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Academic Senate Minutes
Wednesday, September 12, 2012
(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 August 29, 2012

Motion XLIV-6: By Senator Ehmen, seconded by Senator Stewart, to approve the Academic Senate Minutes of August 29, 2012. The motion was unanimously approved.

Presentation: Educating Illinois Committee

Vice President Layzell: We are gathering feedback on the draft revision of Educating Illinois.

Provost Everts: We suspect that you are all aware of the strategic planning process. The reason for this presentation is a brief overview and the question and answer session. We have consulted widely with the university campus.

Vice President Layzell: We spent the balance of the last academic year consulting with all of the governance groups on campus as well as many constituent groups. We took a lot of time looking over the information we had gathered. That fed into the draft of the new plan. We will spend the next months of the fall semester getting feedback and pointing toward endorsement by all of the governance groups and finally to the BOT for their approval. One of the values is the focus on individualized attention, which is a theme we have heard over and over again.

Provost Everts: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee that are here. We have members of the writing team as well as the taskforce.

Senator Cox: I have a question about the use of the phrase individualized attention. Can you explain why that is the focus among other core values?

Provost Everts: As we gathered feedback, this is the piece that we heard the most about. There wasn't a single group that didn't say this is what we are and this is what we are proud of. We are not saying that is more important.

Senator ?: What would be the summary of the changes from the previous edition?

Provost Everts: There are not a great many changes. One of the changes to note is that there is a preamble that talks a bit about the financial situation. We didn't want to put as appropriate resources are available behind every stem. There is more information associated with technology. There are more details associated with globalization.

Senator Horst: You say you want to increase offerings online and hyper-blended courses. Did the Distance Education Taskforce give you some ideas about how that would be implemented?

Provost Everts: We are trying to be very broad in regard to goals. We will let the individual units determine how best to meet those needs. Yes, it does follow from the Distance Education Taskforce.

Senator Crowley: In the vision statement, I was a bit distracted by intentional commitments. Why don't you say "a commitment to" without the word intentional?

Provost Everts: Thank you.

Senator Manno: In the core values, it says Illinois State University.

Provost Everts: Thank you.

Senator Horst: There is a concern that we just got this document here and if we had further suggestions, who could we email?

Vice President Layzell: You can email any member on the taskforce, but there is an online survey on the Educating Illinois page.

Senator Holland: We don't say anything about shared governance in it.

Provost Everts: So noted.

Vice President Layzell: We will be back to the Senate in January to seek your endorsement of the final draft. We will go to the Board of Trustees in February for their final approval.

Presentation: Homecoming Opportunities and Events (Doris Groves, Alumni Relations)

Ms. Groves: I am here to share the excitement of Homecoming 2012 with you and encourage faculty and staff and students to participate. The dates are October 1 through October 7. However, some of the festivities will begin before October 1, such as the campus decorating contest. We will kick off with a lot of student activities on the quad. There will be a zip line at 3:00 p.m. on October 1. On Tuesday, we will have a faculty-staff appreciation luncheon. On Friday and Saturday, the events really pick up. There will be an alumni luncheon on Friday, October 5. The alumni king and queen will also be crowned. On Saturday, the 5K Town and Gown will be taking off. The parade will be at 9:30 a.m. Tailgating will be taking place from 10-1:00. The ISU football game will be taking off at 1:00 p.m. Everything is at IllinoisStateHomecoming.com.

Student Body President's Remarks

Senator Manno: SGA, along with some veterans and some general students, at midnight on September 10 put close to 3,000 American flags on the quad for September 11.

Administrators' Remarks

• ***President Al Bowman***

President Bowman: We hired a new lobbying firm to assist us with some of our work in Springfield. Our charge to them was to do everything possible to secure funding for the Fine Arts facility. The revenue stream that will pay for that will come from video gaming. The firm will also help us with the reappointment of a couple of Board members whose appointments will expire. We would like to keep everyone in place. The federal government spent less on Pell Grants this year, about a \$2 billion reduction. It is still a \$33 billion program. There has been a discussion about whether it is beneficial to go to college. The unemployment rate for recent college graduates is 6.8% and for all college graduates it is 4.5%. The unemployment rate for recent high school graduates is 17%.

Senator Kalter: You said we have a new lobbying firm.

President Bowman: Phil Adams was our government affairs person and lobbyist. Now that he has retired, we needed someone who had the right connections and could open doors for us.

Senator Kalter: When we get the Fine Arts funded, is that a complete tear down?

President Bowman: We will manage it the way Schroeder was handled, so it will be a complete tear down. I think everything but Centennial East gets torn down. Centennial East gets redone.

Senator Smudde: The total enrollment last year compared to this year was actually lower.

President Bowman: That was our plan. Last year's enrollment was a bit higher than we were comfortable with given the size of the faculty and lots of students were in supplemental housing. 20,000 to 21,000 is our ideal target range.

Senator Weeks: Two weeks ago, you mentioned that FY13 salaries would have to be differed until later in the fall.

President Bowman: I am far more optimistic about that and we don't expect a midyear cut. In relatively short order, I am going to be able to announce where we are going to go and the DFSCs will be able to do their work.

- ***Provost Sheri Everts***

Provost Everts: ISU is one of 11 four-year institutions selected to participate in the National Select Cohort of Foundations of Excellence in the First College Year. This month the campus community will kick off a comprehensive self-study and improvement process for the year-one experience. Illinois State will form a taskforce to implement the self-assessment with input from groups across campus. An important component is a survey that will elicit faculty, staff and student opinions about the degree to which ISU implements an effective first year in and out of the classroom. Faculty can look for that survey later this month and students will receive the survey in late October. We will soon begin our search for the Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research position.

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

Vice President Dietz: I want to commend the students for their participation in the open forum for Educating Illinois. Last year we had an unusually high number of student deaths. This year, we are putting more of an emphasis on suicide awareness and suicide prevention. Last weekend, I want to commend the students again, we had a new involvement with a group called Out of Darkness. It is a national organization. We are going to continue that initiative.

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

Vice President Layzell: For FY12, we have been paid approximately 75% of our appropriation. We do expect to receive the balance of that payment by December. We have not yet received any funding for the current fiscal year. We don't expect that to begin until later this fall. Dick Runner, who was Director of Facilities Planning and Construction Management, retired over a year ago. We have taken some time to look at that function and are now beginning the search for that position.

Senator Horst: I received some comments from faculty about the bike racks across campus. They say that they are completely over filled and students and others are locking their bikes to poles and trees. Has your grounds crew noted that and are there any plans to expand the bike racks across campus?

Vice President Layzell: Yes. For whatever reason this fall, we have had more bikes than in the past. Our facilities staff have noted that and in the course of the next several months will be locating additional bike racks strategically on campus.

Senator Fazel: Do you have any information about whether the state is getting any better in making health insurance payments?

Vice President Layzell: I do not know that. I have heard that there continue to be issues with regard to that. The source of funding all comes from the same pot. Just as we are receiving payments at a slow pace, so are health care providers.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs Committee:

Senator Gizzi: Academic Affairs elected our secretary, Senator Fitzpatrick. We spent our first meeting going through the task list for the year and going through our Blue Book responsibilities. I have identified several reports that we are supposed to receive, but we don't actually. We are going to work on that. We will soon be looking at General Education stuff.

Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee:

Senator Kalter: We talked about what we are going to be talking about and then we talked about pensions.

Faculty Affairs Committee:

Senator Horst: We talked about the ombudsperson election process. We hope to bring the Academic Freedom Policy to the Senate in the near future.

Planning and Finance Committee:

Senator Rich: We only talked about what we are supposed to talk about. We also talked about the process of annual report, which is really a conversation between the Senate and the administration. The administrative responses to last year's Senate approved report come back to the committee in November and then next year's report is due at the end of the year. We will have a joint meeting with Administrative Affairs concerning the budget.

Rules Committee:

Senator Fazel: We prioritized what we are going to be doing and we are hoping to eliminate some of those. We also talked about the bylaws of the College of Fine Arts. We had a discussion about the role of the Rules Committee and the Senate in reviewing bylaws of different colleges. I am going to bring this to the Executive Committee so we can continue that discussion.

Communications:

Senator Hoelscher: Entrepreneurship Day is November 9. We have several competitions with a pretty good chunk of money up. We are trying to encourage it to students throughout the campus. On the 20th, we will have Team Up, which is if you have a passion or a capability, we are trying to get students who have the capability to put together business plans. We will build teams, not just for E-Day, but for other competitions.

Senator Stewart: In the School of Art, we start our Saturday creative arts program. We go for five weeks. If you have children, kindergarten through eighth grade, you might still get to enroll them. Our students do a very good job teaching art lessons to kids for two hours. Also, Glass as an Art Form is 50 years old. As part of that celebration, we have an exhibition in the three university galleries.

Senator Dawson: Today I attended the ISU Annuitants Association and I was asked to announce that a social security meeting has been arranged for October 11 at noon in the Circus Room. They wanted to make sure that the AP representative knew about and announced that to the council.

Senator Soeldner: I have two items from the Civil Service Council. Toni Tucker over the past seven years ordered over 500 dozen doughnuts from Krispy Kreme for student study breaks. Krispy Kreme will bring a cruiser to our campus on September 25. Doughnuts will be for sale on the Schroeder Plaza. From the money generated, they will give part of it back to AP and Civil Service Councils for our scholarships. On September 27, the Civil Service Council will host the University Employee Picnic on the Milner Plaza. Tickets are available through Civil Service Council members.

Senator Gibbons: My sorority Phi Sigma Sigma is teaming up with Sigma Chi Fraternity to host a 5K. It is October 14 at 10:00 a.m. at Tipton Park. It will benefit the Fallen Heroes Fund for veterans. If anyone is interested, just send me an email at efgibbo@ilstu.edu.

Senator LaCasse: I would like to invite you to a production I directed at the Heartland Theatre Company called the *Shining Lives*, which is about the women in the 1920s and 30s who painted watch dials with radium, which led to different cancers and diseases. It runs Thursday through Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. this weekend and next weekend and also Sunday at 2:00 p.m. both weekends.

Adjournment

Motion XLIV-7: By Senator Hoelscher, seconded by Senator Dawson, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.