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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Jan Cook.

Seat New Senators

Jan Cook introduced and welcomed 3 new Senators:

Saad El-Zanati - faculty, Math

Roger Riley - faculty, HPER

Jerry Myers - student, Music

Roll Call

Secretary Paul Borg called the roll and declared a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of December 4, 1996 by Senator Nelsen (seconded by Garner.)

Carried unanimously on a voice vote with 3 abstentions.

Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson Jan Cook introduced a guest, Nancy Froelich. A member of the Board of Trustees, she met tonight with the Rules Committee, talking about the documents that govern Board of Trustees Policy and the way this interfaces with the Illinois State University Constitution.

Dr. Ira Cohen of the Honors Program, a new, but very familiar face, is returning to serve as Chief Parliamentarian for this semester. His backup will be Dr. Semlak, who served the Academic Senate all of last semester.

The General Education Proposal recommended by the Pilot Implementation Committee in a (re-formatted) document they made December 18 will take the largest percentage of our time in the next month of meetings. This document has been distributed to all faculty and copies for all student senators. This is going to be the subject of a University wide meeting January 23 at 4:00 p.m. in Capen Auditorium. This meeting is co-sponsored by the Academic Senate and by the Pilot Implementation Committee. The agenda will start with:

- remarks by President Strand
- how Senate is going to deal with recommendations
- Senator's sequence of activities
- session of discussion and debate of which Jan Cook will be the moderator

This is an open university wide meeting, in which all members of the community can participate. The four students of the Executive Senate Committee have agreed to be the ushers.

The University Wide Forum will be followed by two activities prior to introducing this proposal to the Senate:

1. The Senate solicits any interested parties to send suggestions and comments on the proposal, signed, and in writing to the Academic Senate Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday February 3. Anyone participating in the University, or part-time student, faculty, administrator, is welcome to submit signed written comments. The comments will be pooled, organized by the part of the proposal they address, and circulated with the entire collection of comments to the entire Senate on the meeting of Wednesday, February 5, and the Vidette the same day. Copies will be sent to the Academic Departments the following morning, so everyone has an opportunity to see the panorama of response of University Community.

2. Simultaneously there will be a written referendum of tenure and tenure-track faculty, the faculty who elect the Senators. The question on the referendum will say in essence:

you have seen the proposal distributed by the Pilot Implementation Committee consisting of pages 1-19 of their curriculum report.

do you prefer:

the existing universities studies program described in the Undergraduate Catalog

the revised General Education Program as proposed by PIC

the revised General Education Program proposed by PIC with the following specific modifications (specify)

something other (specify)

We will tally the referendum and attempt to have the tally available on the night of February 5.

The Senate will receive the proposal as an information item on February 5, and probably will be an action item on February 19. At action meeting expect Academic Affairs to make the standard motion recommending approval of the proposal, as submitted. Any motion item to the Senate can be amended. I expect the Senate will abide by the following stipulations:

- By-laws say that amendments are submitted in writing to all members of the Senate before the motion is made
- I ask you to agree: if an amendment is made that has not been previously circulated in the collection of suggestions, that you make the motion, debate the motion, and agree to table the motion until the following meeting, so that the rest of the constituency will be aware of the amendment. It would then be possible to make another amendment, discuss it, and table it. We would return at the following meeting to bring the matters back to the floor for an action vote. Although this is not a standard Senate procedure. I think this proposal has enough ramifications around the University that we should not vote on something that has not been circulated to the community at large, and that we should agree to abide by that practice.

Senator Brooks, the referendum. would not be an up or down vote, but four options. *Reply* - Yes. *Brooks* This makes is unlikely that any one option would have a majority.

Senator Schmaltz. Who made the decision on the four alternatives. *Reply* - Executive

Committee. *Schmaltz* Why not distributed to Senate *Reply* -It was scheduled for the Chaor's oral remarks. I didn't think of bringing printed copies as well.

Senator Saulter asked if there would two information sessions. *Reply* - If we cannot complete the discussion on Feb. 5, we will continue on Feb. 19.

Senator Deutsch asked about the PIC Proposal plus what modifications? *Reply* - An example would be, "restore the capstone".

Senator Myers asked what the results of the referendum would be used for. *Reply* - Be used as advisory to the Senators.

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chairman Joe Jannazzo encouraged all of the students to go to the information session on the General Education Proposal. It would be very beneficial for the students to become educated and might address some questions the students have.

During action there will be a vote to add to the agenda, the election of a grad student to the Senate.

Within the coming weeks I will try and plan a Student Caucus so the students can talk to PIC and get general student questions clarified. The time will be posted and each student will be called to plan the time and date.

I have papers from PICs to distribute the Student Senators after the meeting today.

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Senator Saulter welcomed Jerry Myers, the new Student Senator.

Pat Meckstroth, a member of Pilot Implementation Committee, spoke at the SGA meeting on January 21 at 9:30 p.m. Questions got answered. Students were helped by the discussion. The Senate can take the SGA vote as an advisory vote, when making the decision to support or not support the General Education Proposal.

The next SGA meeting will be on February 5, 1997. Some students taking courses in the Foundations of Inquiry course, are coming to answer questions. We have information sheets to hand out to students. On February 18, 1997, we should be able to make an advisory vote to the Senate on the proposal.

Student Government Association is continuing on their campaign goals. The parking situation on campus is improving since SGA has been working with Parking Services.

Administrator's Remarks

President Strand said he had three topics:

1. *The Science Laboratory equipment dilemma.* We thought, as did our area legislators,

that we had resolved the problem in the January veto session of the General Assembly. We had \$4 million for the equipment in both the House and Senate Supplemental Appropriation Bills and through a bizarre set of circumstances The House ended up adjourning before it received a report from the Senate on its deliberations, so, no Supplemental Appropriation Bill passed for the entire State. Consequently, we are still in need of the \$4 million. There are two alternatives still being pursued:

- * adoption of a Supplemental Appropriation Bill that has been introduced in the General Assembly
- * passage of a Capital Bond Bill by the General Assembly

The difficulty is that we are facing a deadline by which we need to have a response from the General Assembly. Traditionally, the General Assembly does not move quickly with regard to substantive legislation. We are doing everything we can, working with our are Legislators, Board of Higher Education, and our Board of Trustees. We are told we are doing everything possible. We will continue to persevere on this assignment.

2. *The FY99 Budget recommendations.* The Board of Higher Education met earlier this month and did approve the budget recommendation for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1.

Included were operating budget funds for Illinois State University totaling a 4.5% increase. The average increase for public Universities across the State was 3.2%. With regard to General Funds (or tax dollars) our recommendation was for a 4.25% increase, and the State average was 3.75%. We did better than the State average in that measure as well.

Part of the Board of Higher Education Budget does include a 3% salary increase on a 95% salary base, and increase 5% for Library expenses. There are a number of funded program initiatives, including \$325,000 for General Education. This would help fund a portion of the program that will come before us next month. There is also money for the Science Laboratory Building, in terms of the operational expenses, utilities, custodial, etc. and additional utility cost increase dollars.

With regard to the Capital budget, the highest priority in the Board of Higher Education Budget is the Julian Hall remodeling project of \$6.2 million, that ranks 14th on the Board of Higher Education priority list. The \$4 million for science laboratory building equipment would come ahead of any appropriation for the Julian Hall project.

All in all, we have received a very favorable FY98 budget recommendation from the Board of Higher Education staff and members. We are now working with presidents and chancellors of the other public universities, trying to get the Governor to recommend this Board of Higher Education Budget as his budget message to the General Assembly. He has done so for the past three years, but there are more financial constraints on the State this year. Our Board of Trustees members also are assisting

us.

3. *The General Education Program* that will be deliberated by this body next month is the most significant curricular proposal to come before the Academic Senate in over 10 years. I encourage people to attend the session at 4:00 p.m., January 23, in Capen Auditorium. I feel this is an excellent proposal. We have been working on this program for over 7 years. We will never resolve all of our differences, but we have an excellent program, which is worthy of supporting.

Senator Koehl asked about getting the Science Building equipment beyond March 1. *Reply* There has been substantial consultation determining the March 1 deadline. If something closed, there will be additional discussions with Vice President Taylor and his staff and the vendors.

Vice President Gurowitz welcomed everyone back.

Provost Urice brought everyone up to date on the administrative searches:

- We completed in December the national search for Dean of College of Business, and selected Dixie Mills. Thanks to all those on campus for assisting the search committee.
- The Dean of University Library candidates are coming to campus. We have had one on campus and have four more coming. This is a critical academic position on the campus. The successful candidate will not only have an important responsibility in serving Milner Library faculty and staff, but also will serve an instrumental role in supporting information and academic programs in the years ahead.
- The search for Dean of College Applied Sciences and Technology is underway. The committee has its next meeting Thursday, January 23.

Vice President Taylor announced they have selected Ron Jones as the Associate Vice President and Comptroller.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: Senator Borg, Chairperson said they did not have a quorum, so took no action. We will be intensely involved with the General Education discussion over the next month, and several other curricular matters, some to be brought forward this evening.

Administrative Affairs: Senator White, Chairperson distributed draft copies of the next three academic calendars. Today is the beginning of the 30 day comment period. Fifteen days after that the Administrative Affairs Committee will make a final determination of the calendars.

Administrative Affairs will meet at 6:00 p.m., February 5. If Dr. Runner's office is ready with figures for the next calendar budget, we will meet with Dr. Runner to discuss the budget.

If you have questions about the calendar, write them down and send to the Administrative

Affairs, c/o Academic Senate. You also will be able to attend the Administrative Affairs meeting when the calendar is decided upon.

Budget: Senator Jones, Chairperson said the meeting was scheduled on January 15, but was canceled due to the blizzard of 1997. I request an informal meeting of the Budget Committee after the meeting tonight to do some chores and set up a schedule. We need to divide up some chores on the General Education Proposal.

Faculty Affairs: Senator Weber, Chairperson had no report.

Rules: Senator Nelsen, Chairperson said the committee met at 6:00 p.m. tonight with Trustee Froelich. The main topic was related to the new board governing documents. Dr. Kern was kind enough to provide the committee a copy of the revised governing document, which is the policy of the Board of Trustees, along with their governing statements.

There is a table that references back to the Board of Regents governing documents. In essence it represents a 27 page document, and the old Board of Regents document was 179 pages. The Board is going have this for a first reading at their meeting in February. It will come back for action at the May Board meeting. The Rules Committee has been asked to provide input into the material. Any questions or concerns will be forwarded to Dr. Kern. An extra copy will be distributed to the Academic Senate. Even though dated in February, there is a three month period for the review. What has been removed, is procedural matters, rather than policy statements.

The Rules Committee will review this, comment on this, and adopt this structure with regard to the next document we will be working on, which will be the Constitution.

Senator Razaki asked what is the position of faculty and students to access the new board.

Reply - There is a procedure in place where individuals can petition the Board for an opportunity to address a Board meeting.

Student Affairs: Senator Brooks said they had no quorum for a meeting. Only had two quorums since April. He urged the Executive Committee to address this recurring problem. Only one student, and two faculty were present tonight.

Informally, we discussed a communication sent to us by Professor Gary Klass, dealing with supposed inordinate student fee increases being used to finance the Athletic Department.

Action Items:

1. Motion to add an action item to the agenda for students to vote on application submitted by Jordan W. Milner, to be the second graduate student of the Academic Senators, by Senator Jannazzo (seconded by Saulter). The motion carried by the required unanimous vote, with no abstentions.
2. Motion to add Jordan W. Milner to the Academic Senate by Senator Jannazzo

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(seconded by Koehl) The student vote carried unanimously on a voice vote with no abstentions.

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3. Motion to approve the deletion of the General Recreation and Park Administration of Sequence in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation by Senator Borg (second by Jones). The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote with no abstentions.

Information Items:

1. *PHY Proposal for Computational Physics Sequence from the Department of Physics.* Senator Borg said that Academic Affairs has reviewed the proposal and unanimously recommends the approval of this program. The department representatives are unable to attend tonight to answer questions.

Senator Layman asked why computational physics classes have been canceled because of lack of students. *Reply* - Add a sequence in physics to offer classes.

Senator Saulter asked to have how many classes had been canceled. *Reply* - Very easy to get that information. Asked about increased budgetary. *Reply* - Department observation is that it will not require any additional resources. Senator Jones of Budget Committee said they have requested additional information.

2. *CHE/BSC Proposal for a New Major in Biochemistry/Molecular Biology (BMB).* Senator Jones, Chair of the Budget Committee asked to withdraw because of weather conditions canceling the last Budget meeting.
3. *Athletic Council By-laws.* Senator Brooks of Student Affairs Committee are suggesting some relatively minor changes in what was proposed by the Athletic Council:
 - a) middle of first page, committee recommending a reduction of one in the faculty membership from 7 to 6.
 - b) below in next paragraph would keep the status quo in terms of the method of electing members. Rather than what is proposed, the Student Affairs Committee wants to keep the status quo.

Senator Strand would like the year more detailed relative to the reduction from 7 to 6, as far as the faculty are concerned. *Reply* - Both faculty and student members on the Student Affairs Committee that could find no rationale for having a super majority for the faculty. Simple majority is sufficient.

Senator Razaki asked the difference between a majority and a super majority. *Reply* - Status quo wants more than the minimum necessary.

Senator Borg said in the middle page on the second page is another section with an X. Are you also suggesting that the two things in the D section are being eliminated?

Reply - Yes. We rejected the notion.

Senator Newgren is there a limit of terms the faculty can serve on the Athletic Council. *Reply* - A faculty member will serve no more than two consecutive terms.

Communications:

Senator Schmaltz honorably specified his mild unhappiness with the action of the Executive Committee on the Pilot Implementation Committee ballot. I agree with Senator Strand, this is the most significant curriculum change coming before the Senate in the last 10 years. I would like to announce my opposition.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. by Senator Saulter (seconded by Garner). The motion carried unanimously on a standing vote with no abstentions.

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