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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES  
(Not Approved by the Academic Senate)

September 28, 1994

Volume XXVI, No. 2

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Len Schmaltz called the meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Circus Room of the Bone Student Center. Schmaltz welcomed and seated new Senator Kristi Fish, Graduate Student.

**Roll Call**

Secretary Susan Winchip called the roll and declared a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes of August 31, 1994**

XXVI-4 Motion to approve Minutes of August 31, 1994, by Lind (seconded by Borg) carried on a voice vote.

**Chairperson's Remarks**

Senator Schmaltz reported that two items, received after the executive committee had established the agenda, will be added to the agenda. A majority of the executive committee was polled and a unanimous decision was made to add the following: 1) election of a faculty member to the academic planning committee as an Action Item and 2) the proposal to disestablish the Ed.D. in Art Education as an Information Item.

**Vice Chairperson's Remarks**

Senator Wilner announced a student caucus will meet on Wednesday, October 5 in the Circus Room at 7:00 p.m. to discuss various student concerns.

**Student Government Association President's Remarks**

Senator Cowsert reported that at the recent student leadership conference (60-70 students attending) four top concerns of the students were identified: 1) parking, 2) diversity on campus, 3) safety, and 4) the Daily Vidette. These are some of the issues that the next administration (SGA) might be dealing with. Cowsert will provide a summary of the concerns identified at the student leadership conference. Cowsert reminded everyone about homecoming activities October 8.

### **Administrators' Remarks**

Senator Wallace asked for a brief executive session to discuss nominations for possible Honorary Degree recipients. He had no additional remarks.

Senator Urice alerted the Senate that the Illinois State Report which will be distributed on Thursday will include a list of 19 programs recommended for elimination. The list was submitted by the deans in consultation with departments and faculty. Each proposed elimination will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will follow the established process through the Senate. Several of the program eliminations are a result of deleting the B.A. degree option from a B.A., B.S. degree program. The eliminations will have little impact on students and students currently enrolled in programs which will be eliminated will be provided for. Urice emphasized that the list was developed from the "bottom up" not from the "top down." There was next some discussion of the extent to which individual faculty members and departments were consulted about the eliminations.

Senator Gurowitz invited everyone to participate in the Reddog Chili Supper which will occur on Family Weekend and benefit the endowment for the quality of student life.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The election of students to a number of external committees. Senator Wilner provided a list of students and their preference to committee assignments.

Motion XXVI-5 made by Wilner (seconded by Onken) to accept the slate of nominees to external committees. Motion carried on a voice vote.

2. The election of a faculty member to the Academic Planning Committee. Senator Stearns submitted a slate of two faculty members 1) Senator Amster and 2) Senator Jerich. By paper ballot Senator Amster was elected.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

1. Senator Stearns presented the proposal to disestablish the Ed.D. in Art Education. The Academic Affairs committee recommends the disestablishment of the Ed.D. in Art Education and there is no dissension from the Graduate Council. The information item will become an Action Item at the next Senate meeting (9.30.94.2).

**Communication:**

Senator Muzumdar received several oral communiqués regarding the sponsorship of a dance by the Student Government Associate in support of six students who were taken into police custody. The concern should be taken before the Student Government Association.

**Committee Reports**

Academic Affairs: Senator Stearns reported the next meeting will be October 12 at 8:00 a.m. in DEG 533. The main agenda item will be to take action on the proposed change for the drop period as forwarded from the Academic Standards Committee.

Administrative Affairs: Senator Bull had no report.

Budget: Senator Nelsen distributed a copy of the FY96 Operating Budget Request of Appropriated Funds for the University. Nelsen summarized the report, indicating that he or any member of the budget committee welcomed comments and questions regarding the FY96 budget request. The Budget Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. prior to the next Senate meeting.

Faculty Affairs: Senator Razaki had no report. The committee will have a short meeting following the Senate meeting.

Rules: Senator Jerich thanked Senator Hayes for serving as chair. The Rules Committee recommends the disestablishment of the statement on politicizing the university. He requested that the executive committee place this on the agenda for the next Senate meeting as an information item.

Student Affairs: Senator Cowsert asked that the committee meet following the Senate meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion XXVI-6 to adjourn by Levy (seconded by Razaki). Motion carried by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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October 26, 1994

To: Len Schmaltz, Chairperson  
Academic Senate

From: Jane Liedtke, Chairperson   
Administrative Affairs Committee  
Academic Senate

Re: Administrative Affairs Committee  
Amendments to the Minutes of the Senate Mtg.

The following report would have been given had I been in the country. I had asked one of the committee members to give the report but discovered that he had left the meeting early and no report was given.

Please include in the previous meeting's minutes the following report of the Administrative Affairs Committee:

The Administrative Affairs Committee sent to Provost Urice on September 1st a list of questions regarding the position of Secretary of the Academic Senate. Those questions included funding of the position, classification, hiring, workload, etc. Dr. Urice responded on September 12th to both the members of the Administrative Affairs Committee and the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate. He indicated that the position evaluation (work load) which was done did not indicate a full-time load and that additional funding would not be available until the next fiscal year should the senate decide to request review of the position and should workload warrant such an adjustment. He also indicated that a person could be hired for 3/4 time for 9 months or 1/2 time for 12 months. In addition, should the work load of the secretary be increased due to some special project or mailing, that the Provost's Office would provide some additional support to complete the project.

At present the Administrative Affairs Committee believes that the Executive Committee and the Chairperson of the Academic Senate need to expedite the hiring of a secretary, consider reclassification of the position - if necessary, and move on with the business of the Senate. Any problems

regarding this position at this time should be worked out between the Chairperson of the Senate and the Provost because it seems clear that the administration is not going to put any additional funds into this position at this time.