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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

November 6, 1996

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Jan Cook.

Roll Call

Vice Chair Joe Jannazzo called the roll and declared a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

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Motion to approve minutes of October 23, 1996, by Senator Corl (seconded by Venditti) Carried unanimously on a voice vote with no abstentions.

Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson Jan Cook asked to add an addition to the agenda under action items.

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Motion to add election of members to External Committees by Senator Jannazzo (seconded by Amstadt) carried unanimously on a voice vote with no abstentions.

- Moving is taking place in the Senate Office. Vicki Boyd is working at the Chair's desk, and Joe and I are working at his desk. Telephone numbers and e-mail have been successfully transferred. We are working on the paper mail. New lists with names, addresses and room numbers should be available at the next Senate meeting.
- Senator Newby has informed us that she is resigning from the Senate. College of Fine Arts has held a special election to fill her seat. The new Senator, Pamela Blum, will be seated at the next meeting. We express appreciation of Senator Newby's many years of service to the Senate.

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chairman Joe Jannazzo had no remarks.

Student Government Association President's Remarks

- Senator Saulter reported a Joint Committee Process at the last Senate meeting. The Joint Committee priorities are student fees that were done last week. Student Trustee Koehl will present the list and make a presentation of fees to the SGA and then present to Vice President Gurowitz. The presentation is tonight at 9:00 p.m. in the 1st West Lounge.
- The SGA also passed a resolution dealing with the use of students social security numbers. We will be reporting to Senator Gurowitz with the resolution statement.

Administrators' Remarks:

President Strand

I reported at the last Senate meeting that the University would be represented at meeting with the Board of Higher Education staff to talk about "Big Picture" items, including budget and other programmatic matters. The meeting took place on October 25, and was very successful. Provost Urice, Vice President Taylor, and I were present with Phil Adams from our staff. From this session will eventually flow budget recommendations and other initiatives that will become more apparent during this academic year.

Last week Art Quern, the Chair of the Board of Higher Education, was killed in a tragic airplane crash in the Chicago area. He had made a very powerful impact on higher education in Illinois. He will be replaced in terms of his position on the Board of Higher Education by the Governor, who appoints the Chair of the Board of Higher Education. Until that time, Jane Williamson, who serves as Vice Chair of the Board, will function as the acting Chair of the Board of Higher Education.

There is a Board of Higher Education meeting next week in the Chicago area. I will be prepared to report on the results of that meeting at the next meeting of the Academic Senate.

Provost Urice

No remarks.

Vice President Taylor

No remarks.

Vice President Gurowitz

No remarks, Senator Saulter already gave my report.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: Senator Lockwood said the committee considered the proposal for A Minor in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution. After a few minor tune-ups to that proposal, it will come before the Senate.

Administrative Affairs: Senator Jagodzinski said the committee met before the Senate meeting and discussed and made some revisions to the proposal on a process for approving the Academic Calendar. The revisions will be presented as an action item for the next Senate meeting.

They discussed briefly some ways in which the faculty and students might provide meaningful input into the evaluation process for vice presidents.

Budget: Senator Jones, Chairperson, said the Budget Committee met tonight at 6:00 p.m. and continued the discussion with Dr. Dillingham on the budget process for the General Education Program. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Also, they further discussed the Actuarial Program coming before the Senate as an informational item. The Budget Committee agreed unanimously that the budget for this program seemed very appropriate.

At the next meeting they will discuss the Minor in Peace and Conflict Studies to develop a comment on the budgetary process.

Faculty Affairs: Senator Weber, Chairperson, said the committee met Wednesday, October 30 at 4:00 p.m. with Paul Walker and another member of the University Review Committee and charged them with developing a questionnaire to be sent to all faculty regarding input from the faculty related to the ASPT process. This survey is to be returned before the end of

the semester.

They met this evening at 4:00 p.m. and continued the discussion on the new General Education Option.

They will meet Wednesday, November 20 at 4:15 p.m. and continue to talk about the new General Education Option. All future meetings will be at 4:15 p.m.

Rules: Senator Newgren said there is no report. The next committee meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., November 20. They have no names for the External Committees.

Student Affairs: Senator Brooks said the committee met at 6:00 p.m. before the Senate meeting to discuss:

- The revised by-laws of the Athletic Council. After considering the by-laws they are recommending a couple of changes to the proposal. The proposal was to basically prepare a slate of candidates for open positions and have the President select from among them. We want to keep the current system, which allows for the direct election by the Senate.
- A letter from President Strand dated Sept. 26 deals with the Open Meetings Act and the implications for a number of committees that report to the Senate. In terms of the Student Affairs Committee there a number of these committees that are directly relevant in terms of issues of confidentiality. We voted to recommend that the Student Code Enforcement Review Board and the Reinstatement Committee be temporarily removed from the current reporting system to meet some of the problems caused by the Open Meetings Act.
- In terms of the Athletic Council, we didn't feel a sufficient rationale to change that reporting line. We voted to keep it as is, reporting to the Senate.

Questions:

Senator Corl asked regarding SCERB and the Reinstatement Committee if they are to be temporarily shut down depending on the Open Meetings Act. *Reply* - No, the proposal is to remove them from under the Academic Senate structure, temporarily. That is what we were asked to do in President Strand's letter, in order to deal with problems of confidentiality that those committees have to deal with. The committees will still meet.

President Strand asked if the recommendations of the Student Affairs will be communicated to him through the Senate in the minutes. What will be the process to consider that the report has been transmitted? *Reply* - The secretary of the committee will put in writing our decisions and be transmitted to Chairperson Cook, and passed on to the Executive Committee.

Action Items:

1. Election of Senators to Honorary Degree Committee (one student and one faculty) and the election of one student nominated by the SGA. The nominations are:
Faculty.....Senator Newgren (nominated by Razaki)
StudentSenator Layman (nominated by Brooks)
SGABeth Sprengle(nominated by Saulter)

XXVIII-42

Motion by Senator Corl (seconded by Amstadt) for election to the Honorary Degree Committee. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote with four abstentions.

- 2. Election of members to Search Committee for Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs. The two faculty nominations will be postponed until the November 20 Senate meeting. The nominations for four students nominated by Senator Saulter:
 - Amy Andresiunas
 - Jeremy Schenk
 - James Mason
 - Yvonne Long

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Motion by Senator Saulter (seconded by Newgren) to elect the nominees to the Search Committee. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote with six abstentions.

- 3. Election of 2 students to Search Committee for Dean of CAST , postponed until November 20 Senate meeting by Senator Saulter.
- 4. Appointments to External Committees nominations by Senator Jannazzo:
 - Gregory A. Blasgen for SCERB
 - Dave Chabot for SCERB Student Grievance Committee
 - Andy Ziebarth for the Athletic Council
 - Lizzie Barnhart for SCERB Student Grievance Committee
 - Allison Maxwell for Library Committee

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Motion by Senator Jannazzo (seconded by Corl) to elect the nominees to the External Committees. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote with four abstentions.

Information Items:

The Actuarial Science Degree Proposal has been discussed in the Academic Affairs Committee and Budget Committee. We have received comment from Budget Committee during their committee report . The proposal will be presented by Senator Tipnis.

In the packet is a new proposal for an Actuarial Science sequence in the BS in Mathematics program. A change of wording suggested by the Academic Affairs Committee has been distributed at the table tonight. The Department of Mathematics has had a concentration in Actuarial Science for the last 10 years. A concentration has no specific course requirements. Everything about it is advisory. It does not appear on the transcript. The proposal is meant to change the concentration to a formal sequence. The current program has been a success in the past. It is a program with an established reputation. The intent is to expand the program from **concentration to formal sequence** in Actuarial Science. The department has added two new courses.

We have Dr. Orlyn Edge, Chair of the Actuarial Science Committee in the Department of Mathematics, to answer any questions.

Senator Jagazinski asked if library sources were considered by the committees. *Reply* - Dr.

Edge. We are part of an actuarial forum. The insurance industry is trying to establish stronger opportunities for academic departments to join together with the industries through these forums.

Senator Ken Strand mentioned the absence of statistics related experiences from other perspective. *Reply* - Dr. Edge. The advanced statistical methods course covers time series from a sophisticated prospective. It uses a mathematical background that requires our mathematics statistics as prerequisite.

Senator Layman asked how many students are expected per year. - *Dr. Edge*. About 5-10 students at the start, grwoing gradually.

Senator Saulter asked about the increased cost. *Reply* - Dr. Hershberger. Two new courses in the proposal should be taught by an experienced actuary. We do not have an experienced actuary in our department. Actuaries spoken to locally felt that the salaries indicated could attract local actuaries to teach one course each semester. The budget amount is \$12,000 - \$13,000 per year for an actuary to teach one course per semester.

Senator Razaki asked how soon the number of students would increase. *Reply* - Dr. Edge. We hope the proposal is approved for the FY97 catalogue. Students do not realize that Illinois State University offers an actuarial program. We need other ways to advertise the program.

Senator Neuleib said the Budget Committee discussed:

- that State Farm is putting \$15,000 into this program.
- Dr. Dillingham is very supportive of this program that has already been planned in the budget.

Communications:

Senator Jones asked if the Student Health Service Excuse Policy is going be put into operation for the Spring semester. *Reply* - Chair Jan Cook said that Dr. Dillingham circulated this proposal to the Senate and faculty, and if they are interested in further information to get in touch with him. This is not a Senate item, but a means of circulating the proposal to get faculty and student response.

Adjournment:

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Motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. by Senator Amstadt (seconded by Corl). The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote with no abstentions.

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Name	Attendance	Motion	Motion	Motion	Motion	Motion	Motion	Y	N	Abstain
		#40	#41	#42	#43	#44	#45			
Amstadt		all yes	all yes	all yes	all yes	all yes	all yes			
Borg	excused	no abstain	no abstain				no abstain			
Brand										
Brooks										
Cook										
Corl					abstain					
Cross	absent									
Deutsch										
Diggs	absent									
Fisher	excused									
Garner										
Gilbert										
Gurowitz				abstain	abstain	abstain				
Jagodzinski										
Jannazzo										
Jones										
Koehl										
Kurtz										
Layman										
Lockwood										
MacDonald										
Malinsky	absent									
McCaw					abstain					
Mullen										
Nelsen	absent									
Neuleib										
Newby	excused									
Newgren										
Pereira										
Razaki										
Reeder										
Robertson	excused									
Ruyle										
Saulter										
Schmaltz	excused									
Sterling										
Strand, D				abstain	abstain	abstain				
Strand, K										
Taylor				abstain	abstain	abstain				
Thomas	absent									
Thompson										
Tipnis										
Urice				abstain	abstain	abstain				
Vargas										
Varner	excused									
Venditti										
Walters										
Weber										
White	excused									