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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

August 25, 1993

XXV, No. 1

Seating of New Senator

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of May 5th and May 6th, 1993

Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

- Action Items:
1. Election of Faculty Member to the Executive Committee
 2. Confirmation of Chairperson for the Council for Teacher Education
 3. Election of Student Members to Search Committee for the Associate Vice President for Instructional Technology
 4. Approval of UPB Screening Selections

Information Items: NONE

Communications

Committee Reports

Adjournment

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

(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 7:10 p.m. in the Circus Room of the Bone Student Center.

SEATING OF NEW SENATOR

Chairperson Schmaltz introduced Dr. Mark Kaiser from Foreign Languages who will be replacing Senator William Semlak who resigned because of an administrative appointment. Dr. Kaiser will serve on the Faculty Affairs Committee.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Jan Cook called the roll and declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 5TH AND MAY 6TH, 1993

XXV-1

Motion to approve Academic Senate Minutes of May 5 and May 6, 1993 by Barker (Second, Wilner) carried on a voice vote.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Chairperson Len Schmaltz welcomed senators back.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Vice Chairperson, Renee Mousavi: I would like to welcome the senators back for the Fall Semester. I hope you had a nice summer. We are looking forward to a busy year in Academic Senate.

SGA PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Senator Diane Shaya: I would like to tell everyone that through some efforts this summer in conjunction with the Bone Student Center, we will have the den study area open on a 24 hour basis. We encourage students to utilize that space. Over the summer we also planned a student leader symposium to which all of the student senators will be

invited. It will be an educational and motivational conference. Please mark September 24th and 25th on your calendars for that. I would also like to announce that the "State of the Student Body Address" is scheduled for August 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Founder's Suite. We will have our own information and advocacy line, taking the step one further by advocating student's needs. Please encourage students to use that as well.

ADMINISTRATORS' REMARKS

PRESIDENT WALLACE - I would like to inform the Senate that we will begin a search for Vice President of Academic Affairs. Dr. James Alexander will be leaving the University to return to the Chicago area as Vice President of Administration and Planning at Governors State University, effective September 1. Provost David Strand will be moving into the vacant Vice President for Business and Finance position in July of 1994, for a two year period. During the 1993-94 academic year, we will conduct a national search for a new Provost..

I would also like to call an Executive Session of the Senate.

Senator Liedtke: President Wallace, would it be possible to receive a copy of the latest organizational chart for Hovey Hall?

President Wallace: Part of the State of the University Address will deal specifically with changes.

Senate went into Executive Session to discuss Honorary Degree Candidates.

Senate reconvened.

Senator Walker: In the July 30th University Report, it was announced that computing operations would be reorganized and that Bill Gorrell would become executive director of information systems. It makes the statement that one position is being eliminated, that of executive director for computing and information systems (currently held by Conrad Dietz). I really don't follow that we are saving a position. It looks like we are just reallocating duties elsewhere, because a new position "Associate Vice President for Instructional Technology is being created.

President Wallace: During the past three years or so, the University has improved the infrastructure of computing by adding ISU Net, and the development of campuswide access to the mainframe computer through the telephone system.

We have made some real progress on Phase I. We need to make substantial progress on Phase II, the use of the network and software, etc. We have been looking seriously into the information system environment. Jim Alexander's areas have made enormous progress in this field over the past few years. The whole area of Vice President for Business and Finance is moving forward with planning processes for automation. We can now do budget transactions through the computer. It is not a full scale information systems approach. We have talked with a number of national people about this, and we are treating the idea of information systems for the University. We are looking at the concept of institutional research capturing all the data and information. In restructuring the computer operations, we decided to eliminate the position of executive director of computing and information systems. We took the things that reported to that individual and divided them up. Academic computing will be assigned to the Provost Office, and administrative computing which includes institutional research will be under the executive director of information systems. The position being eliminated is that of executive director for computing and information systems.

Senator Walker: So Bill Gorrell now is in the position of being in charge of computer operations and is over two areas?

President Wallace: That's correct.

PROVOST STRAND - Although I may be changing positions at the University, I want the members of the Senate to know that this will be a very active year in the Academic area. There are a number of extremely important topics that will demand my attention, and the Senate's attention as well. The University Studies revision will be coming to the Senate perhaps as early as next month. Members of the Senate will have an opportunity to examine the latest recommendations from the University Studies Review Committee. You are fortunate to have some of the members of that body on the Senate. Another very important assignment is the North Central Association Self Study. We are scheduled for our visit by the North Central Association, the regional accrediting body, in February 1995. We have to have the self study document completed, for the most part, at the end of this academic year and a number of the members of the Senate will be involved in subcommittees relating to that effort. We wanted the Senate to know that even though I will be changing positions that does not in any way mean that there will be a reduction in energy level or activity in the Provost's Office.

I also wanted to make the members of the Senate aware of the fact that there are three major searches that are underway in the academic area this year. The first is for the

Associate Vice President of Instructional Technology. I conferred with the Chair and members of the Senate this summer while trying to get that search started without waiting for the new Panel of Ten to be elected. A current Panel of Ten Member, Distinguished Professor Ray Lewis White, has been asked to chair that search. I have written to the Senate asking that they elect faculty and student members to that search committee as quickly as possible. You will have an opportunity to elect the student members this evening and the faculty members at the next meeting of the Senate.

Then there will be a search for Associate Vice President for Instruction and Dean of Undergraduate Studies. This is a search for the position which is currently held by Dr. Alan Dillingham on an interim basis. I hope that the new Panel of Ten members will be elected in September so that we can choose a chairperson for this search from that new group.

The third search does not require a chairperson from the Panel of Ten, but is an important search -- for Director of International Studies. Dr. Alan Dillingham will chair this search and I wanted the members of the Senate to be aware that all the colleges will be represented on that Search Committee.

Senator Johnson: Are there no other people serving on the Panel of Ten for this year that could have been used to Chair one of these search committees?

Provost Strand: There are, however, we have used three of the people already, and I thought that some members of the Senate might be offended if we chose another member to chair the search for Associate Vice President of Undergraduate Instruction and Dean of Undergraduate Studies from the existing pool, because there would be very few new search opportunities.

Senator Johnson: So you have been waiting to begin these searches?

Provost Strand: Yes. I have the option of doing that. There are also times when some of the circumstances that relate to the availability of the member of the Panel of Ten to commit to a search change from year to year. However, I will take your comments under advisement.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS GUROWITZ - I would also like to welcome everyone back. The new student orientation has been underway and is going very smoothly. I would like to acknowledge that Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Charles O'Brien, and Kenn Bach of the Parent Services Office will both be retiring at the end of August. Both are valuable members of our staff and we are sorry to

see them go. I would like to acknowledge their excellent work. At 9:00 a.m. next Wednesday morning in Room 375 of the Student Services Building, we will be giving the State of Student Affairs address. I would like to announce that the third in a series of visiting scholars will be here September 1 - 8. His name is Joe Lewis, and is a visiting artist in the College of Fine Arts.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCE ALEXANDER HAD AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.

ACTION ITEMS

1. ELECTION OF FACULTY MEMBER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Motion by Nelsen to elect Paul Walker, Agriculture, to replace Senator William Semlak on the Executive Committee carried on a voice vote.

2. CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION

XXV-3

Motion by Walker (Second, Ritch) to approve Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Sally Pancrazio, to serve as Chairperson of the Council for Teacher Education.

Provost Strand: The Senate has a role in the process of appointing a Chair for the Council for Teacher Education. We come to the Senate tonight with the nomination of Dr. Sally Pancrazio, the new Dean of the College of Education. She formerly served as Chair of the Department of Educational Administration and Foundations. She recently assumed the Deanship. She is the person designated for Chair of the Council for Teacher Education.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

3. ELECTION OF TWO STUDENT MEMBERS TO THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR ASSOC. VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

xxv-4

Motion by Senator Shaya to elect two students to the search committee for the Associate Vice President for Instructional Technology carried on a voice vote.

Donna Douglas
Travis Egan

4. APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMING BOARD SELECTIONS

XXV-5

Motion by Mousavi (Second, Leon) to approve University Programming Board selections for student positions on UPB Committees.

Senator Mousavi noted that one name was to be removed from the list: Rene Schmitz, Student Center Board.

Senator Paul Borg asked if student's majors or their colleges could be listed in the future. He was concerned that none of the students were from the College of Fine Arts.

Students appointed to UPB Committees:

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Crystal Nebel
Dayton Smith
Joanna Plummer
Genea Pitts
Leslie Pickworth
Walter Delaney
Paul Molitor
Brent Edmonson
Mindy Kerber
David DiLorenzo
Chris DeYoung

ALTERNATES:

Kenneth Coates
Kelly Mulcahey

VOLUNTEERS:

Mike Lambert
Knute Dehlgard
Brian Krotser
Nikki Brockman
Shad Sutherland
Lance Klumb

UNIVERSITY FORUM COMMITTEE

Nicole Gladish
Dana Madison
Sharon Grommon
Amelia Green
Frank Becvar
Allencia Kennard
Elizabeth Yong

ALTERNATES:

Paulette Byars
Dawn Woodward

STUDENT CENTER BOARD

Alan Tarkowski
Samuel Kong
Tori Elliot
Sheryl Barcik
Jeff Goldenson
Sean Ansett
Steve Lockett
Shannon Duffy
Michelle Weaver
John Barry
Jeremy Hill

ALTERNATES:

Dawn Varrik
Kevin DeBolt

NO INFORMATION ITEMS

COMMUNICATIONS

Senator Wilner: I would like to thank the Student Government Association for providing bios on the two candidates for the search committee this evening.

Senator Walker: I would like to ask the administrators where we are on the PQP initiative?

President Wallace: During the summer we went to the Board of Regents with the list of programs we are going to eliminate and the ones that were not being eliminated. A report which will tell the IBHE what we have eliminated will be ready for the Board of Regents and campus by September. The IBHE has PQP on their agenda for October.

Senator Walker: Will the IBHE accept this?

President Wallace: The IBHE meets on October 8th or 9th. I don't know what they will do. Our indications are that we are in pretty good shape. We have met the money requirements. What we have done in two years is pretty respectable. However, we have not eliminated the programs that they suggested.

Senator Walker: I didn't know that we had attached any dollar amounts.

President Wallace: We did attach dollars to it. Politically the IBHE has lost impact and integrity. Very few institutions were happy with the PQP initiative.

Senator Liedtke: Could you tell us about the reorganization in the Student Affairs Office.

Vice President for Student Affairs, William Gurowitz: We will not be replacing Charles O'Brien, who is retiring. We will be giving additional responsibilities to Mike Schermer, and the additional title of Associate Dean of Student Affairs. He will be over: Bone Student Center/ Braden Auditorium, the Multicultural Center, the Campus Recreation Services, and the Student Life Office which handles student organizations, student programs, parent services, student government, the volunteer center, orientation, and student legal services. Associate Vice President Jude Boyer will be responsible for the Office of Residential Life, Student Health Services, the Career Services Center which includes professional practice, placement and career development; the Student Counseling Center, Disability Concerns, and Commencement. The Director of Fiscal Management and Planning, Wilson Small, manages the fee process, computer support group, financial support group and the conflict management task force. I will be taking on the additional responsibilities of Financial Aid Office, Development, and the Student Judicial Office.

Senator Liedtke: Are any of those positions categorized as new positions?

Senator Gurowitz: No. Mr. Schermer will have a new title to go along with new responsibilities, Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

Senator Razaki: I would like to clarify information concerning faculty raises and sources of funding with the President and the Provost. Is this a proper point to ask a question of President Wallace?

Chairperson Schmaltz: Why don't you do that under Committee Reports.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Senator Walker had no report.

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Senator White reported his committee would meet after Senate to nominate faculty members for the search committee for the Associate Vice President for Instructional Technology.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - Senator Wayne Nelsen asked his committee to meet briefly following Senate adjournment.

FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Senator Khalid Razaki announced that the Faculty Affairs Committee would meet after Senate.

Senator Razaki: I have a question about faculty raises. We were told at the end of last semester and also during the summer in Executive Committee sessions in talking with the President and Provost about faculty raises that 4.7% would be the figure for faculty raises out of which 2.5% would go through the ASPT process and 2.2% would be used for Administrative Equity. Then we were also told that if there was additional money available, it would go through the ASPT process. I have one comment, and then a question. The comment is, that it was my feeling that most of the faculty members were opposed to putting 2.2% into Administrative Equity. But, that is now in the past. But it seems that the amount of raises given were more than 4.7%. I don't understand where the additional funding came from.

Provost Strand: According to the ASPT document, I am requested to make available to faculty members of the Academic Senate information about salary adjustments given to faculty each year, and to meet with the faculty members of the Senate. I have complied with both of those requirements of the ASPT document. That meeting was held after faculty members were under contract. Two faculty members of the Academic Senate visited the President's Office or the Provost's Office to look at the salary information. There were six faculty members of the Academic Senate plus the Parliamentarian at a meeting held to discuss this topic. To the best of my knowledge all questions pertaining to this were addressed in that session. Neither President Wallace nor I has received any expressions of concern or inquiry about faculty salaries and I did send to all of the tenured and tenure track members of the Senate on July 28th an explanation of what has transpired. I don't believe that this is the appropriate place to address this matter. If there is sufficient interest, I will address this topic in a committee meeting.

Senator Razaki: Where did the additional amount of money come from?

Chairperson Schmaltz: That was explained in the faculty caucus that we held on August 18th. I might point out that at the meeting where six faculty senators were present, there was some opposition expressed to this happening again next year, and I think the Provost said that he did not want that to happen either.

Provost Strand: There was some discussion about ways by which more information could be made available in advance of a decision.

RULES COMMITTEE - Senator Eric Johnson reported that Rules Committee would hold a short meeting after Senate.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Senator Casie Page asked the Student Affairs Committee to meet following Senate adjournment.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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Motion to adjourn by Leon (Second, Barker) carried on a voice vote. Academic Senate Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

FOR THE ACADEMIC SENATE

JANET M. COOK, SECRETARY

