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ACADEMIC SENATE AGENDA
TIME: 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 21, 1996
PLACE: Circus Room, Bone Student Center

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes of February 7, 1996

Chairperson's Remarks

Committee Reports

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Action Items:

1. Proposal to amend the ISU Constitution and Committee Structure
- to give the position of Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of ISU Foundation membership on the Academic Senate

Information Items:

1. Minor in International Studies

Communications

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

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Chairperson Len Schmaltz called the roll and declared a quorum present.

Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson Len Schmaltz distributed copies of a memo/report regarding background information on the faculty senate issue. The report is a draft only; the final version will be sent to all faculty members prior to the general faculty meeting scheduled for March 5, 1996. It was decided at the faculty caucus held on February 7 that the report should be written and distributed to all faculty members. If faculty senators have any concerns with or suggestions for the report, they should contact the Academic Senate office by the end of the week (by February 23).

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs - Senator Walker reported the Committee approved the Academic Progress Alert System proposal and has asked that the Executive Committee to put it on the agenda as an information item for the next Senate meeting. The Committee has received from the University Curriculum Committee a proposal for change in the B.S. degree relative to the B.A.

Administrative Affairs - No report.

Budget - Senator Weber reported that the Committee met with Judith Riggs (Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of ISU Foundation) more than once and has prepared a report for the Senate regarding the meetings and the ISU Foundation ("Report to Academic Senate from Budget Committee on the ISU Foundation: Goals, Operational Procedures, and Financial Status"). The report was distributed at the last Senate meeting (February 7). Senators Weber and Jones asked that the report be distributed again with the minutes of the current Senate meeting (February 21). It was undecided whether the report should be an information item at a Senate meeting; this decision will be made by the Executive Committee.

Faculty Affairs - Senator Deutsch reported that the Committee sent to all academic department chairs a questionnaire regarding the pilot general education program. Data from questionnaire will help the Academic Senate make an informed judgment on the program. The memo attached to the questionnaire states that the questionnaire may be filled out in consultation with departmental curriculum committees, DFSC members, and individual faculty members.

Rules - No report.

Student Affairs - No report.

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chair Chris Harrison had no remarks.

Student Government Association President's Remarks

SGA President Ryan Koehl thanked the members of the Campus Enhancement Project Steering Committee for their work on the recent student referendum on the Project. A higher percentage of students voted this time compared to the referendum held last semester, and the referendum passed.

Administrators' Remarks

President David Strand thanked the members of the Campus Enhancement Project Steering Committee for their work on the referendum and also thanked the students that voted in favor of the referendum. He will eventually take the Project to the Board of Higher Education for approval; the Project will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their March meeting. President Strand thanked people who participated in and attended Founders Day activities. He reported on the School Street arboreteum: it was approved by the Board of Trustees last week; it will be paid for with private funds contributed to the University for this project; the arboreteum will cost \$2 million.

Questions:

Senator Borg asked how the Founders Day films would be made available to the public. President Strand answered they will be available in Milner Library; copies can be requested for alumni meetings, etc.; each member of the President's staff can be asked for copies; in the case of academic departments, the films are available in the deans' offices and in the Provost's office.

Vice President and Provost John Urice reported on ISU recruitment activities of the college deans and the Provost. ISU applications have increased. Over 800 people attended a recent recruitment meeting in Schaumburg.

Questions:

Senator Neuleib asked Senator Urice about the current WGLT (campus radio station) situation and recent news reports regarding its status and funding. Provost Urice said rumors that a decision has been made regarding the station are completely inaccurate. The station is under routine budget and status review; the working group hasn't met yet. Reports that a decision has been made are untrue.

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

Action Items:

1. Proposal to amend the ISU Constitution and Committee Structure
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Point of Order - Senator Razaki: Thirty-four votes are needed in order to pass a proposal to amend the Constitution; only 30 senators are present. Should the action item be postponed until the next meeting. Senator Schmaltz said time should not be spent on discussion of the proposal at tonight's meeting if a vote is not going to be taken. Point of Clarification - Senator D. Strand:

The proposal can be defeated at this meeting, but it can't pass? Senator Schmaltz said that was correct.

Parliamentarian Ira Cohen said the action item could be withdrawn by the committee that brought it forth, and that committee can ask the Executive Committee to put it on the agenda for the next meeting. Senator McCaw (Rules Committee) asked that the action item be pulled from the agenda.

Information Items:

1. Minor in International Studies

Senator Walker (Academic Affairs Committee) pulled the information item from the agenda due to the fact that modifications had been made to the original proposal (distributed to the Senate in December of 1995), and the senators had not been provided with copies of the proposal as revised.

Communications

Senator Kaiser read a communication to the Senate regarding the lack of sufficient clerical/secretarial support in the Academic Senate office. At a recent faculty caucus, the faculty senators discussed the need for better communication of Senate business to the campus community, possibly through a newsletter or articles in the University Report. An impediment to that would be the lack of secretarial support, due to the fact that the secretarial position is part-time. Also, certain tasks that were carried out by the Senate secretary in the past (when the position was full-time) have not been able to be accomplished. Senator Kaiser asked that the Provost re-examine the issue of increasing the secretarial position to full-time status, so that the Senate has the support it needs.

Senator Urice suggested the Executive Committee, the Budget Committee, or the Administrative Affairs Committee look at the Senate budget to see if reallocations can be made to address the Senate's needs.

Point of information - Senator Jones: Does someone here know what the Academic Senate budget is? Provost Urice said that information could be provided. Senator Schmaltz pointed out that the Chair of the Academic Senate is not the fiscal agent for the Senate; Sharon Stanford, Associate Vice President for Academic Administrative Services, in the Provost's Office, is the fiscal agent.

Senator Walker asked to whom, after one of the three committees mentioned examines the issue, the recommendation should be made. Senator Schmaltz said it could be brought on the floor of the Senate as a Sense of the Senate Resolution or could go through the information/action item stages; it could go to the Provost and would eventually go to the President. Senator Borg said the Executive Committee should look into the issue. Motion XXVII-54: Sense of the Senate Resolution by Senator Walker (second, Razaki) to charge the Executive Committee with the task of looking into the funding situation for the Academic Senate carried on a voice vote.

Motion XXVII-55 by Senator Bernardoni (second, Tipnis) to adjourn carried on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

