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ACADEMIC SENATE AGENDA
TIME: 7 P.M., Wednesday, February 3, 1999
PLACE: Circus Room, Bone Student Center

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of 1/20/99

Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Committee Reports

Presentation:

Senate Ad Hoc Committee Final Report

Action Items:

11.18.98.02 Accounting Information Systems Sequence and Career Specialty Sequence in Accounting (Academic Affairs and Budget Committees)

01.12.99.01B Academic Department Chairperson Responsibilities, Appointment, Compensation, Terms and Evaluation (Administrative Affairs Committee)

Information Items:

Discussion:

01.26.99.01 Emphasizing Excellence Survey (Fisher report recommendations)

Communications:

Adjournment

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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
(Approved)

February 3, 1999

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Call to Order

Chairperson Paul Borg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Secretary Curt White called the roll and declared a quorum.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion XXX- 61 by Senator Craddock (seconded by Senator Varner) to approve the minutes of January 20, 1999. Approved unanimously.

Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson Paul Borg: Luncheons for presidential candidates will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays, February 11, 16 and 18 at noon. Senate members have been invited to the luncheons and were asked to confirm their attendance with the President's office.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, February 15. A discussion session on the Fisher report recommendations will be held prior to the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chairperson Michelle Brook: Gave the times and dates for the student sessions to meet with the presidential candidates: Alfred Guillame will be here on February 12th, 2:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.; Rex Cottle, February 19th, 2:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.; Vic Boschini, February 17th, 2:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. All student sessions will be held in the Student Services Building, Room 375.

Student election petitions are due February 15th at 4:00 p.m. They are available in the Office of Student Life. Senator Brook encouraged all student Senators to consider running again for the Senate.

Senator Brook brought to the attention of the Senate an article in the Vidette regarding the Memorandum of Understanding. The writer, in her opinion, suggested that the Academic Senate had basically given up its fight to get what they wanted in the Constitution. She found the article very offensive and emphatically stated that the Senate continues to struggle for fairness for the entire campus community. She encouraged senators to respond to the editor of the Vidette.

Student Government Association President's Remarks:

Senator Brown: Stated she would be happy to help any student with the election process. SGA will be hosting a Winter Carnival in the ballroom next Wednesday; February 10, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be free food and carnival games.

Administrators' Remarks

- **President Strand:** Excused absence.

- **Provost Goldfarb:** Approval of the Masters of Science in Environmental Health and Safety will be on the agenda for the February Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting. Discussion continues on the Illinois Citizens' Agenda. (The Citizens' Agenda is on the internet as part of the IBHE packet materials for their February meeting.)

Regarding the search committee for Associate Vice President for Instruction and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Senator Goldfarb reported that he had appointed Laura Burke to chair the committee and Sally Pancrazio as secretary. Additionally, he reported that he would be moving International Studies from Undergraduate Studies to the Graduate School and Research Office. He stated that he was making the move because there are about seven to eight units that currently report to the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and felt that it was very difficult to focus on all of the various issues that are connected to that office. Secondly, he stated that he was making the change in order to expand the portfolio of the Dean of Graduate School's position.

The Living Ethic series continues; Anna Deveare Smith will present a lecture on Thursday, February 11, 1999.

Senator Goldfarb asked that Senator Borg schedule a faculty caucus within the next two weeks to discuss the faculty salary compensation plan.

- **Vice President Boschini:** His office has sent out the schedule for Black History month. There are many good programs sponsored by faculty and students. All events are open to everyone.
- **Vice President Bragg:** Has established a committee to deal with the Y2K problem. He stated that it is now time to share the results of the research which administration has gathered for several years. Senator Bragg charged the committee to re-inventory all of the efforts on this issue and develop further activities to bring us in to compliance with Y2K. The committee will also develop contingency and communication plans.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: Senator Walters reported that Academic Affairs met this evening. The committee approved the document for Baccalaureate Degree programs at Illinois State; this is essentially a compilation of policies which have been approved by the Senate or which were otherwise in operation by the university. Senate members will receive a copy of the document. The committee has also begun discussion on the Major in Arts Technology proposal. Members will meet at 6:00 p.m. with the Budget Committee before the next Senate meeting to discuss the program.

Administrative Affairs: Senator Clark reported that the committee had approved a slate for the selection of the search committee members for the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. The committee is also looking at responses received on the evaluation of the President. The final report will be presented to the Executive Committee probably during its first meeting in March.

Budget Committee: Will have a joint meeting with Academic Affairs to discuss the Major in Arts Technology proposal.

Faculty Affairs: Will meet next week as part of the ASPT reform expanded committee. At that time, they will finalize the ASPT document and get it to the Senate.

Rules Committee: The committee met this week and decided to approve a draft report from the subcommittee on committees. The subcommittee continues to meet every Friday. Members will try to get as much feedback as possible from former committee chairs. At that point, the committee will be in contact with the task force appointed by the President dealing with governance structure.

Student Affairs: Student Affairs will meet at 6:30 p.m. before the next Senate meeting.

Presentation: Final Report from the Senate Ad hoc Committee on Shared Governance.

Dr. Marj Jones: Summarized the final report from the Senate Ad hoc Committee on Shared Governance. The committee endorsed the recommendations contained in the report of the President's Select Committee on Governance. (A copy of both reports can be obtained from the Senate office.)

The Ad hoc Committee further recommended that a task force be selected jointly by President Strand and Senator Borg; the task force should consist of all major stakeholders on campus. This task force would develop a shared governance model and present it to the Academic Senate and the campus community for feedback. The task force would then refine its interim model on shared governance and then conduct a campus-wide referendum to determine acceptance of the model, the results of which would be reported to the Board of Trustees through the Campus Communications Committee. The committee requested that the task force be initiated very early, by the middle of February if possible. Dr. Jones will present a list to President Strand of people from the Ad hoc Committee who are interested in participating on the task force. If anyone else is interested in being a member, they should contact Dr. Jones.

The Senate Ad hoc Committee has responded to charges 1 through 4. The committee was not able to complete charge #5, recommendations for a shared governance structure, because of time limits and also because of the very difficult nature of the charge. The committee believes that the task force on governance structure will be very capable of completing that charge. Dr. Jones asked that Senate members read both reports and then use the reports to help formulate the final step in trying to determine a shared governance structure for ISU.

The committee also endorsed the Memorandum of Understanding; the committee agreed that it was a positive step and supported its appendage to the Constitution.

Senator Schmaltz: Asked about the proposal of a referendum.

Dr. Jones: A referendum was suggested because current routes of communication are not always adequate. With a referendum, we would have a chance of getting feedback from all aspects of the campus.

Senator Schmaltz: Why go through the effort of a referendum since the Board of Trustees may not approve such a model, even if the campus is in favor it?

Dr. Jones: If we, as a campus, approved a good, strong model that was reasonable and good for the campus community, there was no reason to believe that it would be dismissed by the Board. Alternatively, she stated, if nothing was done, she did not see how we could progress.

Senator Brown: Thanked the committee for all of their hard work on the report.

Senator Borg: We will have an opportunity to discuss this report at the next Senate meeting. Senator Borg expressed his thanks and appreciation, both personally and on behalf of the entire Senate.

Action Items:

11.18.98.02 Accounting Information Systems Sequence and Career Specialty Sequence in Accounting proposals (Academic Affairs Committee)

Motion XXX-62: By Senator Walters (second by Senator Razaki) to approve the Information Systems Sequence and Career Specialty Sequence in Accounting proposals. Motion approved unanimously.

01.12.99.01B Final Revision of Academic Department Chairperson Responsibilities, Appointment, Compensation, Terms and Evaluation Document (Administrative Affairs Committee)

Senator Clark: Added one final revision to the document. Cross out the “and Reappointment” in #IV, Page 4.

Senator White: Congratulated the Administrative Affairs Committee on the job they had done.

Motion XXX-63: By Senator Clark (second by Senator Wells). Motion approved unanimously.

Action Item:

Election of Nominees to Search Committee for Associate Vice President for Instruction and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

Motion XXX-64: Motion by Senator Clark to elect the slate of nominees for the Search Committee for Associate Vice President for Instruction and Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

Senate discussed the slate of nominees offered by the Administrative Affairs Committee and also made nominations from the floor. Senate elected by ballot: Robert Bradley, Political Science, Jim Jawahar, MQM Department, and Patrick O'Rourke, Department of Agriculture.

The Senate also elected two students to the search committee: Lisa Daniels (senior, Public Relations) and Brent Kinser (graduate student, English).

Discussion:

01.26.99.01 Emphasizing Excellence Survey (Fisher report recommendations)

Senator Goldfarb: Asked the Senate to discuss recommendations related to the Fisher report. Senator Goldfarb referred to a survey from the office of the Provost: “Emphasizing Excellence: Identifying the Distinctive Qualities of Illinois State University”. Senators were asked to identify the university’s strengths, relationship to other state universities, uniqueness, and perceived opportunities. Some of the strengths identified included the safe environment at ISU, our strong academic programs, and ISU’s comparative affordability. The survey has been distributed to deans, chairs and other constituencies. Senator Goldfarb reported that he would compile the information and present it to the Board of Trustees at their February 15 meeting. The information will be used in developing the Strategic Plan.

Adjournment: Motion XXX-65 to adjourn by Senator Schmaltz (second by Senator Nelsen) at 9:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a standing vote.

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		Approval of Minutes	Accounting Information Sequence Proposal	Dept. Chairpersons Responsibilities	Nominees to Search Com.	Adjourn
Names	Attendance	Motion 61	Motion 62	Motion 63	Motion 64	Motion 65
		Unanimous	Unanimous	Unanimous	Election by ballot	Unanimous
Baumgartner	X					
Blum	Excused					
Borg	X					
Boschini	X					
Bragg	X					
Brook	X					
Brown	X					
Campbell	X					
Clark	X					
Craddock	X					
Day	X					
Garner	X					
Goldfarb	X					
Grasso	X					
Hammond	X					
Hazelton	Absent					
Hillman	Excused					
Jerich	X					
Kuchyt	X					
Kurtz	X					
MacDonald	Absent					
Mannion	X					
McCaw	X					
Molina	Excused					
Nelsen	X					
Newgren	Excused					
Noyes	X					
Otsuka	X					
Paszkeit	Absent					
Peagler	X					
Poulakidos	X					
Razaki	X					
Reid	X					
Schmaltz	X					
Schwartz	X					
Short	X					
Siegrist	Absent					
Strand	Excused					
Strickland	X					
Timmerman						
-Lugg	X					
Van Draska	X					
VanVooren	Excused					
Varner	X					
Walters	X					
Waple	X					
Wells	X					
White	X					
Williams	X					
Zielinski	Excused					