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**Academic Senate Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 6, 2011**  
*(Approved)*

***Call to Order***

Senate Chairperson Dan Holland called the meeting to order.

***Roll Call***

Senator Kalter called the roll and declared a quorum.

***Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2011***

**Motion XXXXII-72:** By Senator Rubashkin, seconded by Senator Hoelscher, to approve the Academic Senate Minutes of March 23, 2011. The minutes were unanimously approved.

***Presentation: IBHE-FAC Report (Prof. Lane Crothers, IBHE-FAC Representative)***

**Prof. Lane Crothers:** We met at Kennedy King on March 18. We have been working with the issue of trying to align high school graduation standards with college prep standards. The state's efforts in this area are unfocused. It has been very difficult for the group to do much with this. We then worked a little bit on a paper that was endorsed on the question of making sure that there are fair and transparent procedures for faculty evaluations and tenure and promotion cases. The debate fell apart on questions of whether or not to address the question of tenure, as such, or other kinds of things.

We spent most of the day talking about distance education. It does appear that the UIS does it in a comprehensive and systematic way. They don't put a single course online. They put programs online. They have a remarkably developed set of reciprocal relationships with universities and colleges across the world for reaching out to distance education. In Illinois, community colleges in spring 2010 averaged 14.8 per online course; public universities averaged 18.1 students; nonprofit private institutions were 17.4; the for-profit private institutions averaged 46.7 students per course. NEIU was voting whether or not to authorize a strike. There was a discussion about performance-based funding—the notion that our state appropriations will depend on various kinds of performance targets. People don't know what the targets are, so that is generating a lot of discussion and concern.

***Chairperson's Remarks – Nor report.***

***Student Body President's Remarks***

**Sen. Marquis:** This is my last meeting. The State of the Student Body Address was given. We also had Diversity Week. It was a great success. I mentioned at the beginning of the year, we received funding for our sustainability committee from Dr. Layzell's office. They include proposals from students, faculty, and staff and a lot those resources go to those projects. New bike racks will be coming out in lots of areas on campus. I think it's about 15. In addition to that, they funded an external project for Turner that looks into a sustainable energy resource. The student discount card was finally passed. Over 30 businesses signed up. Students will be able to get those cards at the end of this month. Our ex-officio members will be paid just like all of the student senators. I would like to offer my thanks to all of you for listening to me all this year and for allowing me to be a part of this group. I would also like to say congratulations to the new Student Body President and that's Zach Owens. Sean Palmer will continue to be our Student Trustee.

***Administrators' Remarks***

• ***President Al Bowman***

**President Al Bowman:** The state's revenue this month has taken an uptick. The state is beginning to see some of the benefits of the income tax increase. ISU has received \$27.9 million so far this year. We can see our way

through the summer months until fall tuition receipts begin to come in. It looks like the concealed carry legislation is likely to pass. The public presidents have been lobbying very hard to allow universities to opt out.

**Sen. Schlessler:** Would this allow anyone to conceal carry on campus?

**President Bowman:** You would need to jump through a set of hoops, including training, in order to get a permit to carry a weapon. If the legislation evolves the way it looks like it will, we could opt out, but that would only mean no weapons in buildings. They could still be carried on campus.

**Sen. Horst:** Did the governor change his mind? I thought you said he wouldn't sign it.

**President Bowman:** He has not changed his mind. The experts think it will pass in both Houses. The hope is he will veto it. The next item is that the NCAA has a new president. He's opened the door for the first time to allow student athletes to share in some of the revenue that's generated from televised games. When the NCAA Board meets later this month, they will probably look at a proposal that recommends providing student athletes with a couple of thousand dollars to be used to offset their incidental expenses.

I want to thank the entire campus for the Fools Fest for the cooperation and collaboration. Our students really behaved themselves in a mature manner. The number of ambulance calls and the number of arrests was lower than it typically is on a weekend.

The Student Affairs search committee for a VP has conducted its off-site interviews. They will in short order announce the campus applicants. We've got a good strong pool for that position. The AD search committee will announce finalists for that position this coming Friday.

One final comment, Dan Layzell, the Provost, Barb Blake and I testified before the House Appropriations Committee. We got the questions that we usually get. We got a long lecture about prisons from a Chicago representative for 40 minutes. It was one of those days where you wanted to say I'm the President of Illinois State University. I don't know anything about prisons.

- ***Provost Sheri Everts***

**Provost Everts:** The College of Arts and Sciences dean finalists have been announced by the search committee. They will be on campus next week with open forums scheduled as follows: Dr. Tucker's open forum will be May 11 from 3 to 4; Dr. Simpson, Tuesday, April 12 from 2 to 3; and Dr. Snavelly, Thursday, April 14 from 3 to 4. CVs are also available at the Provost website. Monday and Thursday are in Stevenson 401; Tuesday is in Old Main.

- ***Vice President of Student Affairs Steve Adams***

**Vice President Adams:** The enrollment deposits are very close to where they were last year. They are in the neighborhood of 2,500 new freshmen. Those students who have submitted their enrollment deposit, almost all of them have also submitted their housing deposit. What that means is that it's a pretty solid number for right now and we have yet to reach the national declaration date of May 1. We will have the official groundbreaking ceremony for Cardinal Court on April 19. That's come a long way. We think by the fall of 2012, both Cardinal Court and Watterson Towers should be ready to go. That would put our housing numbers somewhere in the neighborhood of 5,500 and certainly with plans for the future with the job that has been done on the Master Plan. With that being said, this is my final Academic Senate meeting with this Senate. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you this year. In the past five years in my position as vice president, it has been in my 35-year career the absolute best five years of the 35.

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

**Vice President Layzell:** There has been a petition circulated in regard to some of the plans to continue to move forward toward reserve zoned parking. Parking and Transportation has received the petitions and supporting documentation and continue to take those under advisement. They are the evaluating the input as well as a range of options. I am anticipating in the very near future some decisions will be made as to the next step in regard to that.

**Sen. Kalter:** Do you have the percentage of people signing that petition versus the percentage of people who are actually using those garages?

**VP Layzell:** That's one of the things they have been analyzing. I don't have the data handy. I do know that the number of petitions is up to about 190 now. The discussions and decisions about what's going to happen need to take place pretty quickly.

***Academic Affairs Committee:***

**Senator Woith:** We had two policies that we looked at. The first was a review of the Oral English Proficiency Policy, which we presented at the last meeting. We were asked to consider some wording changes, which I will enter as a friendly amendment. The second one was a policy on credit hours. It is a new policy and it will be moving forward to the Executive Committee.

***Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee:***

**Senator Kalter:** We have our last meeting of the year on the spring budget meeting where we're looking to find out from VP Layzell and Provost Everts about the three kinds of budgets: the one we're in now—it's money we have; the one we're asking for and whether they're going to give it to us in 2011; and the one we're about to prepare for FY 13. Thank you to Mardell Wilson for attending the meeting. She gave us some information from the earlier budget meetings. We now have something to send forward to the Executive Committee recommending about the academic calendar, but it has nothing to do with the calendar on your agenda.

***Faculty Affairs Committee:***

**Senator Wedwick:** The Faculty Affairs Committee revisited the Best Practices Document for recruiting and hiring procedures at the request of the Executive Committee. Since this was our last meeting, we decided to make an attempt to make a draft that was just from faculty, but that work will have to come next year.

***Planning and Finance Committee:***

**Senator Van der Laan:** We discussed and finalized the Institutional Goals and Priorities, which we will report to the Executive Committee. We will present it at the next meeting for your consideration.

***Rules Committee:***

**Senator Bailey:** We have been working through e-mail on the external committees. We will be sending those names forward for next time.

***Action Items:***

***12.20.10.01 Baccalaureate Degree Document-Proposed Revisions (Academic Affairs Committee)***

**Motion XXXXII-73:** By Sen. Wade to accept the Baccalaureate Degree Document as revised. The motion was unanimously approved.

***08.26.09.01 Grading Practices Policy (Academic Affairs Committee)***

**Motion XXXXII-74:** By Sen. Woith to accept the Grading Practices Policy. The motion was unanimously approved.

**03.08.11.01 Oral English Proficiency Policy (Academic Affairs Committee)**

**Motion XXXXII-75:** By Sen. Woith to accept the Oral English Proficiency Policy. The change would be first under bullet point one. Instead of saying shall assess we've changed that to shall maintain a program to assess. Under number two we have shall resolve and under number three we have shall report. Those are the only changes. The policy, as amended, was unanimously approved.

**Advisory Item:**

**03.09.11.01 Academic Calendar – Draft for 2015-16 (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)**

**01.27.10.01 Academic Calendar Procedural Information**

**Sen. Kalter:** What you have in front of you is the calendar for 2015-2016 and also a recycled memo from Jonathan Rosenthal's office to explain in great detail the kinds of processes, hurdles, hoops that need to happen before the academic calendar gets approved before it comes to us. As far as I can tell, the calendar in front of you is going to work in five years. It's an advisory item. We're not going to vote on it. If anyone finds things that are wrong, let us know.

**Sen. Woith:** I had a question about the timing of fall break coinciding next to the end of the school year. Would it be possible to look at moving that back to sometime in October or splitting it and having part of the time in October and the other couple of days over Thanksgiving? It really makes it difficult in the middle of the semester not to have a few days to catch up on grading.

**Sen. Kalter:** We can always discuss it. It gets re-discussed every year and every year the committee splits. For this particular calendar year, Thanksgiving comes and there is a week and then there's finals, which is not ideal. If you were to try to correct that, it runs into these grading processes, but even that I think could be sustained.

**Sen. Holland:** It used to be one day of fall break and three days for Thanksgiving. The students actually asked for the week of Thanksgiving break.

**Sen. Clayton:** Was there any talk about moving spring break back a week?

**Sen. Kalter:** Are you talking about 2012-13 or 2015-16?

**Sen. Clayton:** The new one. We come back later in January and spring break is still that first week.

**Sen. Kalter:** A week later is what you're saying. We did actually discuss that because a faculty member suggested that, and I think I said last week that it would cause as many problems as it would solve.

**Communications**

**Sen. Sanchez:** ISU's Cubs Day is May 27 and this year, the Civil Service Council is raffling off the first pitch of the game. Any faculty or staff member or AP can purchase raffle tickets for scholarships. If you have any interest in that, check out the Civil Service website.

**Sen. Horst:** The Wind Symphony and the Chorale Collage will happen Sunday, April 17. There are also numerous student recitals. *Grease* will be in Braden on April 9. That Gamma Phi Circus show will be April 15 and 16.

**Sen. Marquis:** Just to clarify, two weeks from now, all students will still be in the Senate. I'm the only one who leaves and Zach will take my spot.

**Sen. Clayton:** Regarding the Gamma Phi Circus, the SGA decided that the first 400 students who attend the matinee show will get in free.

*Adjournment*

**Motion XXXII-76:** By Sen. Hoelscher, seconded by Sen. Schlessler, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.