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ACADEMIC SENATE AGENDA
TIME: 7 P.M., Wednesday, March 8, 2000
PLACE: Circus Room, Bone Student Center

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of 2/23/00

Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

Committee Reports

Information Items:

- 02.21.00.02 Amendment to Blue Book on "Policy" (Rules Committee)
- 02.23.00.05 Biotechnology Sequence Proposal (Academic Affairs and Budget Committees)
- 02.08.00.01 General Education Program Implementation (Academic Affairs Committee)

Communications:

Senate Resolution: Academic Impact Fund (Budget Committee)

Illinois Board of Higher Education - Faculty Advisory Committee Report

Adjournment

Executive Committee Meeting following Senate meeting

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**ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
(Approved)**

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Call to Order

Chairperson Curt White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Secretary Barbara Kurtz called the roll and declared a quorum.

Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2000:

Motion XXXI-128: by Senator Chang (seconded by Senator Weber) to approve the minutes of February 23, 2000. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairperson's Remarks:

Senator White: Reminder that there would be a new Senate orientation before the next Senate meeting. He asked that committee chairpersons, the new SGA President and the Parliamentarian attend this meeting.

Vice Chairperson's Remarks:

Senator Gillespie: Again asked for assistance from both faculty and students in filling student vacancies on the external committees of the Senate. Senator Gillespie's email address is regille@ilstu.edu.

Student Government Association President's Remarks:

Senator Ford: SGA Unity Week kicks off on March 27 and faculty, staff and students should have already received information about "Bird Bash". We really want everyone to get involved.

Administrators' Remarks

- **President Boschini:** No report.
- **Provost Goldfarb:** No report.
- **Vice President for Student Affairs:** No report.
- **Vice President for Business and Finance:**
Senator Bragg: Reported on the progress of the budget. It continues to move through the General Assembly. We had our appropriation hearing before the State Senate committee last week. Tomorrow we will have our appropriation hearing in front of the House. The deadline for passing the budget is April 15, 2000.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs Committee

Senator Schwartz: Academic Affairs Committee discussed the General Education program implementation, which will be an information item later this evening. They also discussed the Graduate proposal in Biotechnology, which will also be an information item.

Administrative Affairs Committee:

Senator Van Draska: No report.

Budget Committee:

Senator Strickland: The Budget Committee met with Provost Goldfarb to talk about the Academic Impact Fund. It was enacted three years ago with a clause which required a review of the program in three years to study its purpose and effectiveness. The program did not, however, specify if the program should continue during the review. Therefore, the Budget Committee will present a resolution to extend the program for one year while we study it. The Budget Committee will be involved in the review process and will present a report to the full Senate early in 2001.

Faculty Affairs Committee:

Senator Kurtz: Faculty Affairs met to discuss the report on use of non-tenure track faculty and are close to finalizing a report on this topic. They have also completed some suggested revisions to the guidelines for the Service Awards.

Rules Committee: No report.

Student Affairs Committee: The committee will meet in the Circus Room at 6:30 before the next Senate meeting.

Information Items:

02.21.00.02 Amendment to Blue Book on "Policy" (Rules Committee)

Senator Newgren: The stated policy proposal is as follows: "When creating policy that affects the academic area broadly understood, the President will seek the advice of the academic community through its principal representative body, the Academic Senate." This statement will be included in the Policies and Procedures Manual and the Blue Book. This is basically an extension of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Senator White: This issue came up in Executive Committee when we were looking at the advertising policy for the University. During that discussion we wondered where our policy had come from. Historically, a lot of important policies have been formulated and adopted without getting much formal community input. This was a way to begin to address that and involve the Senate in some of those proceedings. The President and Provost were extremely cooperative in formulating this language.

Motion XXXI-129: by Senator Newgren (second by Senator Weber) to move the proposal to action. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion XXXI-130: by Senator Newgren (second by Noyes) to approve the policy for inclusion in the Blue Book and the policy handbook.

Senator Schmaltz: Asked for clarification of "the academic community" and "broadly understood".

Senator White: The academic community is faculty, students and staff. "Broadly understood" would include any policy that would affect the academic area.

Senator Newgren: The advertising policy is not academic, but it would affect the academic area. So this would be in the area of "broadly understood". It makes this proposed policy language less restrictive.

Senator White: This is an attempt to redirect the flow of those conversations about policy and make sure that they become a part of the Senate concern.

The motion was approved (one abstention by Senator Schmaltz).

02.23.00.05 Biotechnology Graduate Sequence Proposal (Academic Affairs and Budget Committees)

Senator Schwartz: This proposal is a timely proposal and will enhance the graduate offerings.

Senator Walker: Asked if the money requested for the faculty position was enough.

Dr. Borst: We would be glad to have more, but this request is at the level of other faculty in the department. We believe that we will be able to recruit a highly qualified individual at this amount.

Senator Thomas: Asked about the source of funding.

Dr. Borst: Most of the funding will be inhouse. The dean will give this a high priority for funding next year.

Senator Whitmore: On page 7, it does point out the funding opportunities.

Senator Walker: Asked the Provost if Academic Impact Fund dollars would be used?

Senator Goldfarb: Yes, the dean can make a specific request for that fund.

Senator McCaw: The funding opportunities on page 7 do not specifically state where the funding will come from. A question for the next Senate meeting would be are you going to ask for reallocations or are you going to ask for new allocations for the new position.

Dr. Borst: There are opportunities for funding that we haven't even really sought out yet.

Senator Schmaltz: Asked if a student could count thesis hours toward the 15-hour graduate course requirement.

Dr. Borst: That is correct.

Senator Razaki: Asked if the Science Department would want to have a graduate major in biotechnology.

Dr. Borst: We have just instituted a new major that is a combination of chemistry and biology. I think that would fulfill that particular goal.

Senator Crothers: Asked if the sequence required a course in ethics.

Dr. Borst: The seminar 420 is an ethics course in biotechnology.

Senator El-Zanati: Does the department have to justify where the funding comes from?

Senator White: No. The Senate is in the business of approving programs not in requiring that departments show that they have the money for the programs. However, it is appropriate for the Senate to ask about budgetary implications.

The proposal will be an action item at the next Senate meeting.

02.08.0.01 General Education Program Implementation (Academic Affairs Committee)

Senator Schwartz: The items in the report that are most crucial are the items outlined in Provost Goldfarb's cover memo.

Senator Goldfarb: There has been a great deal of concern from the deans and chairpersons about being to implement the General Education Middle and Outer Core while continuing the old University Studies program. I asked people who had been involved in the original committee to look at this and make recommendations back to me. There are three structural issues. The group recommended: 1) eliminating the requirement that students have to take courses from at least two departments in Group 2; 2) requiring students to take four courses in the Outer Core, but eliminating the requirement to divide the courses between KD and DKCC; 3) removal of the Global Studies requirement as an Outer Core requirement, but retaining it as a graduation requirement.

Senator Gillespie: If this proposal is implemented, how is this information going to be relayed to the students?

Senator Goldfarb: Department chairs must inform the advisors. We may also want to communicate this to the students in other ways, such as through advertising.

Senator Noyes: Suggested placing ads in the school newspaper to give as much advance notice as possible.

Senator Reid: If we eliminate the KD and DKCC requirement, we lose the goal of making sure that students have both theoretical courses and courses that relate to other cultures as well.

Senator Goldfarb: In some areas, it is just impossible to service the number of courses that this would require.

Senator Reid: Have you considered the possibility of making it three and one?

Dr. Norma Stumbo: The chances that a student would take courses in only KD or only DKCC are pretty minimal. It would make it more complicated to have three and one.

Senator White: One suggestion that was made was putting a limit on the length of time that this logistical fix would be in effect; after which we would return to the original articulation as passed. That is one potential resolution of the problem.

Senator Goldfarb: Asked that the Council on General Education consider both Senator Reid and Senator White's suggestions.

Senator Walker: Are we going to be asked to endorse the requested funding to correct the issues stated in the memo?

Senator Schmaltz: The motion that will come forth at the next meeting will be that the Senate approve items one and two of Provost Goldfarb's memo. Those two items have nothing to do with approving budgetary lines.

Senator Goldfarb: The funding issue will go through the budgetary process. I have indicated to all the chairs and deans that I expect budget requests.

Senator Brown: Foundations of Inquiry expands over a number of departments. Is there a way to have a more defined curriculum for that class?

Senator Goldfarb: We are currently doing a careful analysis of Foundations of Inquiry. We do need to ensure consistency for the course.

Motion XXXI-131: by Senator Noyes (second by Senator Schwartz) to move the item to action. A two-thirds majority is required. Senator Kurtz took a roll call vote. 25 voted yes, 14 voted no, 4 abstained. The motion failed by one vote.

Communications:

Senate Resolution: Academic Impact Fund (Budget Committee)

Motion XXXI-132: by Senator Strickland (second by Senator McCaw) to approve the following Senate Resolution: The Academic Impact Fund should be extended for one more year in order to conduct a review of the purpose and effectiveness of the program. The Budget Committee will work with the Provost's office to review the program and present a report to the full Senate at the first meeting of the spring semester 2001.

Senator Schmaltz: Why is this a communication and not an information item?

Senator White: Ordinarily something like this would go from information to action. The original motion was passed as a Sense of the Senate Resolution so we are actually responding to a Senate Resolution.

Senator Schmaltz: Asked that the Senate return to the regular order.

Parliamentarian Sendlak: I believe that this would be more appropriate as an information item. But initially it was a Senate Resolution.

Motion XXXI-133: by Senator Schmaltz to adjourn. Second by Senator Noyes. (A motion to adjourn can be made at any time.) The motion was not approved.

Senators Strickland and McCaw: Withdrew the motion for the Senate Resolution in order to add the item to the agenda as an information item.

Motion XXXI-134: by Senator Razaki to amend the agenda adding the item as an information item. Second by Senator McCaw. The motion was approved. (One no vote by Senator Schmaltz.)

Information Items Continued:

Academic Impact Fund

Senator Moomey: What is the Academic Impact Fund?

Senator Strickland: The Academic Impact Fund is a fund that was created three years ago by the Senate from money called "variance dollars", which are the difference between the salary of someone who is being replaced and a less experienced individual temporarily replacing that person. That money is not left in the college, but is instead moved to the Provost's office. For the one year that it takes to hire someone to permanently replace that individual, the balance of the money is used to address urgent needs of the University.

Senator White: We will have ample opportunity next year to debate the usefulness of the AIF in great detail. Our only purpose this evening is to decide to extend the program for an additional year and authorize the Budget Committee to study its impact.

Motion XXXI-135: by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Panfilio, to move the item to action. The Senate voted by roll call vote not to approve the motion.

This item will be an action item at the next Senate meeting.

Communications Continued:

Illinois Board of Higher Education - Faculty Advisory Committee Report

Senator Crothers: The last Faculty Advisory Committee on February 25 was hosted at ISU. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Illinois Century Network. Basically the State of Illinois is leasing lines to create a very high speed Internet for several facilities in Illinois, universities, schools, museums, etc. The State is providing all of the equipment and anticipates that facilities will be paying minor access fees to the network. The other major issue was to deal with the budget context statement that we had drafted to go to the State. There were five separate issues and the Faculty Advisory Committee successively advanced three of those. Senator Crother's entire report is published on the Senate's web site under "Committees".

Motion XXXI-136: To adjourn by Senator Noyes, second by Senator Whitmore. Motion approved by standing vote.

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Worksheet

March 8, 2000

Date: 3/8/00										
Names	ATTENDANCE	Motion 128	Motion 129	Motion 130	Motion 131	Motion 132	Motion 133	Motion 134	Motion 135	Motion 136
		Approval of Minutes	To Move Policy Language Prop. To Action	To Approve Policy Language	To Move Gen. Ed. Prop. To Action	Senate Resolution	To Adjourn	To Move AIF to Information	To Move AIF to Action	To Adjourn
		Motion Approved	Motion Approved	Motion Approved	Motion Failed	Motion Withdrawn	Motion Failed	Motion Approved	Motion Failed	
Andrade	EXCUSED									
Bell	X				NO				Left early	
Boschini	X									
Boyer	X				ABSTAIN				ABSTAIN	
Bragg	X				PRESENT				YES	
Brown	X				YES				NO	
Campbell, Mary	EXCUSED									
Campbell, Sara	X									
Chang	X				YES				YES	
Crothers	X				NO				NO	
Day	X				YES				YES	
Dicker	X				YES				YES	
Dirks	X				NO				Left early	
El-Zanati	X				YES				YES	
Ford	X				YES				Left early	
Gillespie	X				YES				YES	
Goldfarb	X				YES				YES	
Goodwin	X				YES				YES	
Graba	EXCUSED									
Horvat	X				YES				Left early	
Kurtz, Barbara	X				NO				NO	
Kurtz, Lindsay	X				NO				NO	
Lemaster	EXCUSED									
Maag	X				YES				YES	
McCaw	X				YES				YES	
Meier	X				YES				NO	
Moomey	X				NO				NO	
Morgan	X				YES				YES	
Newgren	X				NO				YES	
Noyes	X				YES				YES	
Olejarz	X				NO				Left early	
Otsuka	X				Left early				Left early	
Panfilio	X				YES				YES	
Razaki	X				NO				YES	
Reid	X				NO				NO	
Schmaltz	X				NO				NO	
Schwartz	X				YES				YES	
Semlak	X									
Spaude	ABSENT									
Strickland	X				NO				NO	
Thomas	X				ABSTAIN				YES	
Timmerman										
-Lugg	X				YES				Left early	
Vance	X				YES				NO	
Van Draska	X				YES				YES	
Walker	X				YES				YES	
Waple	X				YES				YES	
Weber	X				YES				NO	
Wells	X				NO				NO	
Wennerstrom	X				NO				NO	
White	X				NO				ABSTAIN	
Whitmore	X				YES				NO	
Wight	X				YES				Left early	
Zielinski	EXCUSED									