enforcement.
4. To advise regarding fiscal priorities
5. To present an annual report by the end of the first semester.
6. To work closely with the Parking and Traffic Committee.

Disposition of Reports and Minutes:

Chairman of the Academic Senate, President of the Student Association,  
President of the Civil Service Staff Council, Secretary of the University

April 23, 1975

Revised Procedures on Selection  
of Recipients of Honorary Degrees

The following policy statement regarding Honorary Degrees was developed by the University Council on March 20, 1968, approved by the Council on June 5, 1968, and revised by the Academic Senate on February 17, 1971.

The Board of Regents authorizes Illinois State University to award the honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws (LLD), Doctor of Science (ScD), Doctor of Literature (Litt.D) and Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.). Eligible for these degrees are persons who have achieved records of major distinction at the state or national level in the academic or literary worlds, in business, the professions, or in public service. It is expected that no more than four (4) such degrees will be granted within one year. Honorary degrees may be awarded to those who:

- A. Are graduates of ISU or have had an important connection with or have made major contributions to the University, or;
- B. Are natives of Illinois or have had a significant connection with the State.

A committee to nominate candidates for honorary degrees shall be composed of the following:

1. Graduate Dean
2. A student elected from the Student Association Assembly and ratified by the Senate
3. President of the ISU Alumni Association
4. A Distinguished Professor of the University
5. A student senator elected by the Senate
6. A faculty member at large
7. A faculty senator elected by the Senate.

The President of the University will name the Distinguished Professor, the faculty member at large, and one of the members of the committee as Chairperson.

Nominations for recipients of honorary degrees are made to the President by the committee. The President obtains the concurrence of the Academic Senate and submits nominations to the Board of Regents for approval.

During the nomination and approval process, it is essential that names be held in strictest confidence until the Board has approved the awards and the intended recipient(s) indicate willingness to accept the honor and attend the Graduation ceremonies.

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- A. Are graduates of ISU or have had an important connection with or have made major contributions to the University, or;
- B. Are natives of Illinois or have had a significant connection with the State, and;
- C. Are not currently holders of elective or appointive public office. This limitation is intended to make ineligible, while they are in office, elected local, state, and national officials, and members of the Board of Regents and the Board of Higher Education.

A committee to nominate candidates for honorary degrees shall be composed of the following:

1. Graduate Dean
2. Chairman of the Faculty Status Committee
3. Chairman of the Academic Senate
4. A Distinguished Professor of the University
5. Vice President of the Student Association
6. A faculty member at large

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## Faculty Appointments to External Standing Committees

### Academic Planning Committee

Virginia Owen, Economics  
Michael L. Smith, Business Administration  
E. Lemke, Psychology, Alternate

### Academic Standards Committee

William Schauer, Political Science  
Raymond Wiman, Information Science

### Athletic Council (two names to be submitted to the President per vacancy)

Lynne Higgins, HPER  
James McIntyre, Foreign Languages

### Council on University Studies

Fred Fuess, Agriculture  
Mark Moran, Sociology  
William Linneman, English

### Elections Committee

Martha Bickley, Business Education  
K. Gerald Balls, English (Alternate)

### Entertainment Committee

Pamela Ritch, Theatre (3-year term)  
Mike Leisure, Allied Health (3-year term)  
Richard Dwaine Goodwin, HPER (2-year term)  
William T. Schmid, Media Services (1-year term)  
Leah Wilcox, English (Alternate)

### Facilities Planning Committee

Edna Vanderbeck, HPER



Honors Council

Wayne Truex, HPER  
Hoon M. Chung, Political Science

Library Committee

David MacDonald, History  
Keith Stearns, Special Education

Parking Committee

Glen Greenseth, Physics  
Julia Bewsey, Milner (Alternate)

Reinstatement Committee

Brenda Griffin, Sociology  
Peter Parmantie, English  
David Leonhard, Clinical Experiences (Alternate)

University Union Board

Michael Shelly, Information Sciences  
Ralph Lane, Theatre

University Forum Committee

Ralph Meyering, Curriculum and Instruction (Alternate)

SCERB University Hearing Panel

Roger R. Easson, English  
Janice Neuleib, English

## Committee Appointments to External Standing Committees

### Academic Planning Committee

Laura Corbett  
Lynn Supanc  
Scott Nixon

### Academic Standards Committee

Shelley Birkner

### Council on University Studies

Gerry Guldager

### Curriculum Committee

Carol Twenhafel  
Jeanette Deline  
Jack Palka

### Facilities Planning Committee

Andre Perkins

### Honors Council

Jamie Hinkel  
Manny Amaro  
Diane Strutz

### Library Committee

Audrey Doyle  
Steve Beatty  
Carol Twenhafel  
Kevin Jaeger  
Lynn Supanc

### Reinstatement Committee

Randy Howard  
Ken Vuylsteke  
Allen Hunt

### Elections Committee

Steve Graham  
Mike McGovern

### Parking Committee

Dave Cox  
Dean Dinnocenzo