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ACADEMIC SENATE AGENDA
TIME: 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 17, 1996
PLACE: Circus Room, Bone Student Center

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes of April 3, 1996

Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Action Items:

1. Election of Academic Freedom Committee
2. Election of Faculty Ethics and Grievance Committee
3. Election of Panel of Ten

Information Items:

1. Nominations for Faculty Representative to ISU Foundation
2. Report on the Pilot General Education Program Questionnaire -- Faculty Affairs Committee

Committee Reports

Communications

Adjournment

Meetings of the Academic Senate are open to members of the University community. Persons attending the meeting may 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.

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Senator Jan Cook, Chairperson, at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Senate Secretary Paul Borg called the roll and declared a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion XXVII-84 by Senator Glenn Reeder, (second, Weber) to approve the minutes of April 3, 1996, carried on a voice vote.

Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson Cook distributed the internal committee list. Cook expressed appreciation for the work Sunny Portree did in the Academic Senate Office. Sunny is now employed in the College of Business. Linda Wellenreiter will temporarily assist with clerical duties in the Academic Senate Office.

A tentative calendar for the Executive Committee and Academic Senate meetings for fall 1996 was distributed. Summer meetings are on call as needed. The tentative calendar will be placed as an agenda item for action at the May 1 meeting.

Chairperson Cook welcomed President Strand who was appointed President of Illinois State University by the Board of Trustees (BOT) on April 16, 1996. Several days prior to the announcement Mr. William Sulaski, Trustee, agreed that he and one other Trustee (Nancy Froelich) would meet with the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate to discuss the process to select the president. Administrator members of the Executive Committee did not attend the meeting. One of the topics of discussion was the role of the Illinois State University constitution within the university community. The constitution needs revision both in substance and in reference to the former Board of Regents. Dr. Susan Kern is looking at this for the administrators. Sulaski recommended a trustee be active in working with the Rules Committee of the Academic Senate to revise the constitution. Cook will follow through on the request. Some faculty expressed concern lest it appear that a precedent had been set for appointing a university president without a national search or without formal participation by the Academic Senate. The coincidence of a new board structure and an open presidency was cited by Mr. Sulaski as the main reason for the Board of Trustees' decision to appoint Dr. Strand to a three-year term as president. This would allow Dr. Strand to provide stability in the university's administration while the Board of Trustees settles into its new role. At the request of faculty and student senators, Chairperson Cook and Vice Chairperson Malinsky called for faculty and student caucuses to begin at 7:00 p.m., May 1, prior to the Academic Senate meeting. The caucuses are called to discuss whether a Sense of the Senate Resolution would be appropriate to clarify the Academic Senate's understanding of the standard process for selecting a university president.

Action Item

Chairperson Cook began the voting process for three external committees: the Academic Freedom Committee, the Faculty Ethics and Grievance Committee, and the Panel of Ten. There were no additional nominees. Parliamentarian Ira Cohen, with the help of four students: Julie Cunningham, Diana Mesch, Kress Shores, and Scott Knapp, counted the ballots.

Faculty Ethics and Grievance Committee (elected six)

Gary Creasey, Psychology
Joseph Grabill, History
William Lesch, Marketing
Derek McCracken, Biological Sciences
Hassan Mohammadi, Economics
David Parent, Foreign Languages

Academic Freedom Committee (elected eight)

Barbara Alexander, Milner Library
David Allen, Communication
David Doss, Applied Computer Science
Niles Holt, History
Usha Krishnan, Health Sciences
Diane Urey, Foreign Languages
Rick Whitacre, Agriculture
Karen Williams, Psychology

Panel of Ten (elected ten)

Ken Berk, Mathematics
Jack Chizmar, Economics
Gary Creasey, Psychology
Carl Ekberg, History
Douglas Hesse, English
Jane Liedtke, Industrial Technology
Stephen Rosenbaum, Philosophy
Pat O'Rourke, Agriculture
Sally White, Health, Physical Education & Recreation
Brian Wilkinson, Biological Sciences

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chair Matthew Malinsky was excused due to illness.

Student Government Association's President's Remarks

SGA President Keenan Saulter extended congratulations to President Strand. The next meeting of the SGA will be April 23 at 9:00 p.m. On April 22, 1996, Senator Paul Simon will be on campus and everyone is encouraged to attend his lecture. Parking issues remain a topic of discussion and the SGA welcomes input from the university community. Faculty names in the Class Registration Directory and course evaluations are also on the SGA's agenda. On May 2, 1996, Saulter will go to Springfield to attend a State of Illinois House appropriation hearing.

Administrators Remarks

President Strand expressed appreciation to the university community for the recent support given to him. President Strand congratulated newly elected senators and newly elected members of the Executive Committee.

Vice President and Provost Urice had no remarks.

Vice President Gurowitz had no remarks.

Vice President Taylor had no remarks.

Information Items:

1. Two names have been submitted for the Academic Senate faculty representative to the ISU Foundation. They are Khalid Razaki, (Accounting) and William Scott (Finance, Insurance, and Law). Nominees are asked to submit a 1/2 page statement of credentials for the position on the ISU Foundation Board.
2. Harry Deutsch gave an oral presentation of the Faculty Affairs Committee Report on the Pilot General Education Program. In response to a question from the floor Deutsch said that as far as he knew students have not yet been polled for information about the general education pilot program. Responding to another question Deutsch said the survey was mailed to the chairpersons of departments who were to answer in consultation with their Department Faculty Status Committees (DFSC) and Curriculum Committees. At the May 1 Academic Senate meeting the Pilot General Education Proposal will be The Special Topic.

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee: Senator Marjorie Jones gave an oral presentation on the Report to the Academic Senate on Assessment of FY97 Budget Process which was distributed to Academic Senators. Jones attended the FY97 budget presentations by the Provost's Advisory Council as a member of the Senate's Budget Committee. Provost Urice consented to open this portion of the budget presentations to the Academic Senate's Budget Committee. An outcome of the FY97 budget presentations is the provost's recommendations to the president who then makes recommendations to the IBHE.

Academic Affairs Committee had no report.

Administrative Affairs Committee had no report.

Budget Committee had no further report.

Faculty Affairs Committee had no report.

Rules Committee representative Wayne Nelson reported that the Illinois State University constitution will be the subject of review for this committee. Also, faculty volunteers are needed to serve on external committees. It is important to have committee members identified for the beginning of the fall semester.

Student Affairs had no report.

Communications:

Chairperson Cook asked the committees to convene after the Academic Senate meeting to elect chairpersons and officers.

Motion XXVII-85 by Nancy Amstadt, (second, Robert Corl) to adjourn carried by a voice vote at 8:10 p.m.

