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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.

Academic Senate Minutes
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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, 111 A motion (Upton/Searight) to approve the minutes of the March 9, 1977 Senate meeting carried.

Chairperson's Remarks

Mr. Rhodes introduced a guest, Ms. Harriet Greenaway, who is Assistant Academic Registrar at the Polytechnic of North London. She will be spending a few days in the Bloomington/Normal community.

Chairperson Cohen read a letter from Provost Horner which stated that he would be unable to attend the March 23 Senate meeting due to a meeting with parents and concerned citizens dealing with laboratory school issues. It also said there was some misunderstanding about his statement of March 9. He did not say that he or others had made a final decision to phase out, or close, the laboratory schools. The relative portion of his statement is that: ". . . there appears to be no reasonable alternative but to phase out the laboratory schools, as units of the University. . ." Chairperson Cohen said that at the Executive Committee meeting prior to the Senate meeting he had been directed to send a letter to legislators of this district Thursday stating the Senate's position on the laboratory school issue.

Thomas Walters, Chairperson of the Black Student Union, spoke to the Senate concerning committee selection. He said that on February 18 he sent a letter to Ira Cohen regarding committee selection on the Presidential Search Committee. He expressed concern over the selection of the students to that committee, and said that in general it seems that the same students get elected to committees. Minority representation is completely ignored. In the PSC recently formed there is no representation of black or Latino students. He thought maybe the present policies should be reviewed as to how they relate to student members chosen to committees. Chairperson Cohen said that the committee selection procedures were referred to the Rules Committee at the March 16, 1977 Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Emerson asked to what extent do black students express a desire to serve on these committees. Mr. Walters responded that usually the black students do not have enough information about the committee application procedures. Mr. Carlile said that he would like to make it known that Student Association did a great deal of work to get names for the PSC. At the SA Assembly meeting the procedures were discussed with members of SA, ARH, Academic Senate, and Black Student Union present so they could be made aware of the procedures. Mr. Carlile said that names of black students were submitted to him too late, so he had no control over a black student not being selected

to the committee. Mr. VanDeVoort said that last year they couldn't find any students willing to serve on committees. Mr. Walters said that in the future he would like to be contacted directly about obtaining names for committees when there are vacancies. Mr. Sims asked if there was a letter sent to the Black Student Union about PSC Committee. Mr. Carlile said there were no letters sent, but that a black student from the BSU sits on the SA Assembly. Mr. Sims suggested that in the future letters be sent to all student organizations to get better student representation. Mr. VanDeVoort said that when you start guaranteeing representation to various groups, you have the problem of size. Everyone should have equal opportunity. Mr. March suggested speaking to student representatives on the PSC and letting them know what the students' interests are. Ms. Upton said that in the Vidette there are always ads for students needed on committees. If any student would go through the set process, they would probably end up on a committee. Chairperson Cohen added that at the present time, the PSC cannot be changed or enlarged.

Mr. Gamsky said he had submitted a memorandum to the Executive Committee that was referred to the Rules Committee for study concerning student elections.

Dean Rives introduced a document concerning the revised Physical Education curriculum. The purpose of the document is 1) to provide the Board of Regents with information concerning a total revision of the undergraduate curriculum in physical education at Illinois State University, and 2) to request Board approval for changing the program title from "Health and Physical Education" to simply "Physical Education." The old program provided separate curricula for men and women, while the newly revised curriculum provides a single program for men and women. It was developed and approved by the physical education faculty in the HPERD Department and then reviewed and approved by the College of Applied Science and Technology's Curriculum Committee and the University Curriculum Committee. The document also states the rationale as to how this program was developed. This is simply a revision of an existing program. The new program also makes available sequences in the Physical Education minor, and broadens the total program which was limited to a teacher education program. Dean Rives thought this document should be brought to the attention of the Senate, but does not merit great lengthy deliberations. He asked for a sense of the Senate resolution approving these changes. Chairperson Cohen said that since this is not a new or expanded program request and requires zero dollars, a motion would be in order to adopt the changed program. A motion (VanDeVoort/Upton) to approve the revised Physical Education Curriculum carried.

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VIII, 113

A motion (Quane/Christiansen) to commend former Vice-Chairpersons Lance Carlile and Steve Carroll for doing outstanding jobs during the 1976-77 Senate term carried unanimously. Written resolutions were presented to Mr. Carlile and Mr. Carroll.

Administrators' Remarks

President Budig said his comments were already made by Dean Rives.

Student Body President's Remarks

Mr. Rutherford said he had contacted Mr. Walters via a letter thanking him for expressing his concerns about minorities in relation to University committees. Mr. Rutherford said letters will be sent out this spring concerning committee vacancies.

ACTION ITEM:

Committee Appointment to Council for Teacher Education

VIII, 114

Dr. Taimi Ranta was strongly recommended for reappointment to the Council for Teacher Education by Robert Burnham, Chairperson of the Council. A motion to forward this nomination to the Senate was approved at the March 16, 1977 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion (Searight/Emerson) to accept the nomination of Dr. Taimi Ranta to the Council for Teacher Education was approved.

INFORMATION ITEM:

By-Law Changes (Elections Committee)

Former senator Monte Law introduced the Elections Committee By-Law Changes to the Senate. The By-Laws presently stipulate that committee appointments for students should be made for 1-year, 2-year, and 3-year appointments, but recently all appointments have been made for a single year. To correct this, the following change in the Elections Committee By-Laws should be made: Page 12, 3.2 Membership, Paragraph 2--"Faculty members shall be elected for staggered 3-year terms. Student members shall be elected as follows: one 2-year term and two 1-year terms." Also, delete 4.3 (c), #3 on page 37. The Rules Committee requests that the Senate By-Laws concerning maximum numbers of signatures on student election petitions be altered in order to delete the maximum number required.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee -- At the Executive Committee prior to the Senate meeting a proposal was approved to establish an elections review committee. The committee will be composed of the following--3 people appointed by the SA President, 1 student appointed by the ARH President, 1 student senator chosen by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, 2 faculty members appointed by the Chairperson, and 1 non-voting representative from the Student Affairs Office.

JUAC -- Mr. Smith reported that students did speak to the question of tuition at the latest Board of Regents meeting. Mr. Smith also reported that the new tenure policy is still being discussed. Nothing was resolved at the last BOR meeting. The tenure issue was sent back for reporting next month. In the matter of evaluation of faculty members, there will be a more formal and specific use of evaluations of faculty members by students. The design of the faculty evaluations will be left up to the institutions, with a plan for student input.

Communications

Mr. Christiansen said his office hours will be from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

VI, 115

A motion (Quane/Moonan) to adjourn was approved at 7:50 p.m.

For the Academic Senate,

Ira Cohen, Chairperson
John K. Boaz, Secretary

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SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR
DISESTABLISHMENT OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- I. Any member of the University community may ask for consideration of the proposal to discontinue a program.
- II. The proposal to discontinue together with a brief case for discontinuance shall be sent to the Academic Planning Committee.
- III. The Academic Planning Committee shall have three initial responsibilities:
 - a. Inform all academic units involved and afford each the opportunity to respond.
 - b. In clear cases in which all the involved academic areas concur, the Academic Planning Committee may send a recommendation to the Academic Senate for transmittal to the President.
 - c. When there is difference of opinion, determine what groups should study the proposal and make the recommendation on the merits.
 1. In cases involving one and only one College, the responsibility for deliberation shall be assigned to the Dean of that College and its Curriculum Committee.
 2. In cases involving more than one College, the Planning Committee shall assign responsibility to the Deans and Curriculum Committees of the Colleges concerned.
- IV. The Dean(s) and Curriculum Committee(s) assigned responsibility for deliberation shall take whatever steps are necessary to make a recommendation to the President via the Academic Senate. Prior to such recommendation accompanied by the underlying rationale,
 - a. shall provide opportunity for all interested parties to be heard on the merits of the issue.
 - b. may select and utilize the services of special consultants.
- V. The steps in discontinuance of the program shall cover
 - a. the phasing out or reassigning of courses in the curriculum of that program.
 - b. the safeguarding of the interests of the students actively enrolled in the program.
 - c. the reassigning or otherwise safeguarding of the interests of faculty and staff associated with the program.
- VI. On receipt of a recommendation regarding the discontinuance of a program the Academic Senate shall give its advice in transmitting the recommendation to the President. This may be based on:
 - a. study and review of the recommendation by the Academic Affairs Committee.
 - b. The reaction of the Academic Affairs Committee to the recommendation shall be reported to the Senate for its action.
 - c. After debate and deliberation the Senate shall transmit its advice to the President along with the recommendation.