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Vice-Chairperson's Remarks

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Tuttle/Schwalm moved to strike both fall and spring break. Mr. Kohn asked how
the schedule would be readjusted. Mr. Tuttle responded that it had not been
worked out. The chair was requested to take two separate votes, one on the fall
break and one on the spring break. On a voice vote, elimination of the fall
break was defeated. On a voice vote, elimination of the spring break was de-
feated.

The main motion passed on a show of hands, 28:14.

Committee Reports

Mr. Cohen invited other senators to go with him to Springfield for a meeting of
the Association of State University Governance Bodies on Tuesday, April 22,
1980.

Communications

Mr. Friedhoff, on behalf of concerned colleagues, presented the following:

ISU is and will be known mainly for its excellence in undergraduate
instruction. If this is not the case, there will surely be a negative
impact on our enrollment. Many believe that through excellence in this
sector we may lessen the anticipated reduction in enrollment.

ISU, for some years, has had a program called IDP (Instructional De-
velopment Program) which supports efforts of the faculty to directly
improve their undergraduate teaching. A number of such IDP grants
(usually half-time summer or a full one month's salary) are made to
faculty. The procedure for obtaining such support is, or has been,
quite straightforward. A proposal is made, is reviewed by a committee
and compared with others, and either is or is not supported. In order
to assure fairness and support of high quality proposals, it is im-
portant that the proposals are competitive and reviewed by a committee.

This year apparently six (6) one-month salary grants were withheld from
the ordinary process—the competitive review—and were assigned arbi-
trarily by the person who is in charge of the IDP grants, etc. The
purpose of this action was to form a group who would engage in "long
range instructional planning" or some such topic.

Since we have (1) an Academic Planning Group, (2) a presidential com-
mittee on long range planning, (3) "program development" included in
the job description of Deans, another committee seems redundant and a
waste. As the appointments were apparently not competitive, it seems
appropriate to cancel such appointments and award them on the basis
which has been followed for many years.

In response, Dr. Shailer Thomas, as Director of Summer Session, stated that
Dr. Sharpfham had requested an increase in the IDP budget to cover six (6)
one-month salary grants. This increase was not granted. Dr. Sharpfham was
authorized to administer the IDP funds as he chose. It was Dr. Thomas' un-
derstanding that the funds had been administered with the concurrence of the IDP
committee.
In other communications, Mr. Tuttle inquired about compliance with the Board of Higher Education enrollment reduction and when was the best time to cut off enrollment. He further wondered if accessibility of loans would effect student attendance. President Watkins replied that the May 2 cut off date was for freshman only and that the date was determined after much discussion involving top administrators of the University.

Mr. Polan asked why the residence hall dining rooms and Union food service were closed over Easter weekend when the school was in session. Mr. Gamsky responded that he didn't know why the residence hall dining rooms were closed. The Union closed as often as possible when attendance will be down. Mr. Sloter reported that one residence hall cafeteria was open; others were closed because so many students had left campus.

At 8:55 p.m., Barton/Sloter moved to recess to internal committee meetings and adjourn when chairpersons had been elected for each committee. The motion passed on a voice vote. (Internal committee membership is appendix to these minutes.)

For the Academic Senate,

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## ACADEMIC CALENDAR 1981-82

### FIRST SEMESTER 1981

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<td>August 24</td>
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<td>September 7</td>
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<td>Labor Day</td>
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<td>October 3</td>
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<td>October 17</td>
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<td>November 25</td>
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<td>Thanksgiving vacation begins 5:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>November 30</td>
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<td>December 12</td>
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<td>March 6</td>
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APRIL 16, 1980
### INTERNAL STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

**Appendix 4/10/80**

#### Academic Affairs
- **Anderson, Faye**
- **Filer, Kevin**
- **Kern, Susan (liaison)**
- **Ritch, Pam**
- **Schmaltz, Leonard**
- **Schwalm, Fritz**
- **Varner, Iris**
- **Zunker, Sandy**

#### Administrative Affairs
- **Belshe, F.B. (ex-officio)**
- **Fisher, Robert**
- **Grever, Glenn**
- **Miller, Larry**
- **Sloter, Eric (liaison)**
- **Spoor, Rick**
- **Tuttle, George**
- **Weller, Roger**

#### Budget
- **Barton, Brian (liaison)**
- **Boothe, Leon (ex-officio)**
- **Bowen, Mack**
- **Fernandes, Vivian**
- **Goodin, Cathy**
- **Gowen, Julie**
- **Hirt, Geoffrey (liaison)**
- **Kohn, Walter (liaison)**

#### Faculty Affairs
- **Boaz, John**
- **Crafts, Virginia**
- **Friedberg, Stephen**
- **Koerselman, Herbert (liaison)**
- **Madore, Normand**
- **Schoenbein, Bruce**
- **Wieczorek, Cheryl**

#### Rules
- **Friedhoff, Walter (liaison)**
- **Hemenway, Robert**
- **Holmes, Michael**
- **Kolb, David**
- **Newby, Marilyn**
- **Shulman, Sol**
- **Young, Robert**

#### Student Affairs
- **Brickell, John**
- **Brown, Mary Jo**
- **Gamsky, Neal (ex-officio)**
- **Henriksen, Steve (liaison)**
- **Nelson, Cheryl (liaison)**
- **Polan, Joe**
- **Rosebery, Missy**
- **Wolak, Lindsay**

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*Chairperson*