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ACADEMIC SENATE AGENDA
TIME: 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 7, 1996
PLACE: Circus Room, Bone Student Center

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes of January 24, 1996

Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

SPECIAL TOPIC: "Athletics" by Rick Greenspan - Director, Intercollegiate Athletics

Action Items:

None

Information Items:

None

Communications

Committee Reports

Adjournment

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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Chairperson Len Schmaltz called a faculty caucus. The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

New student senator Jason Wright, a senior in Political Science and Legal Studies, was seated. Secretary Jan Cook called the roll and declared a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Correction to minutes of January 24, 1996: Faculty Affairs Committee report; correction to last sentence: "The Faculty Affairs Committee has asked the University Review Committee to look at this request, its appropriateness, and whether it requires a revision of ASPT guidelines." Motion XXVII-53 by Senator Koehl (second, Liedtke) to approve the minutes of January 24, as amended, carried on a voice vote.

Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson Len Schmaltz reported on two items: 1) The general faculty meeting held on May 11, 1995 will reconvene on March 5, 1996 at 7 p.m. in the Capen auditorium. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss faculty governance; 2) The proposal to give the position of Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of ISU Foundation membership on the Senate is not an action item at tonight's meeting. According to the ISU Constitution, an amendment to the Constitution cannot be debated by the Senate before the minutes in which the proposed amendment appears as an information item have been distributed. The Executive Committee presumably will put the proposal on the February 21 Senate agenda as an action item.

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chairperson Chris Harrison had an excused absence.

Student Government Association President's Remarks

SGA President Ryan Koehl reported that the student representative to the President's Liaison Committee will be the SGA President. He encouraged students to vote in the Campus Facilities Enhancement Project referendum.

Administrators' Remarks

President David Strand reported the Campus Facilities Enhancement Project referendum will be held on February 13. February 13 is also Founders Day; the convocation will take place at 2 p.m. with a reception following. Also, the Board of Trustees will meet on February 13. President Strand has been in contact with Senator Wayne Nelsen in outlining the process by which the President's Liaison Committee will become organized; President Strand will meet with the committee prior to each Board of Trustees meeting.

Vice President and Provost John Urice reported that the Graduate School Review Committee has begun its work of reviewing the administrative structure of the Graduate School and University Research Office. The University Librarian search is progressing; the application review date has

been set for March 29. The University College Research Committee has forwarded its report to Alan Dillingham, Associate Vice President for Instruction and Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

Vice President for Student Affairs Bill Gurowitz reported on the Director of Office of Residential Life search; a new director will be chosen within the next few weeks. He encouraged the student senators to attend the Founders Day activities.

Vice President for Business and Finance Chuck Taylor had no report.

SPECIAL TOPIC: "Athletics" - by Mr. Rick Greenspan, Director, Intercollegiate Athletics

Mr. Greenspan gave a presentation to the Senate on athletics at ISU and the Athletics Department. He gave an overview of the department, focusing on the areas of facilities, media relations, marketing and sales, academic success of athletes, business and finance of Athletics, and fundraising.

ISU is a Division I institution with 19 sports and approximately 350 student athletes. Approximately 140 student athletes have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher. Final drawings are being submitted and let out for bid for the new athletic study center. Corporate gifts this year totaled \$275,000. Athletics seeks private support from about 1,200-1,300 annual donors. Fundraising is done through the Redbird Educational Scholarship Fund (RESF). Seventy-eight percent of the funds raised through the RESF goes to scholarships; the balance is used for operational expenses. The total giving to Athletics last year was approximately 1.2 million dollars.

Questions from the Senate included the following:

Senator Brooks asked how many student athletes are on scholarship. He pointed out that the percentage of students on scholarship in Athletics is higher than the percentage on scholarship in academic departments. Greenspan answered that the percentage of students on athletic scholarship at ISU is similar to that of other institutions. Senator D. Strand stated that the dollars for athletic scholarships come from private fund raising, not university subsidy, and that the University is not disproportionately providing money to Athletics; Athletics has been more successful in raising funds.

Senator Razaki asked what amount of money goes to salary supplements for coaches and how the supplements are determined. Greenspan said approximately \$80,000 went to salary supplements last year. These supplements are recommended by the Athletic Director and approved by the President. Some of these supplements were recommended by the previous Athletic Director, and some were recommended by Greenspan.

Senator Bernardoni asked if there are currently any plans to change ISU to a Division III institution. Greenspan said he is not personally thinking about a class change, although he is not responsible for that decision.

Senator Walker asked how the new athletic study center is being funded. Senator Taylor answered that the money is coming from revenue bonds from student fees. Senator McCaw

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asked a question dealing with fees for use of the Redbird Arena. "Senior Career Day" had to be held in the Bone Student Center because the rental fee for the arena could not be afforded; as a result, fewer employers participated. Mr. Greenspan answered that he was not familiar with the incident; however, rental fees for the arena are necessary to generate revenue for the building.

Senator Kalomiris asked what the justification is for allocating student fees to athletics rather than some other, successful student organizations, such as the ISU speech team. Senator Gurowitz said the student fee process determines what amounts go to which areas; this process includes representatives from the students and from the faculty.

Chair Len Schmaltz thanked the Director of Athletics for addressing the Senate and called a 10-minute recess. After the recess, the Chair adjourned the meeting for lack of a quorum. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

