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Academic Senate Minutes
Wednesday, August 28, 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 May 8, 2013

Motion XLV-3: By Senator Fazel, seconded by Senator Stewart, to approve the Senate minutes of May 18, 2013. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairperson's Remarks

Senator Holland: I would like to formally welcome President Flanagan to campus.

Student Body President's Remarks

Welcome to President Flanagan. SGA had its fall retreat the weekend before school started. We did a lot of planning for the year. Tomorrow we will be participating in Festival ISU.

Administrators' Remarks

• ***President Tim Flanagan***

President Flanagan: Thank you for the great start we had for the beginning of the academic year. The state budget this year is level-funded. Enrollment remains very strong. On campus enrollment is down a little compared to previous years. The quality of the students coming to Illinois State remains very strong. The diversity of the first-year class has improved tremendously.

• ***Provost Sheri Everts***

Provost Everts: I would also like to welcome President Flanagan. Our top three competitors are the University of Illinois, University of Iowa and University of Missouri. I think we are in very good company in that regard. You'll be hearing a great deal about a library dean search this year. Dr. Rene Tobin, Panel of Ten member and full professor in the Department of Psychology, will chair the search committee. Dr. Rita Henry, Assistant Provost, will serve as secretary. Letters to the appropriate constituency groups will go out tomorrow to ensure full representation as per policy 3.2.13.

• ***Vice President of Student Affairs Larry Dietz***

Vice President Dietz: I also want to add my welcome to President Flanagan. At the May meeting, Senator Horst asked a question about the Good Samaritan Policy that had been put into place a year before and it was in the context of the number of students who two years ago had passed away during the academic year. Last year, we didn't have any students who passed away that we were aware of. The question was did the Good Samaritan Policy have an impact. There was no direct link that we could find. It's a layering kind of effect. If we have one student who helps to save the life of another student, the policy is worth it. Move-in went terrifically this year. We appreciate the volunteers. Thanks to all the faculty, staff and students who were inconvenienced a bit by the bomb threat scare. Provost Everts and I went to the building and met with a number of the faculty. Everyone was understanding and patient. I want to commend Freddie Alvarado. He made numerous trips here from Chicago and he has his team off and running.

- ***Vice President of Finance and Planning Dan Layzell***

Vice President Layzell: I, too, would like to add my welcome to President Flanagan. For those who have found it difficult accessing parking on the south side of campus, Parking and Transportation opened up 160 spaces on a surface lot next to the South University garage that you can access with a faculty-staff parking permit. Related to the high temperatures that we have had, not all of our facilities are centrally controlled climate-wise. For any faculty or students who are experiencing uncomfortable temperatures, please call the Office of Energy Management (438-3860) and they will get right on that. We have entered into a partnership with the Town of Normal to build up part of the Uptown Station, the lower level and make that the new university galleries. We have selected an architect and will be beginning that project this fall and have the galleries ready to open next year.

Committee Reports: Reporting of Committee Chairpersons

Academic Affairs Committee

Senator Stewart was elected chair.

Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee: Will select chair at next meeting.

Faculty Affairs Committee:

Senator Horst was elected chair. Senator Hoelscher will take over when Senator Horst is unavailable.

Planning and Finance Committee:

Senator Rich was elected chair.

Rules Committee:

Senator Bushell was elected chair.

Adjournment

Motion XLV-4: By Senator Hoelscher, seconded by Senator Dawson, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.