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Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

approved

Call to Order – 7:00PM

Student Body President/Academic Senate Vice Chairperson Monk called the meeting to order.

Roll Call (Student Body President/Academic Senate Vice Chairperson)

Student Body President/Academic Senate Vice Chairperson Monk called the roll and declared a quorum.

Election of Academic Senate Chairperson

- Senator Monk introduced Martha Horst, MUS, WKCF, the Senator nominated by Faculty Caucus
- Senator Monk solicited further nominations – none were made
- Senator Monk put forth the vote by acclamation with no objections
- Election of Senator Horst passed unanimously

Election of Academic Senate Secretary

- Senator Horst introduced Tracy Mainieri, KNR, CAST, the Senator nominated by Faculty Caucus
- Senator Horst solicited further nominations – none were made
- Senator Horst put forth the vote by acclamation with no objections
- Election of Senator Mainieri passed unanimously

Election of Executive Committee Faculty Members

- Senator Horst introduced the Senators nominated by Faculty Caucus
 - Dimitrios Nikolaou, ECO, CAS
 - Lea Cline, ART, WKCF
 - Craig Blum, TCH, COE
 - Angela Bonnell, MIL
- Senator Horst solicited further nominations – none were made
- Senator Horst put forth the vote as a slate with no objections
- Election of slate passed unanimously

No Public Comment

Presentation: New Housing and Dining Project (Director for University Housing Stacey Mwilambwe and Director for Event Management, Dining, and Hospitality Bill Legett)

- Senator Johnson provided context for the project, introduced the guest presenters, and pointed to Stacey Mwilambwe as the person to whom people should direct questions about the project
- Presenters share their presentation on the new housing project (see attached PowerPoint)

- Presenters fielded questions about the project from the Senators
 - Senator Torry: Have you been worked with safety and transportation and the city in terms of vehicular and pedestrian traffic on South University?
 - Yes we have
 - They have been attending our meetings and we've also been working with Town of Normal
 - Senator Myers: Adding more students in residence halls, has there been coordination with Town of Normal and leasing companies to handle increased student needs for off campus housing once they leave the residence halls?
 - Town of Normal aware of project
 - Dean of Students Office will meet with off-campus housing companies
 - Senator Blair: Related to the dining hall, are there plans to install a kitchen/washing area so we can provide reusable cups, plates, things of that nature?
 - We are exploring that right now
 - Something we look at other universities and what's been successful there
 - Senator Tasdend: How will the new residence hall factor into the marketing of the already existing residence halls?
 - There will be a price differential for this newer building
 - Same students will be able to live in there as the others
 - Returning students will have priority like now
 - Senator Hofstetter: Will there be more parking added in and around this residence hall?
 - Parking study happening simultaneously with this project, managed by Parking and Transportation
 - Senator Bever: Were there any rooms dedicated to support housing leadership or RAs, like multi-purpose rooms they could use in that building?
 - We will be placing multi-purpose rooms in the suites, like they are in Hewitt and Manchester
 - Senator Pancrazio: What's the price tag?
 - \$200 million
 - Senator Pancrazio: ISU is looking to be more inclusive and trying to recruit more diverse and lower income students. The cost of housing is nowhere like it used to be and no groceries nearby. When I see something so glitzy, I have to question it. Is that really what's important? You're going to come out of your education owing much more. Are we already committed to this? How are we going to pay for this? How are the students going to pay for this?
 - Senator Johnson fielded this question
 - Right now we are still at the designing stage
 - We are being very conscious about the cost
 - There will be a premium
 - We do offer housing scholarship which will continue so all students have access to all of our housing types
 - Senator Holmes: What's the timeline?

- Breaking ground next Spring, open in Fall 2026
 - Senator Johnson – pending Board of Trustees approval in Fall 2024
- Senator Roy: With the new residence hall and the changes to the roads in the area, will there be changes or upgrades to public transit routes to provide access?
 - We consult with the bus service when we make those types of changes
- Senaotr Horst: Ratio for the shower was 1 shower to 48 people?
 - It's 1 to 6
- Senator Horst: Ok. I misread that. And there was square footage for 135 for a single. Is that the norm?
 - Yes. It's larger than the single that we have in Watterson Towers.
 - Students said they wanted more space in the room.
 - You see our plan is doubles and singles.
 - On our field trips, we saw suites, kitchens in the units. All those things are more expensive.
 - We decided to stick with singles and doubles to keep the cost feasible for students.
- Senator Myers: For students living off campus, would they see a rise in their student fees because of this?
 - This is not fee funded
 - This is a bond revenue, closed system
- Senator Hofstetter: How will trash be handled?
 - There will be trash chutes near kitchen areas
 - For recycling as well

Approval of the Academic Senate minutes of April 26, 2023.

- Motion by Senator Torry
- Second by Senator Blair
- No additions or corrections
- Passed unanimously

Chairperson's Remarks

- Honor to continue serving as chair for third year
- Long-term goal for Senate to review items in the academic area, broadly conceived, in a timely fashion
- We have a new University Policy Committee and Student Caucus
- Congratulations to Senators Monk, Mainieri, Cline, Blum, and Bonnell for their elections to their roles
- Thank you to Senator Nikolaou and congratulation on new Chair position, as well as continued service on the Executive Committee
- Compiled the minutes from our last meeting concerning the recent news about the former Athletics Director, as well as 12 action items that emerged from that discussion. Ask Interim Athletics Director Beggs and Interim President Tarhule to report on the progress in the Fall.
- Reminder to turn in internal committee preference form

- Thank you to Senator Palmer for your service to ISU

Student Body President's Remarks

- Thank you for patience during SGA transition
- Honor to serve as Student Body President
- Congratulations to Senators Beddow, Fulton, Blum for their internal SGA election wins
- Student government hosting a welcome week event on August 19 6-7PM in Circus Room
- Congratulate all graduating students
- Take care of your mental health during finals week

Administrators' Remarks:

- ***Interim President Aondover Tarhule***
 - Congratulations to Senator Monk for election to Student Body President
 - Congratulations to Senators Horst, Mainieri, Executive Committee members, and new Senators
 - Thank you to outgoing Senators for fulfilling year of good work
 - Congratulations to May graduates
 - I am immensely proud of all of our graduating students and their families
 - University will engage in external audit for Athletics expenditures in 2021, 2022, and 2023
 - Thank you to guest presenters for information about exciting new housing project – suggest some forum for students to ask questions and get answered
 - In June, groundbreaking ceremony for simulation lab
 - Satisfying breakfast with leaders of CORE who will be starting work on the CVA rotunda on May 15
 - Appointed U.S. Ambassador Geeta Pasi as inaugural Donald F. McHenry Visiting Professorship, beginning appointment as visiting professor in August 2023
 - Governor's proposed budget includes an increase for higher ed; needs to pass the legislature, encourage everyone to call their legislators
- ***Acting Provost Ani Yazedjian***
 - Welcome to new Senators
 - Provost's Office will be working hard over the summer to move forward
 - Todd McLoda will be acting as Interim Dean of the College of Education through June 2025, search for permanent Dean will happen during the 2024-2025 school year
 - In anticipation of all ISU courses being delivered through Canvas this coming year, reminder to take advantage of CIPD resources and workshops
 - Congratulations to this year's graduates
- ***Vice President for Student Affairs Levester Johnson***
 - Congratulations to newly elected officers and new Senators
 - Thank you to Stacy and Bill for the presentation
 - May 4, 2023 ISU Senior Psychology student passed away – the family will still receive her degree
- ***Vice President for Finance and Planning Dan Stephens***

- Congratulations to new Senators, graduates, returning leadership, and new leadership
- Summer campus projects
 - Classroom renovation work in the Rotunda – completion by December 2023
 - Classroom renovations in Stevenson, Moulton, and Hall of Business
 - Mennonite College of Nursing Simulation Lab
 - Mennonite College of Nursing space in Springfield – completion in Summer 2023
 - DeGarmo plaza deck
 - Cardinal Court roofing repairs
 - Relocation of WGLT to the Vidette
 - West campus pedestrian bridge
 - University Farm post-fire work
 - Parking lot across the street from Hancock Stadium will be paved
 - Parking lot repairs and maintenance
 - Conservation projects
 - Final phase of project in Watterson Dining
- Senator Nichols: Would it be possible to give strong guidance so that there isn't mowing outside classrooms during Finals Week?
 - Duly noted, we will look into that
- Senator Horst: Is there an update on the start date for College of Fine Arts project?
 - Hope the bid process completes over the next few months
 - At mercy of the state and its approval process

Consent Agenda: (All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items.)

- Physics: [Master of Science in Physics](#)
- Politics and Government: [General Political Science Sequence](#)
- Politics and Government: [Accelerated Political Science Sequence](#)
- Motion by Senator Myers
- Second by Senator Blair
- Passed unanimously

Advisory Items:

Academic Plan (Acting Provost Ani Yazedjian)

- Recognize Dr. Cooper Cutting for his compilation of the plan
- Plan goes to Board of Trustees in July
- Program review information will go to IBHE
- Focus on Academic Initiatives

- New academic programs
- Expand capacity in Nursing
- Develop curriculum for engineering programs
- Founding Dean of College of Engineering hired, with searches in progress for two Engineering chairs
- Interdisciplinary degree in Data Science
- Program in Creative Technologies became a School
- IBHE approved Master's in Public Health, Master's in Marketing Analytics, and currently considering a STEM MBA program
- Encouraging creating of 4+1 programs
- Accelerating Research and Creative Scholarship to provide over \$3 million over the next 7 years to interdisciplinary teams
- Completed pilot year of Faculty Diversity Enhancement Program, will review the program and plan to continue it next year
- Reviewing data from COACHE survey with open forums of results next Fall, with parallel processes for staff
- Incorporation of civic engagement efforts in ASPT policies
- New Executive Director of International Engagement
- Developed Student Success Community of Practice
- Campus-wide adoption of Canvas

Information/Action Item:

Academic Senate Calendar for 2023-2024

- Information Stage:
 - Senator Myers: None of these dates come on a finals week?
 - Senator Horst: Sometimes our meetings do fall during finals week
- Motion to move from information to action by Senator Russell
 - Second by Senator McHale
 - No debate
 - Passed unanimously
- Action Stage:
 - No debate
 - Passed unanimously

Communications

- Senator Nichols: ISU's Club Baseball team qualified for the national NCBA tournament

Adjournment 8:18 p.m.

- Motion by Senator Myers
- Second by Senator Hofstetter
- No debate
- Passed unanimously