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Academic Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 10, 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 September 12, 2012

Motion XLIV-14: By Senator Fazel, seconded by Senator Smudde, to approve the Academic Senate Minutes of September 12, 2012. The motion was approved; there was one abstention.

Presentation: Operating and Capital Budget Requests (Deb Smitley, Dan Layzell)

Vice President Layzell: We will be giving you an overview of state budget requests for FY14. The requests will go to the Board of Trustees at their October 26th meeting. It will then go to the IBHE and then to the governor and the General Assembly. State appropriations in FY02 were 35% of our overall operating budget contrasted with 20% from tuition revenue. We are now up to 40% for tuition revenue and 18% for state support. For FY13, our state appropriation is \$74.1 million. That is down 6.1% from last year.

The New and Expanded Program Requests is \$450,000. That is for a new requirement for the edTPA initiative that will affect all teacher education programs in the state. It is a new assessment that teacher education candidates will be required to pass to graduate. It will be in place beginning in 2015 if the state will provide funding for such at no cost to the student. Compensation increases remain one of the highest priorities for the university in terms of recruiting and retaining the highest quality faculty and staff. We are requesting 3% of our personal services base that can allow us 3% raises. Deferred maintenance refers to the wear and tear that all of our facilities undergo. We have a deferred maintenance backlog of about \$500 million. We continue to whittle away at that. Leap Forward is a project to upgrade our academic IT infrastructure. When you add all of that up, the dollar increase that we are requesting from the state is \$10.7 million. In truth, we have a very low likelihood of receiving such from the state but it is incumbent on us to put forward our fair and reasonable set of needs.

Senior Associate Vice President Deb Smitley: Capital appropriations are unpredictable. We have not received any appropriations for a capital purpose since FY10. Not only is it unpredictable as to when the appropriations are made, but subject for release by the governor before any action can be taken on a project. In FY10, \$54 million was appropriated for the Fine Arts Complex rehabilitation, but we have not yet had permission to move forward—the monies have not been released.

Capital renewal is a form of appropriation that is made to the institution and funds smaller projects. The appropriation in 2010—we just did within the last six months receive approval from the state to move forward on those projects. We have just now begun working with designers for Capen Auditorium and replacing the heating system at Femley. The capital renewal appropriation for FY04 for \$1.5 million is the source of money that is supporting the new electrical distribution system at Milner Library and the work has just begun over the summer. The two forms of capital requests are the same projects that have been on the list for the last several years.

Senator Horst: Is there any possibility of having the monies for the Fine Arts Complex adjusted for inflation?

Vice President Layzell: It is highly unlikely. The state has not made it a practice to go back and adjust those monies.

Senator Fazal: What are the chances of any of these projects being funded?

Vice President Layzell: We are putting forth what we believe are reasonable priorities. I would say the likelihood is next to nothing, but we don't do ourselves any favors by not going forth with the requests. We want to inform the state of our needs.

Senator Garrahy: I would like to thank your office for the edTPA piece.

Senator Kalter: We are part of the approval process for these documents. They go through the Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee of the Senate and then the full Senate approves. Our committee approved both the operating budget and the capital budget requests.

Motion XLIV-15: By Senator Kalter to approve the budget requests. The requests were unanimously approved.

IBHE-FAC Report (Senator Gizzi)

Senator Gizzi: We met at Moraine Valley Community College. We met with IBHE Director George Reid. The point of discussion with him was about a proposal from our council's chair to create a faculty fellowship where a faculty member from any of our universities could spend six months or a year working with IBHE. Mr. Reid said we have no money, but if you would like to use your sabbatical to do it, we would welcome you. We met with a few legislators—Senators Maloney and Prichard. I was irritated by the fact that we went through a whole year on performance based funding, which we will do every year. I suggested that we ought to put stuff like this on hold when there is no money. The most important piece was in the afternoon. We are represented on a MAP taskforce that is looking at dealing with recommendations. Steve Rock from Western serves on that taskforce. He asked FAC to come up with suggestions on how to make MAP more efficient and effective with less money.

Student Body President's Remarks

Senator Manno: We got a lot of student feedback about homecoming. They said they really loved it. They also seemed to adapt to the construction at Hancock and the alternative tailgate spots. The Student Government Association is co-sponsoring a congressional debate that is being held here next Wednesday.

Administrators' Remarks

- ***President Al Bowman – Absent***

- ***Provost Sheri Evert***

Provost Everts: The search for the Assistant Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies position will be chaired by Dr. Anu Gokhale from the Panel of Ten. Our office will be requesting additional membership for that search committee.

Thank you for your assistance with this next iteration of Educating Illinois. The website survey will be closing next week. The taskforce has four focus discussions remaining and the writing team will begin the final draft, which will be released in December and we will be back to this group in December or January for endorsement.

Preliminary numbers associated with applications for the fall of 2013 show an increase in fall of 2012 numbers at this time. In terms of freshmen applications, we are looking at 3,931. The academic profile of admitted freshmen has an average ACT of 25.5 and a GPA of 3.62.

- *Vice President of Student Affairs Larry Dietz*

Vice President Dietz: One brief note, flu shots are available. You can apply on line to get an appointment.

Senator Holland: Last year, if you made an appointment, it was free. However, if you miss it, it is \$25.

Vice President Dietz: You can cancel it and they won't charge anything. There is a charge if you just don't show up.

- *Vice President of Finance and Planning Dan Layzell*

Vice President Layzell: There will be a merit-based salary program this year. The actual salary increase will take effect in the November pay check and the retroactive payment back to July 1st would take place in the December pay check. We have received approximately 87% of our FY12 appropriation; we expect to receive the remainder by December. The Bloomington-Normal Public Transportation System will be holding hearings in the coming weeks with regard to some proposed changes in terms of the routes. If you go to www.connect-transit.com, that may give you all of the information you would like to see. The hearings will be held on Tuesday, October 30th and Thursday, November 1st. The October hearing will be at 3:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers on the fourth floor of Uptown Station. The November hearing will be at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Bloomington City Hall. They are open to the public. Parking and Transportation staff have been analyzing the issue of bike racks and shelters on campus. There will be a plan for installing more shelters and racks that will be completed within the next few weeks.

Senator Fazel: What is the percentage of a faculty raise on average?

Vice President Layzell: The merit pool that President Bowman announced that will be going forward is 2%. Some might be more and some might be less because it is merit based.

Senator Dawson: NTTs are part of the bargaining contract, so there is no such thing as merit.

Vice President Layzell: Right.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs Committee:

Senator Gizzi: We discussed the Diversity Report, which will be coming to the Senate soon. We also talked about the Library Committee, which is very active. I have been in conversations with the interim dean to develop better communication between the library and the Senate with some proposed changes to the Blue Book.

Senator Perry: They are discussing how to acquire new materials and how to weed out old materials and having library liaisons between departments and the library.

Senator Gizzi: Academic Affairs has begun the process of reaching out to the six committees for which we have oversight and asking them for a one-to-two page summary of their activities on an annual basis and to come to the committee once.

Senator Holland: In the Blue Book, there is a list of all the External Committees that report to the Internal Committees. Chairs of the Internal Committees, it would be a good idea to follow suit.

Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee:

Senator Kalter: Two weeks ago, we had a joint meeting with the Planning and Finance Committee where we heard about the operating budget requests. Tonight we had a meeting with Senior Associate Vice President Deb Smitley about the capital requests. We approved both of those.

Faculty Affairs Committee:

Senator Horst: Betsy Lugg, who specializes in education law, was our guest speaker. She walked us through the Academic Freedom Policy. The committee approved the revised document, which will go to the Senate Executive Committee. We also did some revisions to the Ombudsperson Policy and will be sending that forward to the Executive Committee.

Planning and Finance Committee:

Senator Rich: We met two weeks ago on the operating budget. Tonight, we discussed the IT tactical plan and Leap Forward project. These are critical initiatives that are ongoing.

Rules Committee:

Senator Fazel: Two weeks ago, we discussed the CFA Bylaws. Tonight, we met with HR about the Civil Service Handbook, which was been eliminated in 2011. Because it is mentioned in the ISU Constitution, we were thinking of what would be the best way of incorporating the changes in the Constitution. According to Tammy Carlson in HR, all of the issues in the handbook are included in different places on the web. We had the issue of revising the Blue Book for the VP commentary, which is being done by the elected secretary of the Senate, and also membership on the Planning and Finance Committee because the secretary right now is a member but does not serve on the committee.

Information Item:

09.19.12.01 CTE Blue Book Revisions (Academic Affairs Committee)

Senator Stewart: Last year, the bylaws came to us from the Council for Teacher Education for revision and we voted to approve them. The Blue Book description now parallels the bylaws that we passed last year.

Senator Kalter: Something came up in Exec about crossing out “each from a different program area”. Did you get a chance to follow up on that?

Senator Meyer: There are five faculty members from the College of Education. There are three different departments. One represents EAF, another SED, two from C&I, one is a floating position from one year to the next.

Senator Kalter: From that description, it seems that it is fine.

Communications

Senator Ehmen: SGA, on October 24 through October 26, we are going to have a college t-shirt swap. We are going to ask students from other major colleges to donate their shirts. In return, we are going to give them an Illinois State t-shirt for free. The shirts that they donate, we are going to be giving them to the non-profit organization of our choice.

Senator LaCasse: One production that is currently running is called The Glory of Living presented through the School of Theatre and Dance. Opening October 18th is Mother Courage and Her Children.

Senator Dawson: The Constitutional amendment ballot initiative is on the ballot before the presidential elections. It was known as House Joint Resolution #49. You need to look into it.

Senator Eckrich: I had a communication with the ethics officer and communication among faculty. It is very permissible to share information on legislation. There is legislation pending in the House of Representatives, 2990, that is a real game changer in terms of the nature of our debt-based money system.

Adjournment

Motion XLIV-16: By Senator Hoelscher, seconded by Senator Gallagher, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.