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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
(Approved)

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Call to Order

Chairperson Lane Crothers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Senator Borg called the roll and declared a quorum.

Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2002

Motion XXXIV-7: By Senator Ligunas, second by Senator Mehta, to approve the Academic Senate minutes of May 1, 2002. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairperson's Remarks

Senator Crothers: Welcomed new senators: Senator David Barone, Chairperson of the Chairpersons Council, Martha Burk, Civil Service Council Chairperson, Nikiesha Virgil, Graduate Student Senator, and Bill O'Donnell, Senate faculty representative from the College of Fine Arts.

Among the things that the Senate will deal with this year are FOI (Foundations of Inquiry), non-tenure track faculty issues, a protest policy proposal, the upcoming accreditation of the University, Senate involvement in the search process for a new Provost, budget concerns and the Consensual Relationships Policy.

Most of the information in the Illinois Board of Higher Education Faculty Advisory Council Reports from the meetings that were held in May and June 2002 was mainly budget context information of which we were yet unaware; therefore, I will not report on those meetings tonight. I do want to emphasize that we cannot expect any budget increases from the State to help us during this difficult time. A couple of years ago, the State of Illinois came out with a number one rated higher education system in the United States based on a certain set of variables. That information was shared broadly with state legislators this summer and apparently some of them asked if we had to be number one anymore, implying that if we were number ten, we would not be as expensive. Additionally, there are a number of state legislators upset about the increase of time to degree. It is worth pointing out that in the middle of reallocating approximately \$9 million out of our General Revenue Funds, the State has decided to sponsor an affordability study. These difficult times will hopefully make us focus on what truly matters to us and that is what I hope the Senate will do throughout this year.

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Senator Bathauer: Over the summer, I had a chance to discuss Amtrak with Senator Dick Durbin, who in turn asked myself and Student Trustee, Nick Maroules, to identify ways to get students and their parents, as well as everyone in the area, to contact their elected representatives regarding not only Amtrak, but the current budget situation in Illinois. We will be putting together information to distribute to the campus community during our massive voter registration drive. We are also currently dealing with issues such as budgeting and student fees. We have formed a commission to look at campus beautification, mainly vertical chalking, flyers taped to the sidewalks, and other things which tend to be a little unsightly. Senator Gaylor will head this commission and if anyone has any ideas on this issue, please contact the Student Government Office. This is going to be a campus-wide effort.

We are also planning a remembrance event for noon on September 11, 2002. More details will be forthcoming. We have planned the planting of a State Tree of New York on the quad and there will be a memorial plaque beneath the tree. Thank you to Senator Aper and SGA Chief of Staff, Ann Zhubi, for your work on this, as well as thanks to the many others who have assisted in this effort.

ACADEMIC SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, August 28, 2002

Dinner with the President - 5:00 p.m. – President's Residence

Internal Committee Meetings – Following Dinner – Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Senate Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2002

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Admissions Presentation

Communications

Executive Session – Honorary Degree Nominees (President Boschini)

Adjournment

Faculty Caucus – Following Senate Meeting – Old Main Room, Bone Student Center
Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2002

*Confirmation of Appointments/Election for Council for Teacher Education
Representatives (Rules Committee)*

*North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) Accreditation Steering
Committee Faculty Election (Rules Committee)*

Adjournment

Meetings of the Academic Senate are open to members of the University community. Persons attending the meeting participate in discussion 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.

We are forming a student advisory committee, chaired by Trustee Maroules, as an advisory committee to downtown Normal regarding their renovation projects. City Manager Mark Peterson presented the proposed changes to the students and ways in which students can get involved.

Senator Razaki: You mentioned a State of New York tree—why not also Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania?

Senator Bathauer: We can consider that. We do have budget constraints. The plaque beneath the tree is a commemoration for everyone who perished and who was affected by the tragedy.

Administrators' Remarks

- **President Vic Boschini:** Welcome back to everyone. It is great to be in session again. We welcome 81 new faculty members to ISU this fall. I have met many of them already and I think that they will bring a lot of vitality to campus. We also welcome 5,930 new students—3,080 are freshmen and 1,850 are transfer students. The average ACT score for the fall 2002 freshman class is 23.4, but this number is not official until the census date. Last year's average ACT was 22.8.

Budget concerns remain and they continue to occupy the majority of my time with frequent trips to Springfield. I have asked Dr. Bragg to give an extended report on our financial condition at the next Senate meeting, which will be after our "Big Picture" Meeting with the IBHE on Wednesday, September 4, 2002. The IBHE has a new executive director, Dr. Dan LaVista, as well as a new chairperson, Mr. Steve Lesnik. We also have two new trustees: Joanne Maitland and Nick Maroules. They are both committed to the best for Illinois State University and I welcome both of them to the Board. Trustee Maroules is here tonight and I want to recognize him. He has done a great job.

The search for the new Provost continues. Two ads have placed in the Chronicle of Higher Ed, one was in the August 16th issue and the other will be in the back to school issue. Dr. Borst is the chairperson of the Provost Search Committee and plans to begin interviewing this semester. We also welcome Ms. Ann Harris as the new Director of Diversity and Affirmative Action. She has been a great addition in the short time that she has been here.

Last year, the Academic Senate requested periodic updates on our fundraising efforts. The Comprehensive Campaign continues to be successful in the face of uncertain economic times. As of today, we have raised \$55,367,390. Our goals are to raise \$60 million by December 2002, \$75 million by December 2003 and a grand total of \$88 million by 2004. I am confident that we will meet and most likely exceed those goals.

The ten largest gifts to date account for almost fifty percent of the \$55 million we have raised so far. Those donors are: State Farm - \$11 million; Caterpillar - \$5.2 million; KANA Software: \$3 million; and individual gifts rounded out the remainder of the top ten, ranging from \$2.75 million to \$1 million. The colleges received 65% and the library received 11%. Ten percent has gone to University Advancement, 8% to Athletics, 1% to Student Affairs and the other 5% has gone to a variety of areas in very small amounts.

Tuition for this year is up by 9.25%. I am not happy that we had to raise tuition to that degree, but unless we have a significant change in our economic forecast, I predict we are looking at another large increase in tuition.

We will have a formal ceremony to install our newest endowed chair on Friday, October 4, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Old Main Room of the Bone Student Center. The endowment is the Edmondson-Miller Endowed Chair of Insurance and Risk Management in the College of Business and the recipient of the endowment is Dr. Richard MacMinn, who will come to Illinois State University from England. Additionally, please also join us for the State of the University Address on Thursday, September 26 at 2:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Bone Student Center. I do want to mention that my office is still in Hovey Hall, Room 421; my e-mail

address is vbosch@ilstu.edu; and my office telephone number is 438-5677. I welcome your input at any time and I look forward to working with all of you in the year ahead.

Senator Reid: When does the money that has been pledged actually come in?

Senator Boschini: It depends on the individual gift. We have already received the \$1 million gifts from the individual donors. The \$2.75 gift is an annuity, so we will receive approximately \$80,000 per year from that donation until that individual's estate matures, which occurs when the person is deceased. The State Farm gift was given up front, as most of it was given as a "match" for the College of Business building. The State will match the other \$20 million for the building.

Senator Lindblom: Has there been any significant change in the number of minority students in the incoming class?

Senator Boschini: I don't believe so. That does not make me happy because we have never had enough minority students to begin with and we still have about the same number. The Admissions Office has really worked on that area. We are doing a much better job of retaining all of our students, but especially our minority students. The problem is that the pool in our state numbers about 2,500 students, who have identified themselves as minorities, graduated high school and met our requirements for entrance. Of those, one-fifth applied to Illinois State University.

- **Provost Al Bowman:** I am very glad to be here as a first-time member of the Senate. In spite of the budget difficulties, I still believe that this is ISU's golden era. Those of us who have been here for a couple of decades can remember when there was not this level of optimism on campus and the President plays no small role in that. We have to focus on how far we have come, looking at the incoming freshman class, the increase in quality and the new group of faculty that we have just recruited. We are very close to being the "first-choice" public institution in Illinois and I can't emphasize how exciting that is. Certainly, we have challenges ahead of us, but I am proud of the planning that will allow us to get through the year and continue to make progress on our strategic plan. I am absolutely committed to *Educating Illinois*. I think that that is one of the documents of which this institution can be proud.
- **Vice President of Student Affairs Helen Mamarchev:** Welcome back everyone. We have made more changes in the Bone Student Center. Our catering vendor ended contractual agreements with us due to its own budget situation; therefore, we had to ask our Campus Dining Services operation to take on new efforts. We have completed our CAS Assessment (Council for the Advancement of Standards) for each of our 14 departments. We looked at the minimum standards of our profession and how we are doing in terms of relating them to the core values of *Educating Illinois*. We have used that information to cut our budget, while still trying to balance the services and programs that our students and their parents demand from us. While our assessment ratings in the CAS process came out quite high in relation to our colleagues across the country, we realize that there are always ways to improve. We are going to set up a comprehensive program of reviews for our Vice President's central office in the Office of Student Life and we will be asking for participation from those of you involved in the Academic Senate.

I would like to commend both Carolyn Bathauer and Nick Maroules for their leadership in recognizing that campus beautification issues are quite important. In addition to the vertical chalking and duct taping of flyers, one of our great challenges is to get our campus to understand what the In Exchange project is all about. It is a living artwork to be admired and not to be damaged by roller-blading and skate boarding. Unfortunately, you will now find effects of those activities that are probably not repairable. I am also pleased with Carolyn and Nick's effort to set up a commission for more student involvement in the redevelopment project of downtown Normal.

We participate every two years in a National Alcohol and Drug Survey funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The data that we have gathered is somewhat alarming in certain areas. The survey asks basic questions of students in terms of their drinking and drug usage behaviors. One item of particular concern was that of the students who responded, 43% indicated that they had missed a class because of a problematic drug or alcohol usage experience.

Senator Jerich: Would it be helpful to issue fines to skate boarders on campus?

Senator Mamarchev: To issue fines would take a lot of manpower. The people involved in these activities are, for the most part, younger adolescents, and not ISU students. I am meeting with Mark Peterson to see if we can work together on this issue, because it is also an issue for the town.

Senator Reid: After you get some idea about what is causing the excess alcohol and drug consumption, are you considering action by the University and the students to get the message out that this is not acceptable behavior?

Senator Mamarchev: I have talked to Dr. Bowman and the President's Cabinet and asked them to consider establishing a group to look at our philosophy to help to determine why this kind of culture has developed at our University. There has to be a campus conversation looking at our heritage, our vision and our values.

Senator Razaki: Are we considering an education campaign for students to convince them that this is not the right thing to do?

Senator Mamarchev: We have to go beyond that. We have always done education about drugs and alcohol in higher education and very little has changed. Instead, we have to ask ourselves about the values and attitudes we have toward these issues on our campus.

Senator Razaki: Are you talking about instituting laws that they cannot have alcohol?

Senator Mamarchev: No, I am asking the University to consider what its philosophy and value system are. It is a much more basic conversation than rules and regulations.

Senator Fowles: I would also encourage you to examine gambling addictions on campus, too, which is getting much more prevalent on college campuses.

Senator Landau: I think we would be struggling uphill with the imposition of negative sanctions to control college student inappropriate behavior. Instead, we should think of the age of onset of these risk-taking behaviors and the development of prevention curriculum. I think that given the resources of our College of Education and its very strong impact on public school teachers in the State of Illinois, that may be an area that we should invest some of our attention.

- ***Vice President of Finance and Planning Steve Bragg:*** To those of you returning to campus from summer vacation, welcome back. It has been a very busy and productive summer. There are many construction projects going on. We have formally finished the construction of the Center for Performing Arts—a very beautiful and fine structure. Its grand opening is October 18, 2002. We are also starting construction on the College of Business building, which should be completed in two years. We have completed another major section of wiring in the residence halls for access to the internet. The Julian Hall project is a major renovation of mechanical and electrical systems. We are almost finished with the In Exchange project and are within a month of receiving bids on the Schroeder Hall renovation.

We discussed the nine-month versus twelve-month pay option last year and devised a way to make that feature available to faculty and staff. As of today, 260 faculty and staff members have signed up for that option. During the summer, we instituted a series of training and staff development programs that will come out of our Human Resources Office; those programs are listed at the HR web site (<http://www.hr.ilstu.edu>).

We have worked very hard over the summer to continue our cooperation with the Town of Normal. There are three major projects that we hope to bring to completion within a year: the multi-modal transportation center, the relocation of the Children's Museum to downtown Normal and the construction of a hotel and conferencing facility. My compliments go to Nick Maroules and SGA for being very proactive in the downtown renovation projects. I would also like to compliment the students in working with us in the preliminary planning for a campus transit system. We hope to bring proposals forward later this year. At the next Senate meeting, we will discuss the budget. I would like to thank you all and your colleagues very much for the spirit of cooperation that has permeated all of our budget discussions.

Admissions Presentation

Steve Adams, Director of Admissions: We are not at the tenth day census yet, so the information that I present tonight is not for the record. Census day occurs on Friday, August 29. I believe that our undergraduate enrollment will be close to what it was a year ago. Our graduate enrollment will be around 2,600 or slightly above. *Educating Illinois* has meant so much to the Admissions Office and to this University, particularly in that the Recruiting According to Our Values Committee has done so much to make the changes necessary for us to move in a different direction. One of every five of our freshmen students ranks in the top 10% of their high school graduating class; last year, it was one of ten. One in two ranks in the top quarter. The average grade point average this year is 3.3 as compared to 3.1.

Recruitment is and always will be a responsibility of the entire University and not just the Office of Admissions. That is what *Educating Illinois* has done most for us. Last year our freshmen class was 3,340. This year it is going to be approximately 3,075. We were far more selective in the students that we admitted.

The Executive Summary, which I have distributed, gives the preliminary information on the total on-campus enrollment, new student enrollment, our student profile, as well as information about minority student enrollment. There is still a great deal of frustration in trying to attract qualified minority students. Our admissions office takes this very seriously. We did admit 20% of the 2,500 African-American high school seniors in the state who graduated in 2002. We have called as many as 500 qualified minority students this summer as part of our early intervention program inquiring about their interest in attending ISU. Additionally, we have planned at least 25 application workshops across the state and have increased our allocation for providing campus visits for minority students. Finally, we are in the process of receiving the assistance of ISU students in the recruitment process.

Senator Landau: Is there anyway to determine if the recent tuition increase altered the demographics of the entering freshman class?

Mr. Adams: I think it is premature to make that assessment. I am not sure that it did from the standpoint that all of the other institutions in the state also raised their tuitions.

Senator Razaki: Do we know the level of satisfaction that our minority students experience at ISU? Do we involve the current minority students or alumni in trying to recruit from their high schools?

Mr. Adams: We try to involve the students. We have not done it to any large degree as of yet, but we now have been approached by groups of students who want to assist in this effort. As for satisfaction, I know that there are surveys regarding that aspect disseminated by the Counseling Center. I personally believe that there is a problem with the cultural environment in Central Illinois.

Senator Thomas: The Student Counseling Services does a survey in the fall semester specifically targeting minority freshman students. Overall, minority students seem to be as satisfied and comfortable with the environment of the University as majority students. The survey, however, does not address the broader environment.

Communications

Senator Crothers: Senator Kurtz and I met with Joe Rives, who is responsible for the *Educating Illinois* Results Report. It would be Joe's preference to meet first with the Academic Affairs Committee for a detailed examination of the report and then present the report to the Senate as an advisory item. If there are no objections, I will let him know that he may meet first with Academic Affairs.

There were no objections by the Senate.

Executive Session – Honorary Degree Nominees (President Boschini)

Motion XXXIV-8: By Senator Ligunas, seconded by Senator Armstrong, to move into Executive Session. The motion was unanimously approved. Business was concluded in Executive Session and the Senate returned to open session.

Adjournment

Motion XXXIV-10: To adjourn. The motion was approved by standing vote.

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