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Academic Senate Minutes
Wednesday, January 23, 2013
(Approved)

Call to Order

Senate Chairperson Dan Holland called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Senate Secretary Susan Kalter called the roll and declared a quorum.

Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2012

Motion XLIV-38: By Senator Hoelscher, seconded by Senator Dawson, to approve the Academic Senate Minutes of December 5, 2012. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Administrator Remarks

• ***President Al Bowman***

President Bowman: We seemed to have survived the fiscal cliff. Unfortunately, this means that people are paying higher taxes. The Pell Grant was not affected. The potential impact federal cuts has on states is not clear. We've been in conversations with the governor's office regarding our fine arts project. The governor is looking at some potential dates in February to come to campus to make an announcement about that project. Private giving is up very significantly. The concealed carry issue won't go away. As a result of the Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling, Illinois has 180 days to develop a concealed carry law. Illinois may create a law that is along the lines of the one in New York City, which is very restrictive.

Presentation: Request for Endorsement of Educating Illinois (Educating Illinois Committee)

Provost Events: President Bowman charged us with this new iteration of Educating Illinois outlining it as the guiding force for the university.

Vice President of Finance and Planning Dan Layzell: There was a 21-member taskforce from all divisions of the university. We spent the spring consulting through various forum discussions. We had an online survey. All of that information flowed into the draft plan. We went out again in the fall for a full round of consultation. After endorsement by this body and all of the campus governance groups, we will take it to the Board of Trustees for their final approval.

Provost Events: This is a short slide regarding the summary of consultation. We heard most often about the importance of individualized attention. Globalization was probably the number one response we heard as far as changes to the plan. Scholarship of teaching and learning and student learning outcomes were added to this iteration.

Vice President Layzell: We also added instructional technology, the university as a cultural resource and the importance of keeping our campus a safe and secure environment. The vision is to be a first-choice university, to be seen as a national leader and to focus on an individualized experience for all students.

Provost Events: Goal 1 is a student centered educational experience.

Vice President Layzell: Goal 2 is to ensure that the university continues to provide rigorous, innovative and high impact undergraduate and graduate programs.

Provost Events: Goal 3, the engaged community, enhancing partnerships both internally and externally.

Vice President Layzell: Goal 4 focuses on the resources that we will require to make sure that we are able to implement the plan successfully.

Motion XLIV-39: By Senator Stewart, seconded by Senator Smudde, to endorse the final draft of Educating Illinois. The motion was unanimously approved.

Student Body President's Remarks

Senator Manno: At our winter retreat, we swore in our newest members. We officially have a full Senate of student senators. The biggest thing that we have been focusing on is the smoking policy, which went into effect. We are making sure that the entire campus knows about it and what to do in regards to it.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs Committee

Senator Stewart: We discussed the Baccalaureate Degree Document. There were a few changes that were student friendly. That will be going to Exec and before the Senate as an Information Item at its next meeting. We reviewed the Dress Codes Policy. This is not a university dress code policy. It is a policy about any group that wants to create a dress code policy. We made only grammatical changes. That will come as an Information Item at the next Senate meeting.

Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee

Senator Kalter: The committee spent most of its time with Jim Jawahar, Associate Provost, going over the revised financial implications form that goes up through the curricular approval process. They made changes to it about two years ago and the committee had not yet gotten to the point of reviewing it. The committee reviewed it and approved it with very minor changes, so it will go to the Executive Committee. We also reviewed the policy on religious observances. We added a single sentence. That is also going to go to the Executive Committee. We tabled the discussion on the Organizational Change Policy.

Faculty Affairs Committee

Senator Horst: Our guest speaker was Joerg Tiede from IWU. He is a member of the AAUP Committee A, which is the national committee that works on academic freedom and shared governance policies. He gave us a presentation of their recent report on financial exigency.

Planning and Finance Committee

Senator Rich: We received the four vice presidents' responses for our Institutional Priorities Report in November. They were very, very thorough responses. We discussed the responses and are moving forward on the document for 2013. The long-range financial plan will impact the work of the committee. There are two public forums. One is on January 29 and the other is on February 4. There will be a campus-wide email with a link to a survey on the plan.

Rules Committee

Senator Fazal: We discussed the Code of Ethics. We looked at the current policy and the previous one. We are going to look into the State of Illinois Ethics Act and all of the related documents that we already have that refer to our current document before we come up with our suggestions.

Advisory Item:

Athletics Council Report (Faculty Affairs Committee)

Senator Horst: I invited several people here for a discussion of the Athletics Council Report. However, they are all at the game. I will be happy to forward any questions you have to the Athletics Council members.

Senator Rich: In the report with fiscal integrity as the first bullet point, there is a comment about cost of insurance and the Athletics Council having those defrayed. Has there been any resolution of that? My second

question is three bullet points down on Hancock Stadium. There is a sentence on the Board of Trustees' approval of the utilization of \$1 million of general revenue funds to support academic use of the facility. What academic uses are anticipated?

Senator Horst will refer Senator Rich's questions to the Athletics Council.

Adjournment

Motion XLIV-40: By Senator Hoelscher, seconded by Senator Stewart, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.