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April 12, 1989

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Meetings of the Academic Senate are open to members of the University Community. Persons attending the meetings may participate in discussions 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

(Not Approved by the Academic Senate)

April 12, 1989

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Len Schmaltz called the meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Circus Room of the Bone Student Center. He announced that the old officers of the Senate would conduct the meeting up until the election of new officers. He announced that Mary Edwards, the Senate Secretary, had been ill, so they had been trying to put things together without her. The regular Parliamentarian was out of town this evening, so the Senate had a guest Parliamentarian, Dr. John Boaz.

### SEATING OF NEW SENATE

Former Vice Chairperson, Scott Williams, introduced the new student senators: Patrick Belville, ACS; Allen Bullock, Loic Deleplace, MBA; Julie Fisher, Home Economics; Adam Gaber, Public Relations; Jeff Geel, Finance; Elaine Gould, Home Economics; Bill Harper, Public Relations; Debra Helgeson, Finance; Chris Hoffer, Political Science and French; Lynn Jurgel, Elementary Education; Sallie Mowles, Home Economics; Eric Raucci, Mass Communications; Scott Rendleman, Political Science and English; Shawn Steubinger, Elementary Education; and David Vancil, Political Science and Economics.

Former Chairperson Schmaltz welcomed the new student senators. He read the list of the new faculty senators who had just been elected. Some had served on the Senate previously. New faculty senators included: Mel Goldstein, Psychology; Coenraad Mohr, Management and Quantitative Methods; Wayne Nelson, Industrial Technology; Mary Nicholas, Music; Bob Ritt, Mathematics; Keith Stearns, Specialized Educational Development; Ron Strickland, English; George Tuttle, Communications; Rick Whitacre, Agriculture; Harvey Zeidenstein, Political Science, and Glenn Gritzmacher, Milner Library. He welcomed the new faculty senators.

### ROLL CALL

Former Vice Chairperson Scott Williams called the roll and declared a quorum present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 1989**

Chairperson Schmaltz stated that there was a problem with transcription of the minutes of March 29, 1989. The appropriate thing to do would be to compare the transcription with the tape, but this could not be done in Ms. Edwards' absence. He entertained a motion to table approval of these Minutes until the next meeting. Motion by Senator Liedtke to that effect (Second, Arnold) carried on a voice vote.

**NO CHAIRPERSON'S OR VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

**STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Senator Schramm welcomed the new members of the Senate. Senator Schramm asked for a moment of silence in memory of two ISU students who had been killed in automobile accidents this Spring: Julie Kleinschmidt and Jonathan Pia. A moment of silence was held.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS**

President Wallace has an excused absence this evening.

Provost Strand welcomed the new members of the Senate, a shared governance body, which represents the best interests of the University by representing points of view which are supportive of the mission and the objectives of the institution.

Vice President for Student Affairs, Neal Gamsky, had no remarks.

Vice President for Business and Finance, Warren Harden, had no remarks.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Election of Academic Senate Officers**

Former Vice Chairperson Williams accepted nominations for Chair of the Academic Senate.

Harvey Zeidenstein nominated Len Schmaltz. (Second, Tuttle).

- XX-93 Motion to close nominations by Youngs (Second, Goldstein).  
Motion carried on a voice vote.
- Len Schmaltz was elected Chairperson of the Academic Senate, and assumed the Chair.
- XX-94 Senator Lynn Jurgel nominated Scott Rendleman for Vice Chair.  
(Second, Kagle).
- XX-95 Motion to close nominations by Senator Youngs. (Second, Johnson).  
Motion carried on a voice vote.
- Scott Rendleman was elected Vice Chairperson of the Academic Senate by a vote of acclamation.
- XX-96 Senator Zeidenstein nominated Senator John Freed as Secretary of the Senate. (Second, Liedtke).
- XX-97 Motion to close the nominations by Sen. Youngs (Second, Glisan).  
Motion carried on a voice vote.
- Senator Freed was elected as the Secretary of the Senate by a vote of acclamation.
- XX-98 Senator Zeidenstein nominated the following slate of members for the faculty members of the Executive Committee: Senator George Glisan, Marketing; Senator Paul Walker, Agriculture; Senator Pam Ritch, Theatre; and Senator Robert Arnold, Educational Administration.
- Senator Scott Rendleman nominated student senators: Lynn Jurgel, and Shawn Steubinger as student members of the Executive Committee. (Second, Harper)
- XX-99 Motion to close nominations for Executive Committee members by Senator Youngs (Second, Goldstein). Motion carried on a voice vote.
- The eight members of the Executive Committee were elected by acclamation.
- XX-100 Senator Zeidenstein nominated Senator Pam Ritch, Theatre, and Senator Rendleman nominated Eric Raucci as members of the Joint University Advisory Committee (Second, Liedtke).
- XX-101 Motion to close nominations for JUAC members by Sen. Goldstein (Second, Sen. Ritch). Motion carried on a voice vote.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Chairperson Schmaltz announced that if senators had not turned in their committee preference forms, they should do so as soon as possible. Spring schedules would also help us.

**2. SCERB Hearing and Grievance Committee Appointments**

XX-102 Senator Rendleman moved approval of students: Michelle Alwan, Michelle MacGaffey, and David Neiman as regular members, and Staci Evans as an alternate to the SCERB Hearing and Grievance Committee. (Second, Jurgel). None of the students are on academic or disciplinary probation.

Senator Kagle asked that the students' academic affiliation be indicated in the future. Senator Schmaltz said that the Senate Office had been caught off guard, but would do so in the future.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

**3. Approval of the July - December, 1989 Academic Senate Meeting Calendar.**

XX-103 Senator Goldstein moved approval of the Academic Senate Meeting Calendar (Second, Ritch).

Senator Walker had a question about the meeting times for Executive Committee. Senator Schmaltz said that would be discussed later.

XX-104 Senator Rendleman moved that the December meeting be moved to Tuesday, December 5th, because the Board of Regents meeting is December 6th and 7th. December 13th falls in the middle of final examination week which is a problem for many students and faculty members. A long meeting during final exam week is a problem for students who have tests to prepare for. This would move the Executive Committee meeting to after the Academic Senate Meeting on November 29th.

Senator Goldstein accepted the motion as a friendly amendment.

Senator Walker asked if the Executive Committee Meetings had always been at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. Sen. Schmaltz said that had been the procedure in the past.

Senator Walker asked if the time could be changed because he had class at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Senator Schmaltz said that this was one of the times the President and Provost had free to attend meetings. Hopefully,



we could examine everyone's schedules and adjust the time of the meeting accordingly.

XX-105

Senator Walker moved to strike the 8:15 a.m. times from the Executive Committee Meeting schedule (Second, Liedtke). Motion accepted as a friendly amendment.

Senator Zeidenstein asked if the Executive Committee Meeting would be on November 30th. Senator Rendleman said no, it would occur after the November 29th meeting. Senator Ritt: If there is going to be a Senate meeting on December 5th, and if there is going to be an Executive Committee Meeting on November 29th, will that give the secretary enough time to get the packets out. Sen. Schmaltz said that it is almost a week's time.

Senator Schmaltz said that they would try to find a time when all members of the Executive Committee can meet regularly.

Vote on Academic Senate Meeting Calendar as amended carried on a voice vote.

#### INFORMATION ITEM

#### **Nominations for Academic Freedom Committee and Faculty Ethics and Grievance Committee**

Chairperson Schmaltz presented the sheet of nominations for the Academic Freedom Committee and the Faculty Ethics and Grievance Committee. These are presented two weeks in advance of the election to give Senate members time to acquaint themselves with the nominees. There is always the question of what happens if nominations arrive after this.

Senator Nelsen asked why some lines were blank. Have some nominations been received and not reported?

Senator Schmaltz: If the secretary had not been ill, I would probably have an answer for that. If there is a "none," it indicates that the Department contacted the Senate and said "we have no nominees for this." If there is a blank there, it probably indicates no communication from the department.

Senator Nelsen said his department had just held an election.

Senator Schmaltz said there would conceivably be a few more candidates. Another department has indicated it will be sending in nominees.

Senator Strand said that he was very much concerned about the absence of nominations for these two committees. He was not sure what had happened this year, but he suspected that department chairs had decided they were too busy to respond. Here we have two of the most important committees dealing with the faculty's due process and a minimal number of nominations from departments. That to me is a very unfortunate circumstance. For us to engage in an election process during the next meeting with more than half the departments failing to nominate someone is a matter of great concern to me.

Chairperson Schmaltz: Is there any feeling that we should extend the deadline on these nominations? I could contact every chair again.

Senator Strand: If it would be the wish of the Senate, I certainly would be in favor of some sort of expression from the Senate encouraging departments to re-open the question and consider these nominations once more. As an administrator, talking about faculty due process, it seems ironic and I am very much concerned that here we have two of the most important committees for that due process, and we have such a minimal number of nominations. If I am the only one who feels this way, we certainly should not hold the elections back. Perhaps other faculty members of the Senate have a similar concern. I would be willing to support any statements that are made.

Senator Ritch: My department is one of the departments listed as having "none". I would like to have more time to encourage them to nominate someone.

Senator Schmaltz: It would be up to the Executive Committee to present this as an Action Item for the next meeting. If it chooses not to put it on the agenda, it could be put off for one meeting and we could go out and beat the bushes. As I recall, we gave the departments enough time.

Senator Walker: I think part of the problem and the lack of willingness of people to serve on some of these committees is the fact that in the ASPT process, serving on lots of committees does not count a lot towards promotion and tenure as it may have at one time. I think a lot of faculty members have developed a feeling that their committees are dead. I think that is beginning to show through in some of their frustrations. I offer that as just a comment or partial explanation.

Senator Mohr: Do you mean, Senator Schmaltz, that the Senate cannot override the Executive Committee?



XX-106

Senator Schmaltz: What I was saying is that the Executive Committee in its wisdom could not put this on as an Action Item for the next meeting. At the meeting the Senate itself could put it on as an Action item itself, if it chose to.

Senator Mohr: I move that the Senate canvass the department for additional nominees. (Second, Stearns)

Senator Goldstein: I am also concerned. But, what we are dealing with is enough names for the election. The departments have made their choice whether or not they want to nominate someone. Deans need to emphasize the problem. I think we have enough names for those positions. We ought to go ahead with this.

Senator Zeidenstein: In what manner were these department chairs notified. Answer: by mail. When: March 9, 1989.

Senator Tuttle: Some departments were actually called to send in nominees, but our department did not. Our Chair is overseas, so I dealt with the nominations in our department.

Senator Schmaltz: When the Secretary puts a "none" in there, that indicates that some further contact has been made with the department. I presume she tried to call all of them and in some cases could not get an answer. There was not an inordinate amount of time to notify them after the deadline.

Senator Zeidenstein: Our department and our chair have been pretty busy in the last couple of weeks on some fairly important things. It may well be that some of these departments just didn't make it through the crush and for that reason if there is no urgent deadline for electing these people at the next meeting, I would support the proposition that action on this item be held off. If it is an action item, then perhaps additional names be sought.

Senator Schmaltz: We have Senator Mohr's motion on the floor. Is there additional debate on that motion?

Senator Freed read the motion: Senator Mohr moved that the Senate canvass the departments for additional nominees.

Senator Strickland: The English Department had a great many temporary faculty members who were not eligible to run for this type of committee membership. This puts a great deal of pressure on permanent faculty, so we should go ahead.

Senator Ritch: I am a member of a department that has been searching for a Chair. I suspect many of us are. Now that that's over, we will have more time for these types of things.

Senator Ritt: How many of these people are running for re-election? What percent of the total committee membership is being elected.

Senator Schmaltz: For Academic Freedom Committee, I presume we will elect eight, Ethics and Grievance, we will elect six. It is a substantial chunk.

Senator Freed: There are only nine nominations for Academic Freedom Committee.

Senator Schmaltz: There are 24 members on the Academic Freedom Committee and we would be electing eight (1/3). On the Faculty Ethics and Grievance Committee there are 18 members and we would be electing six (1/3). There could be one or two additional nominations coming in.

XX-107 Senator Walker: I call the question. (Second, Liedtke).

There was no objection.

Vote on Senator Mohr's motion carried on a voice vote.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Senator Zeidenstein: The Executive Committee Minutes included about five letters from State Senators in response to our resolution about having our own governing Board. Could you summarize them for the Senate.

Senator Schmaltz: To enlighten the new Senate, on March 8th we passed a Sense of the Senate Resolution in essence asking for a separate board for ISU. I sent a copy of that with a brief cover letter to every member of the Senate and House. I also sent one to the Governor and one to the Lt. Governor. Trying to summarize the responses isn't easy. Not one Senate or House member stated openly that they would support a separate board for ISU. They said things like, they were extremely grateful for my letter. They found the information interesting. One said it brought up some questions that she had not considered before. There were no commitments for a separate board for NIU, either. An awful lot of them brought that up in their reply that they knew that this matter was coming before the house or before the senate and they understood why we were concerned about it. They were very polite, but neutral. No commitment either way.

Senator Walker: I think this symbolizes some of the frustration that some of us as faculty have on campus. We are very short on parking at the Redbird Arena. It seems real ironic to me that we are taking almost a full quarter of the parking lot in putting in concrete islands and islands for trees, and not using that for car space. I simply want to make note of that to the administration. It seems silly to use this space.

Senator Zeidenstein: If we can't save the trees in the Amazon, we can replace them in the parking lots at ISU.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

XX-108 Senator Zeidenstein moved to adjourn. (Second, Fisher). Motion carried on a voice vote.

**FOR THE ACADEMIC SENATE**

**JOHN FREED, SECRETARY**





ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING CALENDAR

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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July 5, 1989

August 23, 1989

September 6, 1989

September 20, 1989

October 4, 1989

October 18, 1989

November 1, 1989

November 15, 1989

November 29, -1989  
(After Academic Senate Mtg.)

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETINGS

Circus Room - Bone Student Center  
7:00 p.m.

July 12, 1989

August 30, 1989

September 13, 1989

September 27, 1989

October 11, 1989

October 25, 1989

November 8, 1989

November 29, 1989

December 5, 1989  
(TUESDAY NIGHT)  
\*BOWLING-BILLIARDS  
ACTIVITY ROOM