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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES  
(Not Approved by the Academic Senate)

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**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.

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Minutes** of September 28, 1994.

Senator Liedtke amended the minutes to show that a report of the Administrative Affairs Committee was prepared but not delivered at the meeting. A summary of the report will be forwarded to the Academic Senate.

Motion XXVI-7 to approve the Minutes of September 28, 1994, as amended by Senator Liedtke by Razaki (seconded by Stearns) carried on a voice vote.

**Chairperson's Remarks**

Senator Schmaltz apologized for the late start of the meeting due to a faculty caucus prior to the meeting.

**Vice Chairperson's Remarks**

Senator Wilner, on behalf of his constituency, spoke out against the current display in the University Galleries. Wilner voiced concern that the University would not tolerate racial slurs than why would it tolerate the current display? In order to continue a discussion from the floor the Chair instructed the Vice Chairperson to prepare a Sense of the Senate resolution and introduce it at the appropriate time.

**Student Government Association President's Remarks**

Senator Cowsert reported that Illinois State will host the Student Advisory Committee meeting of the IBHE on November 5. The Student Government Association has been working on getting a night transportation system. The work of the committee is to the point where they need student input to see if students are willing to pay for this service and where the night transportation routes will be.

**Administrators' Remarks**

Senator Wallace had no remarks.

Senator Urice reported that he will be receiving the final draft of the NCA self-study document on Thursday, October 27.

Senator Gurowitz reminded everyone about the Reddog Chili Days which will be during Family Weekend.

Senator Strand had no remarks.

### **ACTION ITEM**

1. Senator Stearns made a motion that the Senate approve the recommendation of the Academic Affairs committee to disestablish the Ed.D. in Art Education. After a brief discussion Motion XXVI-8 was seconded by Levy and carried on a voice vote.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Senator Walker recommended the suggested calendar of Academic Senate meetings for spring 1995 be increased to two meetings in February. Typically there is a lot of activity during February and it would be prudent to schedule an additional meeting. Also, the presentation of the Academic Plan to the Senate has been changed to the spring semester and will influence the agenda of meetings scheduled for spring.

### **Communication:**

Senator Wilner offered a sense of the senate resolution related to censorship. The resolution read as follows: "propose to remove the pictures depicting little girls naked in CVA with the rationale that 1) by removing the pictures it will ease the mental states and crises of those students who are traumatized by these pictures, 2) in any way possible to ease the suffering of the students and 3) may it be a part of this resolution that this resolution is only for a particular instance of material and that it is not in any way to be a standard for other instances of similar consequences." Senator Levy seconded the motion. Following a lengthy discussion, Senator Cowser moved the previous question (Walker seconded). The motion carried by voice vote. The Motion XXVI-9, the sense of the senate resolution, failed by a voice vote.

### **Committee Reports**

Academic Affairs: Senator Stearns reported his committee will meet next Wednesday to consider a recommendation of the Academic Standards Committee that the undergraduate drop period be extended.

Administrative Affairs: Senator Liedtke reported on several communiqué s related to the lack of clerical staff in the Academic Senate office. The Administrative Affairs have communicated with the Provost and all efforts are being made to remedy the situation. The position has been changed to a Secretary III and it is anticipated that the register will increase.

Senator Liedtke reported that surveillance cameras were installed in Milner Library following a fire there. The cameras were installed for security and safety purposes only. There is a 1976 policy which states the executive committee of the senate be informed of all surveillance cameras installed. The intent of the policy is to prevent a "big brother" effect. This little-known policy should be distributed to the university community. The Administrative Affairs committee recommends the Library and all other users of surveillance cameras post a notice informing the public about the presence of cameras.

Budget: Senator Nelson reported that the IBHE recommendations for the FY96 budget will probably be available in early January.

Senator Walker noted that the Budget Committee is responsible for inviting the Athletic Director to report to the senate. The Budget Committee will do so.

Faculty Affairs: Senator Razaki had no report.

Rules: Senator Jerich reported that the Rules Committee is in deliberation over several items.

Student Affairs: Senator Cowsert reported that this committee was asked to look into childcare facilities for both day- and night-time care. The committee will be asking the Office of Human Resources for input from the survey they did several years ago related to childcare facilities for the university community.

JUAC: Senator Nelson invited the Senators to respond to the JUAC request for input related to the search for a new chancellor.

### **Adjournment**

Motion XXVI-10 to adjourn by Nelson (seconded by Jerich). Motion carried by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

