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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairperson Tuttle.

Roll Call

Secretary Brickell called the roll and announced that a quorum was not present.

Chairperson's Remarks

Because a quorum was not present, Mr. Tuttle said he would deviate from the announced agenda. He congratulated President Watkins on the fine review he received by the Board of Regents, a review conducted every four years. Mr. Watkins had received very strong praise for his role as an advocate of the institution and his involvement in governmental affairs. Mr. Tuttle reported that at its June meeting, the Joint University Advisory Committee had been asked to support a resolution calling for the vote of Student Regents to count. The committee discussed the State Insurance program, the pending Internal Revenue Service ruling on the tax-deferred employee contribution to the retirement system, enrollment trends at the Regency institutions, and the implications of the minimum program hour requirements being discussed by the Board of Regents. Virginia Crafts had been elected vice chairperson of the committee. He noted that his concern regarding fall enrollment projections had perhaps been excessive.

At the conclusion of Mr. Tuttle's remarks, Mr. Brickell noted that a quorum was present. The announced agenda was resumed.

Resignation of Senator

- XII-117 On a motion by Mr. Cohen (seconded by Mr. Madore) the resignation of Stephen Friedberg was accepted, with regret. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Seating of New Senator

Mr. Tuttle welcomed Derek McCracken, Biological Sciences Department, to the Senate. Professor McCracken would be a member of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Approval of Minutes of May 6, 1981

- XII-118 Mr. Cohen moved approval of the May 6, 1981, minutes of the Academic Senate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pontius and passed on a voice vote.

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Ms. Anderson had no remarks.

Administrators' Remarks

Mr. Watkins said that rumors had been circulated that "Operation Bootstrap" was dead. This was not correct, at least for this year. He could not predict what would happen in future years. He did note that if proposed New and Expanded Program Requests were not approved, funds for the new telephone system would be needed. Representatives from ISU had appeared before the House Appropriations Committee hearings on June 19. The Board of Regents' appropriation bill was approved in committee without discussion. The budget currently in the House provided for 8% salary increases July 1 and 2% January 1; a 4% increase in commodities and contractual funds; and a 14% increase in utilities. ISU's practice of monitoring utilities had been successful and would need to continue.

Mr. Watkins further reported that there was an unsolved problem regarding the Illinois State Scholarship Commission shortfall for FY-1981 and the question of how these funds would be made up was still not answered. A proposal to make up the deficit out of next year's funds had not received approval. Institutions of higher education throughout the state may be asked to recoup funds already distributed to students. Mr. Cohen questioned whether one state agency could legally give funds to another state agency without action of the legislature. Mr. Watkins said it could. There are many unknowns at this time related to this whole matter.

In relation to the questions of utilities, Mr. Friedhoff wondered what could be done about the lack of air conditioning in DeGarmo Hall. Mr. Watkins said that there were equipment problems related to the air conditioning in Williams Hall. He didn't know what the problem was in DeGarmo. Mr. Friedhoff then commented on the poor quality of the information distributed regarding the insurance program. Figures reported that the cost had risen 27% with only 12% being picked up by the State, a decrease in employee benefits. The Insurance Office had provided inaccurate information about the Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), when asked. The release of information and the deadline for making changes in the program were poorly timed. Mr. Watkins noted that David Wiant, Director of Personnel Services, would be looking into the possibility of a local HMO. Mr. Madore said that the Fringe Benefits Committee of the Board of Regents had spent two years trying to get the universities out of the state system, a proposal not supported by the State Personnel Office. Employees in high risk professions were included in the pool of those covered by the state insurance program.

Mr. Boothe reported that summer school enrollment was 5,678 (up 73 over last year), not including extension courses. Masters level work was down. The Targeting Enrollment Committee had met. Readmissions were closed June 15. Projections at this time indicated fall enrollment would be about the same as last year, perhaps somewhat lower. The Budget Team Guidelines had been revised. Mr. Mohr asked about the apparent discrepancy between fringe benefit information recently circulated regarding the vacation period for those who work eleven months or less (non-cumulative and defined as "when classes were not in session"), and a retreat scheduled by the College of Business for August 18, well before classes begin. Mr. Boothe said that contracts called for faculty to be present a week before classes began. Mr. Mohr said the Board of Regents' policy said faculty were on vacation "until the term begins." Mr. Boothe said he would check into this.

Mr. Gamsky said that the statements he made at the last meeting, in response to a question by Mr. Schmaltz regarding assessment for damages to university property, were correct. In looking into the question of the discarded sofa, he learned that it was not university property. Substantial amounts of personal property are discarded at the end of the school year when students move out of the residence halls.

Student Body President's Remarks

Mr. Webber reported that he had met with Normal's new Chief of Police, David Lehr, and the Community Services Division of his staff. Meetings of community residents and students would be scheduled over the summer and in the fall to share information and ideas. It was hoped that the problems experienced last fall in connection with student parties would be alleviated. Steven Henriksen had been selected as Student Regent by the Student Association Assembly and began serving June 1, 1981.

Mr. Watkins said that he would be hosting a luncheon on July 9 for people from the university community and the Town of Normal. The purpose was to communicate plans made to prevent the town-gown strain of last fall. For the information of the Senate, in response to the article by a local sports-writer, a letter had been sent to the newspaper.

ACTION ITEMS

Graduate School Bylaws Amendment (4.3.81.4)

XII-119 Mr. Shulman, Chairperson of the Rules Committee, presented this action item (as appended to the May 6, 1981, minutes) and moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Koerselman.

Mr. Ritt said he would support the amendment if he could be assured that the approved minutes of the meeting where the amendment was discussed would be included with the ballot. Dr. Charles White, Dean of the Graduate School, present to answer questions, said he could be so assured. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Committee Appointments and Nominations

XII-120 Mr. Shulman, Chairperson of the Rules Committee, moved approval of the following faculty appointments to external committees:

Elections Committee

Heather Hanlon, Art, 1982

Entertainment Committee

Harry Campbell, Industrial Technology, 1983

Marilyn R. Kasa, Health Sciences, 1-year alternate

Honors Council

Paul Baker, Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work, 1984

John Crofts, Curriculum and Instruction, 1984

The motion was seconded by Mr. Grever. Mr. Friedhoff expressed his reservation about appointment of faculty to the Honors Council who were from colleges

or departments that did not participate in the Honors Program. Mr. Cohen responded to that concern by noting that a proposed program from the Specialized Educational Development Department had been received by the Honors Office. The motion passed on a voice vote.

- XII-121 Mr. Shulman then moved approval of the following faculty nominations (to be forwarded to President Watkins for his appointment):

Student Code Enforcement and Review Board (SCERB)

Janet Neuleib, English, 1982

SCERB Hearing Panel

Ronald Budig, Industrial Technology, 1983

Walter Vernon, Psychology, 1983

Charles Shankle, Accounting, 1983

The motion was seconded by Mr. Madore and passed on a voice vote.

- XII-122 Mr. Shulman moved the ratification of Leon Toepke's nomination by the Civil Service Council for a three-year term on the Joint University Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webber and passed on a voice vote.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs. Mr. Schmaltz, Chairperson, said the committee would meet briefly following adjournment of the Senate meeting. The committee would meet July 1 at 7 p.m. in 551 DeGarmo Hall. On the agenda would be a recommended change in the withdrawal policy proposed by the Academic Standards Committee. In brief, the proposed policy would be: 1-10 days, withdraw from a class with nothing on the student's record; from 10 days to 6 weeks, withdraw with a WX; after six weeks, withdrawal from a class would not be possible unless the student were withdrawing from the University. The second item on the July 1 agenda would be a proposal from the Arts and Sciences College Council requesting a change in the name of the Speech Pathology and Audiology Department to the Communication Sciences Department.

Administrative Affairs. Mr. Spoor, Chairperson, said the committee would meet briefly following adjournment of the Senate meeting.

Budget Committee. Mr. Cohen, Chairperson, noted the scheduled meeting of the Budget Committee, June 25, 2 p.m. (to which the Executive Committee had been invited). Warren Harden would explain the comparative cost study figures. Craig Antas, Iris Varner, Robert Ritt, and Walter Friedhoff had been named to the joint Budget and Faculty Affairs subcommittee to discuss concerns related to computer budgets. Mr. Friedhoff would be chairperson.

Executive Committee. The next Executive Committee would be July 8, 1981.

Faculty Affairs. Ms. Crafts, Chairperson, said the committee would meet following the adjournment of the Senate meeting.

Student Affairs. Mr. White, Chairperson, announced that a student senator caucus would be held following the Senate meeting.

Rules Committee. No report.

Communications

XII-123 In response to "A Proposed Policy for Laboratory School Faculty Associates," appended to the June 17, 1981 Executive Committee minutes, Robert Ritt moved approval of the following Sense of the Senate resolution:

It is a sense of the Senate that the proposed policy for Laboratory School Faculty Associates, for administrative convenience, be in place as of July 1, 1981. However, we further advise that the Faculty Affairs Committee review this document posthaste to assure its conformance with University Policies.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Cohen.

Mr. Shulman questioned whether this matter was appropriately Senate business. Mr. Ritt felt that it was because (1) the Provost had taken it to the Executive Committee and action had been taken there; (2) three years ago the Senate spent time discussing employees who would come under this policy; (3) precedent had been set. It was an important policy that should be adopted. Mr. Tuttle said the Executive Committee had been asked to determine if the Senate should be involved. There would be concern in general matters related to the laboratory schools, but not specific matters. Mr. Shulman said the lab school situation was not the same as three years ago, now that it was an independent school district. Mr. Cohen reminded the Senate of its involvement in the 1970 reorganization of the lab schools and the 1978 report. Other legislation was technically in force and the Senate had a responsibility to say what documents were applicable. Mr. Friedhoff asked how the Senate could continue discussing the lab schools when they had no representation on the Senate. He felt the Senate had received the information concerning the new policy and no other action was necessary. Mr. Boothe said it would be appropriate to review the document in light of other documents that exist. Mr. Watkins said that no school district had been created, but rather a financing method; the proposed policy would be going to the Board of Regents in July and, if approved, would become board policy for a specific group of employees at the university. Mr. Madore endorsed Mr. Ritt's point and was concerned that lab school faculty were divorced from appeals/hearing channels. Mr. Brickell pointed out that "normal hearing procedures" referred to the process and the lab schools are under their own appeal procedures which had been developed apart from the University's Appointment, Salary, Promotion, and Tenure Policies. Mr. Madore felt the Senate should clear up its own legislation. In response to questions by several senators, it was noted that the term "faculty associate" now refers to lab school faculty only. Mr. Ritt said that previous documents do exist and are construed as university policy; it would be appropriate for the Faculty Affairs Committee to look over the documents and suggest what could be done with them. Mr. Friedhoff asked if the Senate could simply go on record as saying all previous action regarding the lab schools no longer would be in effect. Several others agreed with this approach, but Mr. Cohen felt the Senate should know what it would be throwing out. Mr. Ritt agreed to a "friendly amendment" to his resolution. The second sentence was replaced with the following: However, we further advise review of University Policies to assure their consistencies with this document. The seconder agreed to the amendment. On a voice vote,

The motion, as amended, was passed.

Adjournment

XII-124 On a motion by Mr. Schmaltz (seconded by Ms. Estes), the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The motion passed on a voice vote.

For the Academic Senate,

John Brickell, Secretary

JB:GT:pch

NAME	ATTEN-DANCE	VOTE							VOICE VOTE		
		Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion No.	Y	N
Anderson	P								117	x	
Antas	P								118	x	
Boothe	P								119	x	
Bowen	EX*								120	x	
Brandon	EX								121	x	
Brickell	P								122	x	
Brooks	P								123	x	
Brown	P								124	x	
Cardosi	P										
Cohen	P										
Collier	EX										
Colvin	P										
Crafts	P										
Denny	EX										
Dohrmann	EX										
Estes	P										
Fisher	EX										
Friedhoff	P										
Gabehart	P										
Gamsky	P										
Gowen	EX										
Grever	P										
Hemenway	EX										
Hicklin	EX										
Hobbs	EX										
Koerselman	P										
Larson	EX										
Madore	P										
Mohr	P										
Nnamani	EX										
Parkin	P										
Pontius	P										
Reitan	EX										
Ritch	EX										
Ritt	P										
Schmaltz	P										
Shulman	P										
Spoor	P										
Strand	EX										
Tuttle	P										
Varner	EX										
Warkins	P										
Watson	EX										
Webber	P										
Webb-Lupo	EX										
White	P										
Willis	EX										
Woodson	P										
Young	EX										
McCracken	P**										

*EX = excused

**Seated during meeting.