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Academic Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 27, 2010
(Approved)

Call to Order

Senator Marquis, Student Body President/Academic Senate Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes of October 13, 2010

Motion XXXXII-20: Senator Dawson, seconded by Senator Stewart, to approve the Senate Minutes of October 13, 2010. The motion was unanimously approved.

Presentation: Campus Master Plan (Dan Layzell, VP Finance and Planning)

Vice President Layzell: Tonight is information only. We will be coming back in early winter to ask for the Senate's endorsement of the Master Plan. One of the things we did early on was develop a set of guiding principles and planning assumptions. One of the guiding principles is to get extensive consultation all along the way, which we have done both in terms of the early process and as well as the development of the draft recommendations. In terms of some of the key planning assumptions that we have carried throughout this process, we intend to keep enrollment steady at 20,000 to 21,000 students with the undergraduate and graduate composition remaining steady. Any new professional schools would be established to enhance existing disciplinary advantages and expertise as opposed to new programming. We will continue the four-semester on campus housing requirement. We don't anticipate any change in the number or type of sports or divisions in which intercollegiate athletics competes. We believe that state funding will continue to be very finite and certainly not available to meet all facilities needs, so we will need to continue to diversify our revenue streams to meet the needs for future campus development.

We have an extensive set of facilities, many of which are in pretty good shape. As such, we seek to enhance these facilities rather than opt for new construction whenever feasible and cost effective. Technology will continue to play an ever increasing role.

Here is a map of the districts that comprise the new Master Plan. The large green area is the Gregory Street property, which was previously the university farm before it was moved to Lexington. Just below that is the northwest district that includes much of the athletics complex, as well as student housing and the alumni center. Below that is the west district, which includes the new student fitness center. The north district includes Bone and Milner Library. The quad is just below that. To the east are Watterson, Stevenson and Manchester-Hewitt. The district furthest to the east is the developing uptown district which houses some university units in the recently inhabited Uptown Crossing facility.

The draft recommendations include 65 recommendations. They are not in priority order. They are organized in five groups. I am going to touch on some of the highlights of the recommendations. In terms of instruction, research and academic support recommendations, the Fine Arts Complex was included in the state's FY2010 capital budget. Those funds have not yet been released to us. Milner renovation and expansion, again, certainly a need for that. The Mennonite College of Nursing, which is largely housed in Edwards Hall, as there is increased enrollment demand, there is a need for additional space and we would recommend locating a new facility for the college where the south side residence halls currently stand and will soon be decommissioned.

The Gregory Street property is 300 acres of undeveloped space. The university has two very important laboratory schools—University High School and Metcalf School. We recommend moving those facilities out to Gregory Street to provide additional and updated space. The recommendations include a new facility for faculty research on Gregory Street. The Honors Program is a jewel in our crown. The Honors facility is not. We recommend moving it from the space on North Avenue to an as yet to be determined space closer to the quad. With the removal of the Honors facility, that would allow for the expansion of the Science Lab Building.

Braden Auditorium/Bone Student Center continued renovation is a recommendation of the Master Plan. With the decommissioning of the south side residence halls due to the state's fire sprinkler law, which will require the decommissioning of that housing by January 2013. We will be bringing on the new Cardinal Court facility, which Vice President Adams and I spoke on a while back, to house approximately 896 new beds.

Wireless connectivity is increasingly important. We are recommending universal wireless throughout the campus. The Board of Trustees approved a three-year plan to do that at their last meeting. Hancock Stadium is in dire need of renovation, both in terms of updating the stadium for modern competition, as well as various safety and accessibility needs. There is need for renovations to Horton Field House. The athletic study center currently serves about 400 athletes at their current space. We are recommending an increase in that space. The golf course as well is in need of various enhancements, including a driving range and an updated pro shop and that is one of the recommendations as well.

There is a recommendation to renovate Hovey Hall, which was approved by the Board of Trustees at their last meeting. The primary focus will be to move financial aid into the first floor and also create a welcome kiosk, which will allow for one-stop shop between admissions and financial aid. As technology continues to play an ever increasing role, there is a need to centralize space for some of these functions.

Finally, we are continuing to look for ways to improve the energy conservation and efficiency as well as the deferred maintenance needs of the campus, which currently total about \$500 million.

We have received public input on the draft through a variety means. We have had three public forums. There was an online survey and we have had a variety of meetings with each of the shared governance constituencies and other groups on campus to get their input. Following all of the input that we have gotten, we will be taking a revised document to each of the governance groups in the late fall and early spring. Following endorsement by each of the groups, we will be taking to the Board of Trustees at their February meeting to act on and endorse.

Senator Rich: The previous Master Plan included several ambitious ideas for non-ISU properties. Those generally didn't materialize. I was wondering if that affected your thinking this time around. Also, in the report, there is a distribution of classroom sizes presented. Do you see any change in the distribution going forward?

Vice President Layzell: We tended to focus in this plan on university property, particularly given the emphasis on the Gregory Street property. As non-university property becomes available, we will certainly look at those opportunities. As we contemplate instructional classroom distribution, the 88-100 seat classroom space is certainly at a premium here and that would be an area as we seek to renovate to work in that direction. I certainly don't see us moving toward 200-400 seat auditoriums. We know as we look at where some of it the shortfalls exist, it's in that 88-100 seat space.

Senator Van der Laan: I apologize if I missed this, but is there some plan for that give or take 300 acres that used to be the university farm? I believe that there was some thought of selling that at one time.

Vice President Layzell: The 300 acres, we don't have any intention of selling it. We have the intention of developing it further with regard to the two laboratory schools moving out there and a research facility, as well

as some other potential development. Before we do so, there will need to be infrastructure developments in terms of electric, sewer and water.

Senator Kalter: With regard to that research facility, did you mention what colleges these projects are coming from.

Vice President Layzell: We would see this as fairly flexible space. It wouldn't be dedicated to a particular college.

Senator Kalter: Have you thought ahead after financial aid moves into Hovey, what will go into Fell?

Vice President Layzell: Really no ideas at this point. It really becomes a domino effect as you do the sequencing of these projects.

Senator Dawson: Main Street has become awful and as we continue to be on both sides of it and with the number of students, it's become a nightmare. Is there anything that the Town of Normal has suggested to help alleviate that?

Vice President Layzell: I think that plays into the broader Main Street redevelopment, which is going on right now. One area, and this is off of Main Street, that we have been in pretty close conversation with the town about is as we are thinking of the Cardinal Court redevelopment. 900 students will potentially be living out there. That will dramatically change the traffic pattern and the foot traffic out there, so we have been in close conversation with them about ways in which to ensure safety and not create bottlenecks.

Senator Dawson: I don't see the traffic declining at all, but we have some issues with student safety. It's cross at your own risk right now. Either they need another stoplight or cross over or something and I don't know if that can be incorporated as part of this to give them an incentive to do something in addition to Gregory Street.

Vice President Layzell: One of the recommendations has to do is the whole question of what happens with parking and transportation around campus as we move forward. That becomes one of those details that as we look at how the development is going to take place that we are going to need to consider.

Senator Dawson: How quickly do you feel that the university center will continue development?

Vice President Layzell: The alumni center?

Senator Dawson: Yes.

Vice President Layzell: It's really dependent on when there might be a willingness to sell the remaining Walgreens property to the university. Certainly, from our standpoint, it would be desirable to have the entire facility under university control, but it's really dependent on the economics of the sale.

Senator Fazel: Do we have any specific plans for adding more green space to campus?

Vice President Layzell: None in particular, but that becomes part and parcel of thinking about parking and transportation. As we are able to free up space on campus and also as buildings come down, that becomes part of our conversation. I can't point to specific areas.

Senator Tomlin: I live out in Woodridge and I have to cross Gregory and Adelaide everyday and I fear for my life every time I have to cross the street. I didn't know if they had mentioned anything about putting a light there or if you have heard from the Town of Normal.

Vice President Layzell: No, we haven't gotten that specific yet on what lights might be there. Again, they will be studying the traffic patterns. Frankly, our goal with all of this is to provide a safe crossing pattern. There will need to be an increase in the number of bus opportunities as we put more students out there.

Senator Stier: Regarding the Gregory Street property, do you know how much will be used for Metcalf and U-High versus research facility development?

Vice President Layzell: No, not specifically because that will be partially determined by how big the schools would be in the planning, how big, as we go through the research space, so I can't give you an idea. 300 acres is a lot of space and I would imagine that there will be plenty of room between these facilities.

Senator Stier: I got the impression about the research facility that the thought is to maybe have university buildings out there for the research. Has there been any thought given to what some of the Big 10 institutions and others do where they have companies come in and they put up a facility and work with the university to conduct research for them?

Vice President Layzell: That has been discussed. I can tell you, from my own experience at my former institution, that they are finding themselves in a situation now where that space is pretty vacant. So they are moving university units into places that were formerly occupied by some company. If you don't have a long term commitment, which in most of those cases you can't expect a long-term commitment from companies, it can become a pretty serious liability.

Senator Stier: You mentioned deferred maintenance. Has any thought been given to giving a facelift to certain buildings as they get older and older to enhance the outside image of those buildings?

Vice President Layzell: One of our planning assumptions is for those buildings that are solid structures, to the extent to which we can renovate as opposed to knocking them down, assuming that it is cost effective, we would seek to do that.

Provost Everts: Addition feedback or questions can be sent to the website. The email is still available, so if you have additional feedback, we would welcome that.

Senator Marquis: The website is masterplan.ilstu.edu?

Provost Everts: Yes.

Chairperson's Remarks - Absent

Student Body President's Remarks

Senator Marquis: The SGA provided you with a free pen and a card telling you what the SGA is up to this year. I thought this might be a nice way for you to see a quick overview of what we are focusing on. Today was the last day for early voting for the area. The next day to vote is on Election Day, November 2. The SGA is partnering with the American Democracy Project again and we are hosting Election Night Live, which is an election party type of thing, which allows students to come by, have some free food, have some fun and watch the election results come that night. That will be November 2 and I believe it's in Capen Auditorium.

Administrators' Remarks

- *President Al Bowman – Absent*
- *Provost Sheri Everts – No Remarks*

Senator Kalter: In the absence of Senator Adams, I am delighted that there has been a respite from the crime alerts. I was going to ask him what his theory was about that.

Provost Everts: We will get that question to him and his response to the Senate.

- *Vice President of Student Affairs Steve Adams – Absent*
- *Vice President of Finance and Planning Dan Layzell – No Remarks*

Academic Affairs Committee:

Senator Stewart: We discussed policy 2.1.12, the proposal for a new Pass/Fail-Credit/No Credit Policy. We will be sending it on to Exec to be presented as an Information Item very shortly.

Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee:

Senator Kalter: We talked about the Academic Impact Fund and its impact on campus.

Faculty Affairs Committee:

Senator Wedwick: We discussed the ISU Recruitment Manual, specifically whether a candidate's application file should be made available to all members of a department or just the search committee members. We will continue that discussion.

Planning and Finance Committee:

Senator Van der Laan: We had a very production meeting in which we settled on what we will be working on for the rest of the year. Our next meeting will be prioritizing the topics that we will be taking up.

Rules Committee:

Senator Horst: We did not meet because Senator Bailey was absent. We have been discussing by email the AFEGC Policy. We will continue to do that. We hope to bring that forward to the Senate next time. I understand that there is a new senator who is also on the Rules Committee. If she could see me and give me her email, she can participate in the discussions.

Information Items:

10.14.10.01 *Student Center Performing Arts Series Board Deletion – Blue Book Revision (Rules Committee)*

Senator Horst: The performing arts used to have a standing committee that would guide it. During the centennial, this series was suspended and Senator Adams has informed us that due to financial difficulties, they don't plan on bringing forward this board any time soon. So it has been recommended that we delete this committee.

10.14.10.02 *UCC Guidelines – Summary of Revisions (Academic Affairs Committee)*

10.14.10.03 *UCC Guidelines – Revised (Academic Affairs Committee)*

Senator Stewart: Most of the revisions are editorial changes. You have a one-page information sheet that gives you all the details. Most of the changes are editorial, but there are about four or five changes that are substantive, but they are very small. We ask you to look those over. That will come up as Action Item very soon.

08.13.10.01 Milner Bylaws (Rules Committee)

Senator Horst: The Milner Library Faculty Council passed new bylaws. They made some revisions. They deleted a line about the Milner Civil Service Council, which no longer exists. They also added a non-tenure track member to their committee. These were passed by Milner Library. We met with them. We had some questions about some of their election procedure documents. After they cleared up those questions, we forwarded this to the Senate.

Senator Fazel: I have a question about membership on the committee for non-tenure tracks. In the first part of the paragraph, it says faculty who are full-time faculty members, including non-tenure track appointments are eligible for election to the Library Faculty Council. Then the last sentence says one elected member must be a non-tenure track. Is it a minimum of one elected or exactly one elected?

Senator Horst: One elected member...just one.

Senator Fazel: If they are eligible to run, is it possible that more than one would be elected.

Senator Horst: So your question is can more than one person be elected to the committee that is non-tenure track.

Senator Bonnell: More than one non-tenure track person can serve on the Faculty Council.

Senator Fazel: So then this would be at least one?

Senator Bonnell: Correct, there has to be at least one faculty member on the council who is NTT.

Senator Horst: So you are recommending that we add 'at least one'?

Senator Fazel: Yes. Again, about the membership, the Library Faculty Council shall consist of nine voting faculty members. That includes eight faculty and the dean. Does the library consider the dean to be faculty?

Senator Bonnell: Yes.

Communications

Senator Liechty: The School of Social Work is very proud that we are celebrating our 30th year as an accredited professional training program on this campus. Originally a bachelor's, but a master's program was added about ten years ago. We are having a reception tomorrow at the alumni center.

Senator Horst: There is a big production of Carmina Burana and Mahler's Kindertotenlieder. That's happening this Friday, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Senator Stewart: The University Galleries has a new exhibition of video work in the main gallery. In gallery 3, I believe that there is a student show and there is work of lithographic prints, the *Labors of Hercules*, in gallery 2.

Senator Van der Laan: Next week, Tuesday and Wednesday, a visitor will be here, German filmmaker, Jörg Foth, from the former East Germany. On Tuesday evening he will be showing his film, the *Da-Da-R*. This is in commemoration of 20 years of the fall of the Berlin Wall and unification of Germany and the end of the cold war. That's at 7:00 p.m. in CVA on Tuesday. On Wednesday, noon to 1:00, he is going to give a lecture, *Make*

Movies Not War. That's going to be in the Bone Student Center, 3rd floor lounge west. That's part of the International Studies series.

Senator Schlessner: I would ask all of the faculty members to remind their students to vote next Tuesday.

Adjournment

Senator Stewart, seconded by Senator McMahon, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.