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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. Schmaltz welcomed and seated new Senator Harry Deutsch, Department of Philosophy, replacing Curtis White who resigned from the Senate. Senator Deutsch will take Senator White's place on the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes of October 26, 1994. Senator Stearns requested to amend the minutes to show the Academic Affairs Committee met at 8:00 a.m. on November 2, 1994 in DeGarmo 533. Motion XXVI-11 by Zervic, to approve the Minutes of October 26, 1994, as amended by Senator Stearns (seconded by Giacomini) carried on a voice vote.

Chairperson's Remarks

Senator Schmaltz had no remarks.

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Senator Wilner has been asked by the student election committee to appoint someone to the student election committee. The Student Regent (BOR) has asked that students be invited to the November BOR hearings on Faculty Roles and Responsibilities.

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Senator Cowsert distributed a copy of the SGA Legislators Survey which lists three chief concerns of students: 1) transportation on- and off-campus; 2) student leader salaries in the SGA; and 3) parking problems and concerns. The distribution of the survey is for information.

The student advisory committee to the IBHE met on the Illinois State campus last Saturday (October 22, 1994). One of the things discussed was the report of the Affordability Committee, a subcommittee of the IBHE. It seems the Affordability Committee is going to recommend to the Board of Higher Education that anytime there is an increase in student fees it has to go through a student referendum process. The issue had been discussed several times by the student advisory committee prior to Saturday. On Saturday the recommendation was passed by all of the other public institutions, but was not supported by Illinois State. The process for increasing fees at Illinois State is a strong student-oriented

process, and thus a proposal to increase fees does not necessitate further student referendum. While it is not known how the IBHE will consider the recommendation of the student advisory committee, it is a concern that needs to be monitored. Discussion from the floor emphasized the lack of authority the IBHE has in the matter of raising student fees.

Administrators' Remarks

Senator Gurowitz had no remarks.

Senator Strand had no remarks.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Senator Wilner made a motion that the calendar of meetings for spring semester 1995 be approved as amended (seconded by Johnson). Motion XXVI-12 carried by a voice vote.
2. Senator Mersinger made a motion to appoint Senator Jerich as Senator-at-large to the Council for Teacher Education (seconded by Razaki). Motion XXVI-13 carried by a voice vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.6.94.2 Approval of the revised bylaws of the Council for Teacher Education. There are three notable changes. The accompanying rationale did not make the recommended changes clear and well-defined. Senator Jerich will gather more information specifically related to the language and definition of the proposed changes and will also invite Dean Pancrazio to the next Senate meeting.
- 10.14.94.2 Approval of the amendment to the bylaws of the College of Arts and Sciences Council. The recommended changes are minor, however, it appears the document supplied to the senators is missing part of a sentence. The proposal is returned to the Rules Committee to obtain clarification of the recommended changes.

10.28.94.1 From Ken Jerich, Chair, Rules Committee, regarding the Committee's indecision to recommend or not recommend dropping the Statement on Politicizing the University. Senator Kapoor gave some background information leading to the committee's decision to bring the matter to the senate floor. The Rules Committee, in sending the matter to the Senate floor, was seeking direction on the original proposal, that is, the elimination of the Statement on Politicizing the University. After lengthy discussion, the issue was sent back to the Rules Committee with the recommendation that the committee invite those who initially proposed the elimination of the statement to the next Senate meeting or provide the rationale for its elimination.

Communication:

Senator Mersinger encouraged everyone to attend the hearings on increases in student fees. It is at these forums rationale are presented.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Senator Stearns reported that on March 30, 1994 the Academic Standards Committee passed a motion to extend the current withdrawal period from 5 to 7 weeks. This proposal was presented to the Academic Affairs committee meeting on September 28. The Academic Affairs committee on November 2 considered forwarding the proposal to the entire Senate. The motion to forward died for lack of a second. Therefore the proposal will not be forward during the current year.

Administrative Affairs: No report delivered for this committee.

Budget: Senator Nelson had no report.

Faculty Affairs: Senator Razaki reported the committee will meet after the Senate meeting.

Rules: Senator Jerich reported that the committee will continue to meet and discuss several items.

Student Affairs: Senator Wilner reported for Senator Cowser that State Senator John Maitland will be on campus November 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Main Room to discuss issues in higher education. This event is sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Adjournment

Motion XXVI-14 to adjourn made by Kapoor (seconded by Razaki) carried by a voice vote.

