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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.

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Call to Order

The meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chairperson Cook at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call

The Secretary declared a quorum to be present.

Approval of Minutes

X,10 On a motion (Bown/Fizer) the minutes of the August 30, 1978 Senate Meeting were approved. The minutes of September 13, 1978 were deferred on request of the Secretary because of a disagreement with the Chairperson about what constitutes editorial changes.

Seating of Senator(s)

Ms. Cook announced the following new senators: Pati Ginnis, on-campus student will be on the Rules Committee; Tony Chambers, graduate student, is replacing Kevin Conlon and will be on the Rules Committee; Sol Shulman, Chemistry, will also be on the Rules Committee and will be replacing R. Ritt.

Chairperson's Remarks

The Chairperson referred to the blue document on the table, the annual report of the Student Code Enforcement and Review Board. This document indicates a few changes in procedures and statistics from last year from L. Quane who is in charge of SCERB. He will be joining senators at the Senate lunch a week from tomorrow in the Prairie Room between 11:30 and 12:30. Ms. Cook said if, after reading this document, you're interested in finding out more about it, join us at lunch and have an occasion to ask questions about the SCERB annual report.

In addition, the Chairperson said she had a sad obligation, one of her faculty members of long-standing has died this fall. Ms. Cook announced that it is the custom of the Senate to make a brief statement of memorial to Dr. Richard Crumley. "Professor Crumley was born in Lancaster, Ohio and served as Associate Professor of Mathematics, he was an excellent teacher and a respected leader in mathematics education. Quality teaching and unselfish service were hallmarks of his career at Illinois State. He authored some ten articles and over 50 reviews. He was an academic advisor and served as chairman of our Mathematics Department Council, helpful in providing "that second chance" as a member of the University Rein-statement Committee and was a host to many international students.

Dick has left his mark on mathematics education on an international scale. He spent two years developing a curriculum in a new advanced teacher-training college in Kano, Nigeria. Without salary, he helped conduct extended summer workshops for university instructors in Nepal. And he was taken from us as he worked with in-service teacher training in the elementary pilot schools in Swaziland. Dr. Richard Crumley, respected mathematics educator, valued colleague, congenial friend; he has done what he could."

Vice-Chairperson's Remarks

Mr. Erickson announced that there will be a Student Association meeting this Sunday, October 1, 1978, 4:00 p.m., Second West lounge. At that meeting, we will discuss the recommendations coming from the sub-committee to review the proposal to restructure the Normal Town Council. We will also get together a week from Sunday, October 8, 1978, 7:00 p.m. in one of the Prairie rooms, will send out a memo on this a little later, this will be an information session.

Administrators' Remarks

Dr. Watkins said that his remarks might be misunderstood in the Senate minutes of September 13, 1978 in discussing the BHE action on remedial education. The quote, "Hopefully, in five years, or as soon as possible, we shall not be involved in remedial work." needs clarification. President Watkins said he wanted to state that this does not represent his point of view but the BHE point of view. Dr. Watkins said the point he was trying to make was that the universities secured some amelioration to the definition of "remedial. We can define for ourselves what is remedial and what is "special assistance". Secondly, he pointed out that his own views was that the millennium would come before we could so cavalierly discuss the demise of remedial problems. At any rate, he did not want it attributed to him that we would not be involved in remedial work. It is not the point of view that he has ever taken, but is rather the position of the Board of Higher Education.

Dr. Watkins said that he wanted to express his appreciation to Brian Barton and Dr. Hicklin for this excellent report from JUAC on the Board of Regents meeting. He simply wants to add to the JUAC report: Page 2, III Capital Appropriations Request: what you have is correct in the report with regard to the standard appropriation request, what is missing is an item from Food for Century III monies for an agriculture laboratory which has been approved by the BOR to replace the outmoded structure that exists south of U-High and north of Horton. At any rate, the structures need to be replaced. This is a very high priority item. The source of funding would come from a different source. President Watkins is supporting this in addition to the items that are listed. If there are any questions, the President is ready to try to answer them with regard to the recent Board of Regents meeting that he attended.

Mr. Friedhoff thanked Dr. Watkins for taking a special interest in Schroeder Hall.

Dr. Watkins stated that he was not very successful in helping with the lecture hall problem. Dr. Watkins said we will go back and try again. We don't want to mislead anyone, we are doing marvelously well on the over-all budget with the Board of Regents. Now, all that remains is getting recommendations from the Board of Higher Education, the Legislature Bureau of the Budget and the Governor. Putting those things aside, we're in good shape. But, it is a long way before you can start spending that proposed salary increase. But, we'll keep fighting for it. If we hadn't gotten by this hurdle, the others would have remained moot.

Provost Horner reported on the Selection Committee of a College Dean for the College of Business. He asked from a Panel of 10, Mr. Cal Pritner to serve as Chairperson of the Committee and in addition, an administrative representative he has asked Carmen Richardson to serve as Secretary. Provost Horner said that on the table before you is a proposal for the additional optional two members of the committee, which he proposed to the Senate and requests consideration of that proposal. This would

allow the Provost to allow the addition of the University Affirmative Action Officers and another selection from an additional department.

X,11 The Secretary and the Parliamentarian reminded the Chairperson that this item  
X,12 must be put on the Agenda for this meeting. A motion (Sims/Kuhn) to move this item to action item was approved. A motion (Fizer/Elliott) to approve this method of selection was made.

Ms. Kuhn asked if this was a one-time changing only. Provost Horner stated that this would be a specific item pertaining only to the Dean for the College of Business.

Mr. Kohn asked why do you want to add the Affirmative Action Officers, are we setting a precedent, which he would not like to see followed in the future. Faculty representation ought to be strengthened but he questioned the addition of the Affirmative Action Officers. Mr. Horner said this was his desire because he was afraid that the representation from the College of Business would not be representative otherwise. Motion passed with one abstention, Mr. Kohn.

#### Student Body President's Remarks

Mr. Donahue welcomed the new senators and hoped he would have a chance to work with them in the very near future. He asked that they stop by the Student Association office and get acquainted. Mr. Donahue said yesterday, the student elections were held with both parties equally split.

He also remarked that the Student Association has asked that the Federal Court to mandate the County Clerk's office to release more than the usual number of 20 voter registration cards to precinct committeemen to hold mass voter registration. There was much more cooperation after the Federal Court ruling. He said that we are now going to the classroom buildings in the community and the dorms and registering more students to vote.

It was announced by Mr. Donahue that the Student Association will be having an open house very soon and invited everyone to attend.

#### Committee Appointments

X,13 Mr. Jesse was recognized as the Chairperson of the Rules Committee and announced the following persons to be recommended for appointment: Brenda Griffin, Sociology, A & S for 1 year on the University Hearing Panel of SCERB; William Zeller, C & I, Education, for 2 years on Economic Well-Being Committee; Catherine Kinsky, Information Sciences, A & S for 2 years on University Union/Auditorium Board; Susan Fong for 1 year on University Elections; Mike Hogan for 1 year on University Elections and Gail Foster for 1 year on the University Elections Committee. A motion (Jesse/Sims) to approve these appointments from the Rules Committee was made and approved.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

Non-Student User Fee (9.13.78.4) (see appendix)

X,14 Ms. Tillhof, Chairperson of the Student Affairs Committee, requested that the Senate support Non-Student User Fee for the Forum Committee. She explained the purposes of the Forum. Ms. Tillhof hoped the Senate would approve these non-student user fees that would bring more revenue to keep the Forum program continuing. A motion (Tillhof/Bown) that the University Forum Committee be allowed to implement a non-student user fee, the use of which will be determined at their own discretion was made. Mr. Jesse inquired about the vote within the committee

and Ms. Tillhof said there was a unanimous vote within the Student Affairs Committee for the fee.

Mr. Schmaltz questioned the cost of the administration for the collecting of these fees and how much money would be left. Ms. Maysent, Chairperson of the University Forum Committee, hoped that they would not have to use the Union box office to sell the tickets, but if they sold tickets elsewhere they could use members of the committee and save overhead.

Ms. Maysent, Nick Polo, Treasurer of Forum and Jane Green, Fiscal Agent of Forum Committee were present to answer questions about the committee.

Mr. Schmaltz asked how much would the committee like to charge non-student users for the Forum lectures, what sort of fees do you have in mind? Ms. Maysent answered possibly between 50 cents and a dollar. Mr. Schmaltz said maybe the expense would be greater than the cost of collecting it. Ms. Maysent said if the committee did the work, there would be no administrative expenses. Mr. Fizer asked if one dollar would be the absolute ceiling placed on the fee if implemented, would that be the maximum charge?

Ms. Tillhof remarked that it was the opinion of the Student Affairs Committee that they did not want to set a fee, but the Forum Chairperson might be willing to give an estimate of the fees. Ms. Maysent said that it would depend upon the particular lecture cost of the speaker.

Mr. Smith inquired about the previous polls taken by Forum re the count of students and non-students. He asked how much money would be collected from that 50 cents to a dollar level, he questioned whether or not there would really create a great deal of revenue. Ms. Maysent said the point was not how much money was made but that it was possible to do so if necessary, also that it was not the intention to charge at every lecture. Mr. March said he was very concerned about all the costs flying around here in the air. He said the motion on the floor did not mandate fees, but would allow non-student user fees and in the case of some smaller crowds it will not raise much money under certain circumstances, but we are lifting a sanction that forbade the use of user fees.

Mr. Friedhoff asked if the original mandate that the Forum have a year's theme, had been adhered to. Mr. Friedhoff said he was referring to wording of the By-laws. Ms. Maysent said that last year they had a theme of human rights, that this year there was no particular theme to follow. Mr. Friedhoff raised several questions about the operation of the Forum. Ms. Maysent stated that most of their contact with speakers is through an agency, since most speakers go through agencies. Mr. Friedhoff pointed out, however, that recently a direct contact was made with a national well-known speaker had resulted in a considerable lower charge than going through a speaker agency. He suggested that somehow the speakers might be here for more than a one-shot speaker engagement, perhaps for several days and would be a resource to others at the University. He also asked if they considered other possibilities for funding, like matching funds.

Ms. Maysent answered that they had been able to contact some speakers directly, but it is not easy to contact them since she did not know about availability dates, etc. She went on to say that agencies provide information, she defended the use of agencies.

Mr. Friedhoff asked if the Forum Committee attempted to find other sources for money. Ms. Tillhof stated that a hand-out was on the table before tonight's meeting stating the ways that had been pursued to raise money. The Forum Committee cited instances in which they shared expenses recently with the Law Club.

Mr. Friedhoff stated that possibly if a theme were followed and if members of the community were approached that they would be willing to join with the University on the joint effort to bring scholarly speakers rather than nationally-known high-priced speakers as in the past.

Mr. Donahue stated that Mr. Friedhoff's model was not very good in practical terms.

Mr. Friedhoff said he wanted to respond to Mr. Donahue's assumption that the Forum Committee must follow the same procedures as the Entertainment Committee. He does not think that they are collateral activities, there are faculty who are acquainted with, who know some of the finest scholars in the United States and would give incredible support in bringing people here for two or three days for substantially less than we are now paying. The faculty has not been asked to get involved in this programming, getting a kind of quality speaker.

Ms. Maysent said there is not enough time to go around knocking on every faculty and every student's door to ask what kind of speaker everyone would like to see come to the campus to speak. Ms. Tillhof remarked that she thought the Forum Committee was vastly different than the Entertainment Committee, this is not the end of the search for alternate funding, it's just one means of adding to the funding.

Mr. Bown said that as a former member of the Apportionment Board, it was not his experience that the use of non-student user fees added to the overhead costs enough to lose money. Mr. Bown said it was dangerous to approach businesses in the community because they are approached by many others and asked to give, give, give. He said we could not expect student volunteers to put in full-time work searching constantly for sources of funds or researching all these questions. Mr. Wilson said he felt that many good questions had been brought out in this discussion, but the central issue was the Senate relationship to its committees. The Senate's role is to give the basic direction to its committees, to select good people to serve and to leave them alone unless they do something drastically wrong. In this particular committee, Forum Committee has been wanting for several years to use non-student user fees, it does not seem so drastically bad that we should prevent them from doing it. "Let them give it a try, I think its rather dangerous to get involved in telling the Forum Committee, giving them the details." Mr. Wilson appealed to the members of the Senate to allow the committees to go off on their own, that we should not tell the Athletic Council which teams to play or which bands to bring in.

Mr. Kohn said he agrees with Mr. Wilson since the Forum Committee has come to us and asked us for advice, guidance, etc. Mr. Kohn raised the question of the use of the agency and raised the question about the expense of using agencies. Mr. Kohn raised the question of use of the Union, he said he was shocked to find out that it cost at least \$250 for using the Union, he would like to know why. He felt that the Union would be part and parcel of the University instead of just making money. Mr. Kohn raised the question of a recent Union publication which announced that it will be published every three weeks and raised the question of whether or not the

Union could find the money for this, maybe they didn't need as much money as we thought.

Forum Committee treasurer, Nick Polo, said that only the University Auditorium came out to \$250, but some other auditoriums charge a maximum of \$30 to set up chairs and a speaker system, and he said they are trying to move away from the University Auditorium which charges a higher fee.

Mr. Erickson said he wanted to correct Mr. Friedhoff that Forum was the only area that had scholarly activity. Mr. Erickson pointed out that other grants-in-aids in many other fine arts areas and other student fees went to scholarly activities. Mr. Erickson thinks that the non-students should help to bring speakers here. Student Fee Advisory Board, the Super Board and Student Association have passed resolutions supporting non-student user fee concept.

Mr. Sims says he thinks that a lot of views have been expressed here tonight. Mr. Sims said he thinks there has been a lack of communication between the various groups here on campus, otherwise some of this debate would not have come up.

Mr. Schmaltz said that this is a small step and that he feels that fees will continue to go up as in the usual history of fees, this always happens.

Mr. Hicklin said he was not speaking against the resolution, but he did feel that some "red herrings" had been raised. He didn't believe that the Senate is out to tell the Athletic Council which teams to play nor which bands to bring in; he didn't think we'd be successful. He thought Mr. Wilson had raised a red herring. What we have been guilty of doing was in the past, when a particular situation arose, between the Entertainment Committee and the Forum Committee. When the Chairperson of the Forum Committee sat in this room and told us, essentially, where to go, and it wasn't up, we responded with this particular ban. We, at that time, found that the Forum Committee and the Entertainment Committee thought that they didn't even come underneath the Senate. We found that they were meeting without the faculty members, and we found that they were changing their Constitution, without proper authority. We found a lot of things. We had a big investigation. That's why the Forum Committee is back in here to undo what essentially at that time was a punitive measure. Mr. Hicklin stated that we should not penalize the group anymore if the group wants to go into what could be called a "hustle" mode. If they want to "hustle" then let them hustle for those non-student user fees. Mr. Hicklin noted the inconsistency that the members do not have the time to cut costs in certain ways, but they do have time to "hustle".

Mr. Gamsky said he has several speeches, the shortest of which is 45 minutes, on this subject. Mr. Gamsky replied to Mr. Kohn's remark about the Union and he said that all the logistics of the University are costly, and the Union is no exception. Many, he noted, are subsidized by general revenue. The Union is unique as it generates most of its funds. Policy requires fees for the use of the Union. He noted the uniqueness in putting a Union Auditorium next to a Student Union and requiring the Union to support the Auditorium. Subsidizing the Union, takes money away from academic activities. Mr. Gamsky invited anyone to attend the open Budget hearings and he wishes that more people would take an interest in the Union budget in those hearings. Mr. Gamsky said in regard to the Forum Committee, that we are trying to undo the punitive action that was taken two years ago. Mr. Gamsky said the charging of a user fee did not violate the codification of the Forum Committee as originally passed.



President Watkins said that he agreed with most of what was said here tonight. He said, however, that some years ago he had occasion to be assistant to a Vice-President and did a lot of booking of speakers for groups and this type of thing. He assumes that the same conditions pertain today. Some speakers are available on a person-to-person basis, not through their own agent. Most do sign exclusive contracts. It is not easy to get speakers by-passing their agencies. It is more difficult than one might think. It's not the usual mode of getting speakers.

Mr. March pointed out that the By-laws do not dictate a single theme. It is optional to use a theme. Mr. March reiterated that the reason Forum Committee is here this time is to remove a punitive action. He reviewed several points that were brought up by various members of the Senate. He listed several ways in which Forum Committee has attempted to cut costs. (These points were reported above.)

Mr. Shulman said his maiden speech would be very short. He expressed his concerns and made a stirring speech for the autonomy of external committees unless those external committees have a problem. Mr. Shulman stated that several things that came up at tonight's meeting shouldn't have been discussed in the Senate. The issue seems to be that the committees are having their money cut and we should stick to the issue and get a vote on it.

X,15

A motion (Donahue/Kuhn) to move the previous Question was passed without dissention. The original motion passed on a roll call vote of 41 yes and 3 no. (see roll call)

Mr. Erickson thanked the members of the Forum Committee and the Student Affairs Committee who had brought the fee issue to the Senate.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Administrative Structure Change Proposal: Health Sciences (9.13.78.3)

Mr. Miller, Chairperson of the Academic Affairs Committee, explained the nature of the centralization of all the health related courses into a central department. Dean Razor of CAST, Dean Rives and Mr. Schwalm who worked so arduously in preparing this proposal were present and willing to answer any questions. Ms. Cook asked for questions on this item. Mr. Friedhoff raised the question as to whether or not the health sciences department was getting enough FTE assigned to them through the shift to cover the courses that were being shifted to them.

Dean Razor said that Health and Physical Education was tenured in and does not have any temporary lines assigned. They have temporary faculty, because there are also "buyoffs" that the department achieves through assignments to student teaching and campus recreation and athletics. Those positions then, do not form lines but in terms of buyoffs they employ people to perform various functions which normally would not have been assigned. There's one position assigned to Health Education as a result of the transfers recommended. That position would not come with the department. That position would remain with HPE. Dean Razor said part of the need would be recouped through the non-duplication of courses.

Mr. Friedhoff raised the question of whether or not it was not a costly move that would, in fact, cost an extra FTE just to be moved. Dean Rives said it may or may not result in a cost. Mr. Schwalm said that the integration of other courses into the program would pick up some of the courses about which Mr. Friedhoff was concerned. Mr. Wilson raised a question as to whether or not all the faculty concerned

who would be transferred had really approved of this as might be implied in the study. Dean Razor said that the Allied Health group has passed a unanimous resolution about the establishment of a separate department. They were very excited about it. They thought it would help their professional growth. He said he also discussed this with HPE. They recognized the benefits which would be achieved. They did not come to the meeting where this was discussed but they could have. The College Council voted unanimously for this proposal, although there is some trauma associated with taking health programs out of the traditional health and physical education departments. The consultation with other departments involved has resulted in affirmative approval of the move. In answer to a question from Mr. Kohn, Dean Razor said that we are not forming new departments; rather we are bringing some people from other areas, from other departments to the Center for Allied Health. Dean Razor said it was his understanding that at the time the allied health center was formed, that there would not be additional allied health fields come in because they would not have been approved by the Board of Higher Education. The center has reached its potential at this time. What we are doing is re-naming the structure. The Center will remain intact. We will centralize all the health science programs on campus and change the name to Department of Health Sciences. Mr. Spencer is presently Director of the Center and will be the Chairperson of the Department of Health Sciences. In regard to the physical location of faculty, facilities will possibly be in the newly remodeled Molton Hall. Dean Rives said he does not promise that there won't be any future growth, but there is not any immediate addition to the administrative structure.

Ms. Crafts said she has heard some concern that people will be asked to do the same job with one less FTE. Mr. McCarthy asked what the figures said in terms of projection of cost, i.e., one year costs, and recurring costs for ten years.

Dean Rives felt that the fragmentation that has occurred has not been operating in the best interest of the program or the students or Illinois State University. He felt that there is going to be growth in this area. Dean Rives said we are not re-organizing for the purpose of standing still.

We would not have to go to the BHE, Dean Rives said, but only to our Board to change the name.

#### Committee Reports

Mr. Smith reported on the tax sheltering of the 8% retirement contribution. Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Teresa Palmer, Chairperson of the Economic Well-Being Committee, to report on the activities on this campus concerning this issue. Ms. Palmer stated that the committee had asked the Board of Regents in the last year or two to act on this. The BOR had asked for some grass-roots support for this and did not rely on the Economic Well-Being Committee's report. Ms. Palmer said there were 656 responses to the inquiry; 578 supported it; 15 opposed it; 52 were interested but had questions and 11 invalid responses. Ms. Palmer said that she understood that the wishes of the faculty were communicated by President Watkins and JUAC to the Board of Regents.

Mr. Henry asked a question about the total allowable tax shelter. Ms. Palmer said she understood only 35 people had the maximum amount taken out among the faculty on the campus at the present time. Ms. Palmer explained that actually the 8% was not deducted from the 20% allowable. The computation results in more than 20% allowable. Ms. Palmer answered some questions about taxing at retirement. She recommended IRS Publication No. 575 which explains the various benefits of tax sheltering and tax provisions for retired income.

Faculty Affairs Committee

Mr. Smith announced this committee will meet in Stevenson 214, Wednesday, October 4, 1978, 3:00 p.m. The committee is working on fringe benefits.

Academic Affairs Committee

Mr. Miller announced this committee will meet October 3, 1978, 10:00 a.m., in Hovey 418 to discuss Administrative Structure Change Proposal: Health Sciences.

Mr. Miller said they were working on the Administrative change proposal. Mr.

Miller moved to remove the following item from the Senate business calendar:

X,16 4.28.78.1 A motion (Miller/Sanders) to remove this item was approved. A motion

X,17 (Miller/Kennedy) to remove item 7.21.78.1 from the Senate business calendar was

made and approved. Other items to be removed because of completion of action were: 5.5.78.1, 6.28.78.1

Administrative Affairs Committee

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that this committee is working on the codification of Parking and Traffic Committee.

Budget Committee

Mr. Turner, Chairperson of the Budget Committee, reported on a meeting with the Director of the Union on the investigation of the budgeting process.

JUAC

Mr. Barton reported that JUAC requests anyone having any feeling about improving the format of their report about the Board of Regents meeting, or any input on the length of probation and the discussion of probationary period for tenured faculty.

Rules Committee

No report

Student Affairs Committee

The next meeting will be next Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. in the Cage.

Adjournment

(Sims/Sanders) moved to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion passed.

For the Academic Senate,

Charles Hicklin, Secretary

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NAME	ATTEN-DANCE	VOTE							VOICE VOTE		
		Motion # 14	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion #	Motion No.	Y	N
Amster	P	yes							10	x	
Austensen	P	yes							11	x	
Barton	P	yes							12	x	
Belshe	P	yes							13	x	
Boaz	P	yes							14	roll call	
Bolen	Ex.								15	x	
Bowen	P	yes							16	x	
Bown	P	yes									
Butz	P	yes									
Carey	Ex.										
Cook	P	no									
Crafts	P	yes									
Donahue	P	yes									
Elliott	P	yes									
Erickson	P	yes									
Fizer	P	yes									
Friedhoff	P	no									
Gamsky	P	yes									
Gavin	P	yes									
Henry	P	yes									
Hermansen	P	yes									
Wicklin	P	yes									
Hirt	P	yes									
Horner	P	yes									
Jesse	P	yes									
Kennedy	P	yes									
Koehler	P										
Kohn	P	yes									
Kuhn	P	yes									
March	P	yes									
McCarthy	P	yes									
Miller	P	yes									
Morrison	P	yes									
Patterson	Ex.										
Rosenbaum	P	yes									
Sanders	P	yes									
Scharfenberg	Ex.										
Schmaltz	P	no									
Schwalm	P	yes									
Shulman	P	yes									
Sims	P	yes									
Smith	P	yes									
Tillhof	P	yes									
Turner	P	yes									
Wilson	P	yes									
Watkins	P	yes									
Wolfe	P	yes									
Zeigler	Ex.	yes									

4yes 3no

Y=Yes N=No P=Present

To: Academic Senate Members  
From: Diane M. Tillhof, Chairperson, Student Affairs Committee  
Nancy Maysent, Chairperson, University Forum Committee  
Re: University Forum Non-Student User Fee  
Date: September 27, 1978

The following report has been prepared by Nancy Maysent. In it she hopes to better clarify the steps that have made it necessary for the Forum Committee to seek the implementation of a non-student user fee.

"During the past year it has become evident to the University Forum Committee that alternate means of funding must be found in order that the Committee will continue to provide a program of lectures designed to meet the broad and diverse intellectual needs and interests of the University community. As speakers' fees continue to increase, our need for income from student fees and alternative sources also increases.

Speaker sharing is one avenue which Forum has used to ease its budget situation. On September 22, 1977 a letter was sent to all ISU clubs and organizations inviting them to participate in bringing speakers to campus. Since that initial invitation many of the Forum lectures have been shared. In fact, all of our programs for this semester will be presented with the help and financial assistance of other ISU clubs and organizations. University Forum feels that speaker-sharing has benefited all parties involved in bringing speakers to the ISU campus.

Last semester the Forum Committee investigated the possibility of forming a foundation in which businesses and individuals could contribute funds to the University Forum Committee. In researching this possibility it was brought to our attention by the Springfield office of the IRS that, if a committee is going to set up a foundation, it must be done within 18 months of the committee's conception. This, of course, would be impossible for the University Forum Committee, which was conceived in 1905.

On May 10, 1978 there was a meeting held between the University Forum Committee and Peter Whitmer of the ISU Foundation. We inquired as to the possibilities of allowing the University Forum Committee to establish an account within the ISU Foundation. According to Mr. Whitmer, although this might be a possibility, it was the practice of the ISU Foundation to reject such an action. This practice was based upon the desire to keep those businesses from becoming bombarded by organizations other than the ISU Foundation in the solicitation of funds, thus protecting the interests of the ISU Foundation.

The only other viable method of generating income is the implementation of a non-student user fee. We, the University Forum Committee, request the permission of the Academic Senate to institute this alternative means of supplementing the income of the University Forum. We feel that such a fee is a regrettable but essential avenue for the Forum to pursue. Our concern is to continue to provide the services of the University Forum to the University and Community."