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## ACADEMIC SENATE AGENDA

TIME: 7 p.m., Thursday, December 7, 1995  
PLACE: Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes of November 8, 1995

Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Action Items:

1. Faculty Appointments to External Committees
2. Election of members to University Librarian Search Committee
3. 1997-98 Academic Calendar
4. Appoint Senate faculty member to the committee to review administrative structure of the Graduate School/Research Office

Information Items:

- ~~1. Minor in International Studies~~
2. Proposal to amend the ISU Constitution and Committee Structure

Communications

Committee Reports

Adjournment

*Meetings of the Academic Senate are open to members of the University Community. Persons attending the meeting 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

December 7, 1995

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### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Len Schmaltz. The secretary called the roll and declared a quorum present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion XXVII-36 by Senator Borg (second, Razaki) to approve the Minutes of November 8, 1995 carried on a voice vote.

### **Chairperson's Remarks**

Chair Len Schmaltz announced that the Senate would be electing members to the University Library Search Committee at tonight's meeting. The Provost will appoint two additional faculty members and one civil service employee to the Committee. Senator Urice added that Toni McCarty (SED) will chair the Committee and Al Goldfarb (THE) will be secretary.

### **Vice Chairperson's Remarks**

Vice Chair Chris Harrison announced that student senators Jennifer Bill and Valerie Schmid will be resigning from the Academic Senate.

### **Student Government Association President's Remarks**

Senator Harrison reported for SGA President Ryan Koehl that the wording for the Campus Facilities Enhancement Referendum for the February 13th debate has been passed by the SGA assembly.

### **Administrators' Remarks**

President David Strand reported the Board of Regents had its final meeting on December 6. The first meeting of the Board of Trustees will be a teleconference on January 3, 1996. The first on-campus meeting will be January 16, and the second will be February 13. President Strand also expressed his support of reconsidering the approved 1997-98 Academic Calendar.

Provost John Urice thanked Senator Johnson and the Administrative Affairs Committee for their work on the Academic Calendar.

Vice President for Business and Finance Chuck Taylor reported construction of the new science building is on schedule; it is scheduled to be completed in January 1997.

### **Action Items:**

#### **1. Faculty Appointments to External Committees**

Motion XXVII-37 by Senator Harrison (second, Kapoor) to approve the faculty appointments to the SCERB University Hearing Panel carried on a voice vote.

#### SCERB University Hearing Panel

Philip Fare, Communications

Arnold Wolfe, Communications

## 2. Election of Members to the University Librarian Search Committee

The following faculty members were elected: Jane Liedtke (IT), Kimberly Armstrong (Milner), and Arnold Insel (MAT).

Senator Harrison presented a slate of student nominees. Motion XXVII-38 - Senator Liedtke moved to suspend voting on the student members as the slate, consisting of undergraduates from the College of Arts and Sciences employed at Milner Library, was not representative of the student body (second, Madrigal). A brief discussion on the motion followed. The motion failed on a voice vote. Students elected to the University Librarian Search Committee: Elizabeth Bronson and Andre Heavens.

## 3. 1997-98 Academic Calendar

Senator Johnson (Chair, Administrative Affairs Committee) presented a letter from the Administrative Affairs Committee which described two problems with the approved 1997-98 Academic Calendar: 1) a Monday, August 18 start date would require fall semester students to move-in on Thursday, August 14, which would be before the last day of summer session, August 15 (as stated on the proposed calendar); 2) a Monday August 25 start date would require final exam week to start on Monday, December 15 and grades be submitted by Tuesday December 23; this schedule would make it impossible to complete the services performed by students by the Registrar's Office before the Christmas shutdown. The letter proposed two alternative calendars, Calendar A (original proposed calendar, Wednesday start, mid-semester Friday break, conventional Thanksgiving, 50-minute MWF classes) and Calendar B (Wednesday start, no Labor Day holiday, Thanksgiving break beginning 10 p.m. on Tuesday, equal length for MWF and TR classes).

Motion XXVII-39 - Senator Johnson moved the Senate rescind its approval of the 1997-98 Academic Calendar and consider proposed Calendars A or B.

Senator Schmaltz ruled the motion was out of order on the grounds that the motion precluded someone proposing a third calendar. Challenge the Chair - Senator Borg (second, Newby). Debate on the Challenge followed. The Parliamentarian stated that the Chair was correct in ruling the Motion should be to rescind only; proposal of a new calendar would require a separate motion. Challenge on the chair's ruling failed on a voice vote.

Motion XXVII-40 - Senator Johnson moved the Senate rescind approval of the 1997-98 Academic Calendar (second, Harrison).

Motion XXVII-41 - Senator Weber moved the Motion to rescind be tabled until the next Senate meeting due to the absence of most student senators (second, Lessner). Discussion on the Motion followed. Senator Lessner said there should be more student representation present before voting on the motion; Senator Schmid agreed. Senators Kaiser and Johnson said the students knew before the meeting that the calendar was on the agenda. Senator Liedtke called the previous question. Roll call vote on Motion XXVII-40 (Motion to table the Motion rescind the calendar): (Yes - table; No - don't table): Yes - 8; No - 16; Abstentions - 3.

Debate on Motion XXVII-40 (Motion to rescind the calendar) followed. Senator Weber asked if there was little use of the residence halls in the summer session. Alan Dillingham (Dean of

Undergraduate Studies) said over 6,000 students would be assigned rooms for the 1997 fall semester. A vote on the Motion followed. The Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion XXVII-42 - Senator Johnson moved the Senate approve proposed Calendar A (second, Kapoor). Debate on Calendar A followed. Senator Taylor read a statement from Senator Gurowitz supporting a Fall Break day.

Motion XXVII-43 - Senator Harrison moved Calendar A be amended as follows: Begin the 1997 summer session on June 30 and end summer session August 8, with grades due August 12. (Second, Weber). Senator Brooks stated that, in the past, the summer session calendar always has allowed a week between the end of summer session and the beginning of the fall semester. Senator Strand stated that the summer session calendar was provided on the proposed calendars for information only; the Senate was being asked to approve the calendars for fall 1997, spring 1998, and summer 1998. Senator Schmaltz said the summer 1997 calendar as shown on the two proposed 1997-98 calendars did not agree with the summer 1997 calendar as approved by the Senate on April 20, 1994. Senator Borg stated that the Motion by Senator Harrison was unnecessary, because it proposed to change the 1997 summer calendar to what had already been approved by the Senate, and the 1997 summer calendar on the proposed calendars was wrong information.

Senator Schmaltz called a 10-minute recess.

Senator Schmaltz asked the secretary to call the roll for a quorum call. A quorum was not present. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.