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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
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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.
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

A motion (Emerson/Rice) to approve the minutes of the April 13 Senate meeting carried with the following corrections: On p. 2, it should read that Ilene Frisch was a student member appointed to the Elections Review Committee, and William Linneman, English, was a faculty member appointed to the same committee.

Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson Cohen announced that elections to the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee and Faculty Grievance Committee would not take place tonight due to the ballots not being ready at this time.

Chairperson Cohen said that all senators were invited to the dedication of Central Park on the Illinois State University Campus Saturday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m. There will be a reception following the ceremony.

Administrator's Remarks

Provost Horner said he had had no formal reaction yet as to the BHE hearing on the two doctoral proposals, Curriculum and Instructions and Special Education. The people in the departments involved worked hard on these two proposals. They are now waiting for official results.

Concerning the laboratory school situation, Provost Horner said nothing has changed dramatically during the last few weeks. The local school superintendents received a letter from the Illinois Office of Education stating the procedure to be followed for anyone who contracts with us. There have been information discussions with the superintendents. It now appears that we have a good idea of where we stand. Approximately half of the funds anticipated being lost will be regained $240,000. The implications of this are not known as yet. No significant problems in staffing and programming are expected.

Provost Horner also spoke concerning budgetary matters. He said that nothing of significance occurred internally. There will be a meeting tomorrow in Springfield to review the substance of the appropriations bill being introduced.
Student Body President's Remarks

The Student Association is in the process of screening members for various Senate external committees, according to the SA President Dan Rutherford. Names will be presented to the Assembly this Sunday and will be brought to the Senate for approval at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Department of Foreign Language Master's Degree

Senator Moonan introduced the Department of Foreign Language Master's Degree. A motion (Moonan/Quane) to approve the Department of Foreign Language Master's Degree was made. Senator Moonan said this proposal had been approved by the Academic Affairs Committee with a unanimous vote. It has also been approved by the Foreign Languages Department and the Graduate Council. Ms. Cook said the Budget Committee favors this proposal. On a voice vote, the Department of Foreign Language Master's Degree was approved unanimously.

Minor in Reading

Senator Rhodes introduced the Minor in Reading. Dr. Ewing of the Curriculum and Instruction Department was present to answer questions. He said this proposal had passed the Academic Affairs Committee and hoped the Senate would also approve it. A motion (Rhodes/Koehler) to approve the Minor in Reading was made. Ms. Cook of the Budget Committee said her committee found the dollar figures stated in the proposal to be accurate. The Minor in Reading passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Major in Marketing

The Major in Marketing was introduced by Senator Ritt. He said the Academic Affairs Committee had unanimously approved this major. A motion (Ritt/Rutherford) to approve the Major in Marketing was made. Ms. Cook of the Budget Committee commented on the three majors in Marketing, Management, and Finance. She noted that the funding has already been approved and is already part of the budget for next year. There are no new costs in any of these proposals. They are zero cost proposals. Ms. McNahan commented that these three proposals were approved at a lower cost than originally proposed. Provost Horner said the amount of money proposed for these proposals was $22,000. This figure was not approved by the Governor and Legislature. On a voice vote, the major in Marketing was approved unanimously.

Major in Management

Senator Ritt said the Academic Affairs Committee recommended approval of the Major in Management. A motion (Ritt/Quane) to approve the Major in Management was made. The Major in Management was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Major in Finance

Senator Ritt said the Academic Affairs Committee recommended approval of the Major in Finance. A motion (Ritt/Henry) to approve the Major in Finance was approved unanimously on a voice vote.
INFORMATION ITEMS:

Constitutional Amendment -- Professional-Technical Staff Council

A letter was received from President Budig requesting that the Professional-Technical Staff Council's monthly meetings with the President be regularized. Mr. Ken Bach of Personnel said these monthly meetings have worked with the Civil Service Staff, and he expects it would do the same for the Professional-Technical Staff Council. This request for a change in the Constitution was signed by six Senators: President Budig, Mr. Carlile, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Moonan, Mr. Christiansen and Mr. Cohen. The requested Constitutional Amendment reads as follows:

Article IV, Section 3, A

Drop last sentence and replace with:

There shall be a Professional-Technical Staff Council with appropriate By-Laws. The Executive Committee of the Professional-Technical Staff Council shall meet monthly with the President of the University to express their views on institutional policy and to advise the President on matters of concern to the Professional-Technical Staff.

The Section will then read:

Section 3. Professional and Civil Service Staff

A. PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

Professional employees provide services to the University which contribute to the educational institution. While administrative employees without faculty rank serve at the pleasure of the President, they are entitled to annual contracts which shall not be terminated during the term of the contract except by action of the Board of Regents and for reasons stated in writing involving inadequate performance of duty or unavailability of appropriated funds. Further, they may reasonably expect annual reappointment as long as a valid need exists for their services and their duty record is satisfactory. There shall be a Professional-Technical Staff Council with appropriate By-Laws. The Executive Committee of the Professional-Technical Staff Council shall meet monthly with the President of the University to express their views on institutional policy and to advise the President on matters of concern to the Professional-Technical Staff.

A roll call vote will be taken on the Constitutional Amendment, with 34 members having to vote "yes" to pass. Mr. Christiansen asked who comprised the Professional-Technical Staff and how many there were on campus. Mr. Bach answered they were professional and technical people on campus that were not covered by Civil Service Staff and not faculty members. Examples are the financial aid director, and the health service doctors and nurses. There are 169 Professional-Technical Staff people on campus. The number has decreased considerably from last year because many of the Professional-Technical Staff positions have changed to Civil Service positions. Mr. Bach said it has been about two years since Civil Service has been under this arrangement and has found it very satisfactory. There is no definite way of saying this will serve the future needs of the Professional-Technical Staff other than by noting that it has worked for the Civil Service people. Mr. Bach also added that this is a last link in the Constitutional shared governance system which President Budig has committed himself to complete before leaving Illinois State University.
Senator Goldstein introduced the proposed 1978-79 academic calendar. Three calendars were presented to the Senate; Calendar 1 Northern Illinois University's calendar, Calendar 2 (No Fall Break), and Calendar 3 (Fall Break). Mr. Goldstein said calendars two and three were different in terms of vacations. He made some slight modifications in Calendar two and three. On Calendar two, Wednesday, August 23, should be "Begin Classes." Also on Calendar two, Tuesday, November 21, should be "End of Classes, Begin Thanksgiving." On Calendar 3, Wednesday, August 23, should be "Begin Classes." On Tuesday, November 21, should be "End Classes, Thanksgiving." Mr. Goldstein said the Administrative Affairs Committee was attempting to try to get ISU's calendar similar to Northern Illinois University's calendar. Both of the calendars submitted by the Administration Affairs Committee exceed the number of class contact days of Northern by three days. The ratios of MWF classes/TTH classes on calendar two is 44/30, and on calendar three is 43/30. Mr. Rhodes asked why there was a reading day scheduled for the spring semester but not for the fall. Mr. Goldstein answered that in the fall there is a day scheduled for faculty meetings to organize departments and in the spring a reading day for students. Calendar two and Northern's calendar have the same number of specialized duty days, including meeting days. Mr. Hicklin commended the Administrative Affairs Committee for considering all the variables and coming to a reasonable compromise. He said that Northern has had this type of calendar for quite awhile and still comes out with more working days. Chairperson Cohen said that he hopes by the next Senate Meeting the Administrative Affairs Committee will be able to recommend one calendar. Mr. Smith asked how the Administrative Affairs Committee felt about the extensive Christmas break in Calendar 2 as opposed to the shorter one in Calendar 3. Mr. Goldstein answered that his committee failed to reach consensus on that question. He said that the Counseling Services recommended a fall break as being important to students and faculty. Mr. Vybral of the Theatre Department said that the two breaks in the fall semester in Calendar 3 would create problems in scheduling of productions. Productions set up in the Theatre Department are integral to Theatre's academic program. Mr. Gamsky said he did not want to speak concerning the merits of either calendars. However, he said it has been known from the past, that from a student's standpoint, tensions build up during the first semester. Therefore, some sort of break during the fall would be a good idea, although there are many other considerations which should go into setting up an academic calendar. Ms. Upton inquired about the dorm situation during a fall break. She asked if the dorms would remain open and would the students have to pay extra. Mr. Gamsky said this would be given to the appropriate people for study. Mr. Christiansen said this had been investigated last year, with the conclusion that the dorms would remain open during a fall break.

Mr. Christiansen suggested going back to a 4-day mid-semester break instead of 5-day, and putting in the reading day.
Major in Safety

Senator Koehler introduced the Major in Safety. Basically, the purpose of this program is to do in degree form what is done in sequence form at the present time. There were no objections from the University Curriculum Committee and no significant objections from the CAST Curriculum Committee.

Interdisciplinary Master's Degree in Humanities

The Interdisciplinary Master's Degree in Humanities was introduced by Senator Weidner. She said this degree brings together six departments (Music, Art, Theatre, History, English, and Philosophy). The proposal is an outgrowth of the Undergraduate program in the Humanities.

Change in Undergraduate Degree Designation in Special Education, Minor in Special Education, and Special Education Secondary Program

Mr. Moonan introduced the proposals and asked Dean Rives to explain them. Dean Rives said there is a relationship between the Change in Undergraduate Degree Designation in Special Education, Minor in Special Education, and the Special Education Secondary Program. The first is the key to the others. This involves moving from six degree programs in Special Education to a single program and at the same time expanding that program. When you act on the change in degree designation you are giving your approval to the last item which is simply a budget request and also a subdivision of the Special Education major. When the program review was done in Special Education, the BHE recommended that attention be given to a single degree program. The Department of Special Education and the College of Education feel a single degree would add to our flexibility in light of changes in the field. Dean Rives also made it clear that when the change in Undergraduate Degree Designation was acted upon, consent it also given to the establishment of a secondary program in Special Education. As to the secondary emphasis of the Special Education program, Dean Rives said that in the past, Special Education has been focused on the elementary level. This will no longer be true. The change in emphasis is from primarily elementary to a fall range of educational levels. The budgetary request would be ratified at the same time as the other two requests. This budgetary request is necessary to implement the program. On page 3 of the Minor in Special Education proposal, Mr. Moonan noted that the $39,000 figure for anticipated funding needs and sources of funds was incorrect. That figure should read, $46,380. Mr. Christiansen asked what action was necessary to institute a new sequence. Mr. Rives answered that approval by the Curriculum Committee was needed. Mr. Moonan asked if the State will institute another type of certification. Mr. Hage of the Special Education Department answered that they don't want to have any more kinds of certification than they now have. Hage assured Senators Special Education has been working closely with the State certification people. They are trying to cut down on certification. There will be a recommendation from the Budget Committee at the next Senate Meeting to clarify the budgetary problems.
Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee: The Committee will continue tomorrow with consideration of tonight's information items and in addition a requested deletion of the B.S. in Education degree in Music.

Budget Committee: The Budget Committee will meet this Friday at 1:00 p.m. to discuss program and budgeting priorities.

Rules Committee: Names were submitted by Ms. Upton, Chairperson of the Rules Committee, for appointments to the Curriculum Committee and the Academic Planning Committee. Ms. Upton said she'd like this group of names approved tonight with more names being submitted at the next meeting. A motion (Rice/Kuhn) to move the committee appointments to the Curriculum Committee and the Academic Planning Committee to the action stage failed. This required unanimous consent, but three people were opposed on a show of hands.

Student Affairs Committee: Ms. Glockhoff said the Student Affairs Committee is revising the policy pertaining to student records in the Handbook.

JUAC: Mr. Smith said student representatives can now vote at Board of Regent's Meetings. Their votes will be recorded but not counted. There was a great deal of discussion on collective bargaining at the last meeting. Concerning tenure, the Board of Regents has strengthened the way in which it wants to look at tenure. Mr. Hicklin added to Mr. Smith's statement on tenure. He said the Board's opinions on tenure mean that our faculty procedures for tenure may eventually have to be revised. Mr. Shuman of the Board of Regents said he wants to collect his own data on tenure. Mr. Smith said JUAC met the evening before the Board of Regents met and set up By-Laws and elected three officers.

Adjournment

A motion (Quane/Moonan) to adjourn was approved at 8:15 p.m.

For the Academic Senate,

Ira Cohen, Chairperson
John K. Boaz, Secretary