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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
(Not Approved by the Academic Senate)

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Meetings of the Academic Senate are open to members of the University community. Persons attending the meetings may participate in discussion with the consent of the Senate.

Persons desiring to bring items to the attention of the Senate may do so by contacting any member of the Senate.

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Call to Order

The meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chairperson Cohen at 7:00 p.m. in Stevenson 401.

Roll Call

The Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum to be present.

Approval of Minutes

VIII, 10 A motion (Carroll/Frisch) to approve the minutes of September 22, 1976, as distributed was carried.

Chairperson's Remarks

There were none.

Administrators' Remarks

There were none.

Student Association President's Remarks

There were none.

ACTION ITEMS:

Election of Two Students to the Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

The following two students were elected to the Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences: Mark Curatolo, a junior Economics major, and Val Harris, a junior in Political Science.

Proficiency Examination Policy Changes

VIII, 11 Existing policy on proficiency examinations was adopted by the Academic Senate, October 9, 1974. The recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee for four changes in this policy was outlined in the minutes of September 22, 1976. A motion (Rhodes/Quane) to approve the four changes in the proficiency examination policy was made. Debate centered largely on the question of whether or not credit should be granted through proficiencies for competencies gained in high school courses. Mr. Jabker argued once again that existing policy on this point is virtually unenforceable. It is extremely difficult to determine if proficiency exams substantially duplicate high school courses. The motion carried. See appendix for the revised Proficiency Examination Policy.

Transfer of Credits from Nursing Programs Policy

1976, 18 A motion (Quane/Merriman) to approve the Transfer of Credits from Nursing Programs Policy was made. The motion passed. The new policy will change the policy adopted by the University Curriculum Committee on April 14, 1976. The new policy statement reads:

Registered Nurses may request admission to the University and acceptance of no more than 60 semester hours of transfer credit if they have graduated from an accredited Associate Degree or Diploma Nursing Program. Transfer credit will be granted to those Registered Nurses who have earned a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in their academic preparation prior to admission to the University. Students so admitted must complete University Studies and major requirements which are specified by the University for granting the baccalaureate degree.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Consumer Education Minor

Mr. Parr briefly explained the proposed Consumer Education Minor. The minor was designed by Professor Teresa Palmer of the Department of Business Education and Administrative Services. It is a teacher education minor, and has been reviewed and approved by the Council on Teacher Education as well as the University Curriculum Committee. Dean Harrison, Dean of the College of Business, said the Consumer Education minor would require 24-26 hours from courses in BEA, BUA, and HEC. Dean Harrison stated that there was an objection from James Koch in the Economics Department because ECO 100 and 101 were not included as explicit requirements of the minor. After a discussion between the BUA and ECO Departments, the proposal was modified at the recommendation of Warren Perry, who said ECO courses should be recommended rather than required. Dean Harrison also said that this is a no-cost minor and can be handled with existing classes and staff.

Deletion of Physical Sciences Major

Steve Cardot presented information on the deletion of the physical sciences major. Deletion of this program has already been approved by the Department of Physics, College of Arts and Sciences, and the University Curriculum Committee. Action on deleting the Physical Sciences Major was taken by the Department of Physics on the basis that few students enroll in the program; students in the physical sciences field tend to major in either Physics or Chemistry. There is only one student enrolled in the program at this time. It was suggested that if a student wanted a Physical Sciences major, he could complete the requirements in a contract major.

Addition of Two Members to Dean Search Committee

A memo from Provost Horner re Addition of Two Members to Dean Search Committee. Provost Horner requested Senate approval of the addition of two Faculty members to the Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. A motion (Morris/Budig) to move this item to the action stage was approved. The two additional members to the Search Committee would come from the Laboratory sciences and humanities area, as these areas

VIII, 14 are not represented on the committee. A motion (Tarrant/Quane) to approve the addition of two members to the Dean Search Committee was made. The motion passed. These appointments will be made by Provost Horner after consultation with chairpersons of the Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology/Geography Departments in the case of the laboratory sciences appointments, and chairpersons of the Departments of English, Foreign Languages, Information Sciences, and Philosophy. Also the Arts and Sciences College Council will be consulted.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee -- no report

Administrative Affairs Committee -- The Administrative Affairs Committee is looking into increasing library hours. The library will be open until midnight beginning October 29. The hours have been expanded from last year.

Budget Committee -- no report

Executive Committee -- In reference to Randy Green's memo re Notification of Action to be taken against Greek Organizations who Violate University, Local, Community, State, or Federal Regulations, Lance Carlile referred to the Executive Committee Minutes of September 29, 1976, where it is stated that "we are not allowing 'due process' to take place." Mr. Gamsky said that some type of due process must be set up, and no action would be taken against student organizations in the interim. If any action was to take place, it would be brought to the Executive Committee prior to the action.

Faculty Affairs Committee -- no report

Student Affairs Committee -- report

Communications

There were no communications.

Adjournment

VIII, 15 A motion (Phillips/Tarrant) to adjourn was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

For the Academic Senate,

Ira Cohen, Chairperson
John K. Boaz, Secretary

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UNDERGRADUATE PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION POLICY RECOMMENDATION
FROM ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Adopted by Academic Senate, October 9, 1974
and Amended October 6, 1976

- (1) Each department shall establish the manner and level at which a student shall be judged proficient in a way that is similar to the type and quality of examination(s) (including difficulty level and cut-off points) typically used in the determination of the final course grade. The minimal level at which a student is to be judged proficient shall be equivalent to a grade of "C" in the course. Placement procedures may be used with the approval of the department chairperson to determine the appropriate initial level of coursework for a student and the amount of credit that may be given as equivalent to prerequisite courses listed in the Undergraduate Catalog.
- (2) Each department shall have proficiency examinations for all 100 level courses regularly listed in the catalog (excluding seminars).
- (3) A comprehensive statement of course objectives should be available to all students for each course for which proficiency examinations are given. (Only after examining the course objectives should a student consider whether or not he/she should elect to be examined as proficient in the course under consideration.)
- (4) Participation in proficiency examinations is open to all students admitted to Illinois State University; however, students may not register nor receive credit for Departmental Proficiency Examinations prior to the successful completion of twelve semester hours of accredited college or university coursework without written approval of the chairperson of the department in which the course is offered.
- (5) Credit granted for proficiency examinations will not have a letter grade assigned; therefore, the grade point average will not be affected.
- (6) Credit earned in proficiency examinations may not be used to raise grades or remove failures in courses already taken.
- (7) No course credit will be awarded for proficiency examinations which substantially duplicate previously earned college credit.
- (8) A student will not be permitted to take a proficiency examination more than once nor may any student register for more than one Departmental Proficiency Examination each semester unless approved in writing by the chairperson(s) of the department(s) in which the courses are being offered.
- (9) Responsibility for the supervision and administration of the proficiency program shall rest in the Office of Dean of Undergraduate Instruction or his designate.