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Meetings of the Academic Senate are open to members of the University community. Persons attending the meetings may participate in discussion with the consent of the Senate.

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Call to Order

The meeting of the Academic Senate was called to order by Chairperson Cohen at 7:00 p.m. in Stevenson 401.

Roll Call

The Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum to be present.

Approval of Minutes

Two editorial changes were suggested in consideration of the minutes of August 25 and September 8. In the minutes of August 25, Action Item 3, Jo Workman's department should be designated HPERD. In the minutes of September 8, under Communications, the sentence should read: "The Executive Committee was directed to meet with the Rules Committee after the Senate meeting. A motion (Quane/Carlile) to approve the minutes of August 25 and September 8 as corrected was carried.

Chairperson's Remarks

Chairperson Cohen seated a new senator, graduate student Brian Bown, who had been elected by the student senators to fill the vacancy in the Senate declared at the September 8 Senate meeting. Mr. Cohen also announced that Mr. Hicklin would act as parliamentarian in the absence of Mr. Gordon.

Administrators' Remarks

President Budig and Provost Horner made no remarks.

ACTION ITEM:

Approval of Constitutional Amendment

Chairperson Cohen read the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Illinois State University, which is to change Article V, Section 1A, sentence two to read (changes are underscored):

". . . the Vice President and Provost, the Dean of Student Services, the Vice President for Business and Finance and the President of the Student Body."

The effect of the proposed amendment would be to make the designation of two of the ex-officio members of the Academic Senate accurately reflect the present administrative structure of the University. The constitution now reads "academic dean" and "Dean or Director of Administrative Services." A roll call vote was taken, and the Constitutional Amendment was approved (40-0-1).

### Student Association President's Remarks

Mr. Tuggle delayed his remarks until after action on the Constitutional Amendment. He discussed the three referendum items which are to appear in the Student Association Assembly Election September 29. The referendum questions are: 1) "Do you feel the University Union is overlooking student needs by providing excessive services to the Bloomington-Normal community?", 2) "Would you be willing to support a shuttle bus for on- and off-campus students maintained by user fees serving the Normal area?", and 3) "In your opinion, should the student-fee-supported Day Care Center in Turner Hall be a program sponsored by Continuing Education (administrators) or Student Association (students)?" The first two are questions of financial restraints versus quality of service to students, he said. Dr. Gamsky has tried to resolve the Day Care matter, but it is impossible to resolve it at this time. Mr. Tuggle invited questions from senators, and the questions focused largely on financial considerations.

### INFORMATION ITEMS:

#### 1. University Policy re Transfer of Credits from Nursing Programs

Mr. Quane explained the policy statement re Transfer of Credits from Nursing Programs as it is presented to the Senate with the approval of the Academic Affairs Committee (6-0-1). The policy statement reads:

Registered Nurses may request admission to the University and acceptance of no more than 60 semester hours of transfer credit if they have graduated from an accredited Associate Degree or Diploma Nursing Program. Transfer credit will be granted to those Registered Nurses who have earned a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 point scale in their academic preparation prior to admission to the University. Students so admitted must complete University Studies and major requirements which are specified by the University for granting the baccalaureate degree.

This proposal, in the view of the Academic Affairs Committee: 1) provides realistic flexibility to prospective students, 2) does not interfere with existing programs (majors or University Studies), and 3) provides an appropriate amount of transfer credit in terms of total degree requirements. Concern about the 2.5 GPA was addressed by Professor Spencer, Director of the Center for Allied Health Professions. He observed that the 2.5 was a competitive element, that it is tied to other Allied Health programs, and that hospitals and clinics would not consider anyone very favorably without the 2.5 GPA.

#### 2. Proficiency Exams Policy Change

Mr. Rhodes explained the requested policy changes for proficiency examinations. Policy adopted by the Academic Senate, October 9, 1974, reads in part: "Participation in proficiency examinations is open to all students admitted to Illinois State University; however, students may not register or receive credit for Departmental Proficiency Examinations prior to the successful completion of twelve semester hours of accredited

college or university coursework without written approval of the chairperson of the department in which the course is offered."

A second proposal is to delete the phrase "high school or" from point seven of the present policy which reads, "no course credit will be awarded for proficiency examinations which substantially duplicate previously earned high school or college credit."

A third proposal is to add to the policy that "a student will not be permitted to take a proficiency examination more than once nor may any student register for more than one Departmental Proficiency Examination each semester unless approved in writing by the chairperson(s) of the department(s) in which the courses are being offered."

An additional recommendation by Mr. Jabker to the Academic Affairs Committee is to add to point one of the present policy the following: "Placement procedures may be used with the approval of the department chairperson to determine the appropriate initial level of coursework for a student and the amount of credit that may be given as equivalent to prerequisite courses listed in the undergraduate catalog."

The first and third proposals are designed to deal with the cost/benefit problem posed by the fact that currently forty-two percent of persons registering for proficiencies default or fail to take the exams and eighty-four percent of those who take them fail. The major question raised had to do with the effect of these changes on recruitment of high school students. Neither Mr. Jabker nor the Committee could do more than conjecture on this question.

Mr. Jabker asserted the purpose of the second proposal is to eliminate an unenforceable condition in the policy. Mr. Tarrant replied that retention of this phrase is not only enforceable, but also desirable.

Mr. Jabker claims the last recommendation reflects existing practice in certain departments, especially mathematics.

#### Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee--Mr. Parr said that by withdrawing one item from the information stage just means his committee hasn't gotten around to it yet, but they will in the future. AAC will have three information items at the October 6 Senate meeting: (1) Minor in Consumer Affairs, (2) Deletion of Physical Sciences Major, (3) Minor in Office Administration.

Budget Committee--Mr. Hickrod reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Exigency has met a first time and will have something to report that will need Senate action. The deadline for reporting back to the Board of Regents is in January.

Executive Committee--Chairperson Cohen reported that the Executive Committee has approved an exception to the Solicitation Policy permitting the registration of voters in the dormitories.

JUAC--Mr. Smith reported that the Board of Regents had met last week to consider, among other things, a report on the evaluation of the Board's Executive Director and University Presidents. Bud Clark at computer services has a copy of the report for examination. The Board has asked for a study of how faculty evaluations are conducted. The Board is studying how student financial aid procedures can be improved in the Regency schools and commended I.S.U. for its procedures. JUAC will try to hold monthly meetings here. Mr. Smith noted that the current Executive Director's report, p. 83, has a sad story of I.S.U. slipping behind. President Budig added that he can make this report available to those interested in seeing it.

There were no other committee reports.

Communications

There were no communications.

Adjournment

A motion (Law/Lohr) to adjourn was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

For the Academic Senate,

Ira Cohen, Chairperson  
John K. Boaz, Secretary

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