

**ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Administrative/Professional Council Meeting**  
**October 24, 2002**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**Spotlight Room, Bone Student Center**

**Present:** Mike Baum, Rob Flot, Deb Gentry, Elaine Graybill, Kristin Harding, Paul Jarvis, Betty Kinser, Steve Klay, Jeff Lopez, Chika Nnamani, Joe Rives, Sharon Stanford

**Absent:** Larry Jobe, Gail Lamb, Mindy Mangialardi

**Guests:** Mark Troester, Director of Institutional Web Support Services

**Guest Remarks**

Mark Troester, Director of Institutional Web Support Services provided information on the icampus portal program, which was piloted this year with the incoming freshman class. The introduction has gone very well, and they have learned a great deal for future improvements. Troester reported that they hope to have the entire student population on board by February, 2003. They are putting together a small group of faculty and staff members to help determine what information would be desirable on a faculty/staff portal. Troester requested that the Council provide an A/P representative for this committee.

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**Approval of minutes**

The Council approved the minutes of the September 19, 2002 meeting, as submitted. Moved and seconded by Lopez and Jarvis.

**Liaison's Remarks** - Stanford

Stanford had no formal report, other than to indicate that she had received no further feedback regarding the Consensual Relations policy.

**Chair's Remarks** - Nnamani

Nnamani, as the A/P representative to the Provost search committee, encouraged everyone to keep abreast of the search via the Website, <http://www.ilstu.edu/depts/provostsearch/>. He reported that the committee has received many high quality applications. The committee will be conducting initial interviews in Chicago with the top candidates the first weekend in November. Nnamani indicated that any member of the University committee may submit questions for committee consideration. A/P questions may be submitted to him via E-mail.

**Committee Reports**

**President's Campus Communication Committee** - Nnamani

The Campus Communication Committee (CCC) has not met since the last A/P Council meeting. The next Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Friday, October 25, 2003.

**Illinois Foundation Board - Rives**

No report. The next meeting of the Foundation Board will take place on November 9, 2002. Rives encouraged all A/P staff members to continue to examine how they might support the Family Campaign.

**Parking Committee - Jarvis/Jobe**

No report. The Parking Committee will meet again on November 13, 2002.

**Academic Senate - Baum**

Baum had provided a report of the most recent Academic Senate meeting to Council members via E-mail, and he commented on these notes.

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The Chair, Lane Crothers alerted the members in attendance that the Senate had a full agenda and that following the Senate meeting, the Faculty Caucus would meet, also with a full agenda.

SGA President Bathauer informed the Senate that a student Senator had resigned and that they would be looking to replace an off-campus, undergraduate representative.

**Administrator Remarks:**

Dr. Boschini commented about the opening of the Center for Performing Arts and of the latest large donation that was announced at that event. He informed us that the Board of Trustees would meet on Friday, with a presentation being given them on the NCA accreditation process. He announced that the Provost search is continuing its work, now in the process of interviewing 12 candidates off campus. Finally he commented upon the information item on the Senate's agenda the draft "Freedom of Expression Policy"

Provost Bowman reported that the Nursing program received programmatic accreditation and that he was informed of the absence of FY03 salary information in the Library. He will direct his staff to make that information available.

Vice-president Mamarchev commented on the completion of a successful Family weekend.

Vice-president Bragg had no report.

**Committee Reports:**

The chairs of the respective committees reported on their on-going work.

**Action Item: Lab School Senate Representative Proposal.**

Debate on this item was long as various members of the Senate presented their rationale for or against this change and debated one another's arguments. In the end, the item passed with only a few dissenting votes cast. As a result, the Constitution of Illinois State will have to be changed, an endeavor that will take some time and require an affirming vote by the Board of Trustees. In the interim, Crothers suggested that the faculty associates group determine a mechanism for selecting a representative and that s/he consider attending Senate meetings as an observer.

This was followed by another highly contentious item.

Information Item: draft Freedom of Expression Policy.

Associate Vice-president for Student Affairs, Patterson presented the history and rationale for developing such a policy statement. Questioning Senators seemed troubled that the policy (a) was not necessary given that there are other policies and State & federal laws governing such actions; (b) unduly restricts a fundamental right of citizenship and would further inhibit student protest; (c) had several inconsistencies, not the least of which [in the questioner's opinion] was the fact that the policy was "voluntary" and (d) left unclear who would make determinations of whether or not a protest was in violation of the policy and by what criteria or standard. In time it appeared that opposition was sufficiently large that by moving the item to an action item, it could be voted down which was indeed the outcome.

#### **Elections - Lopez**

Lopez had no report, but reminded the Council that new election committee representatives need to be selected from the Council at the first of the year.

#### **University Sick Leave Bank - Lopez**

Lopez reported that there have been no new appeals this past month.

#### **University Web Planning and Advisory Committee - Baum**

No report.

#### **Old Business**

Nnamani encouraged Council to provide feedback to him regarding the strategic direction of the A/P Council this year.

#### **New Business**

Baum made comments related to the following report, submitted by the Faculty Caucus, which he had previously sent to Council members. He encouraged the Council to take a proactive approach to involvement in budgetary decisions, as other shared governance groups are doing. Nnamani indicated that time did not allow a discussion at this meeting, but he would place it on the agenda for the next meeting.

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### **Statement of the Faculty Caucus on University Budgeting as a Means of Protecting and Enhancing the University's Academic Mission**

The Illinois State Faculty Caucus of the Academic Senate endorses the President's efforts to limit the negative effects that recent cuts in state funding will have on the University's capacity to carry out its academic mission in the coming year. The Caucus strongly supports the inclusion of the principal representative of the faculty, the Academic Senate Chair, in the deliberations that have led to the allocation of these cuts. Future input by faculty leaders in making budgetary allocations will be critical if we are to continue to fulfill Illinois State's academic mission in accordance with the values and goals laid out by the Academic Plan, Educating Illinois and other university documents.

In making future budget allocations, the Faculty Caucus believes that it is crucial to safeguard the central importance of the academic mission at Illinois State. The primary mission of the University as a whole is to create an environment in which learning inside and outside the classroom, and disciplinary research enable students and faculty to make the greatest contribution possible to the State of Illinois and to society as a whole. It is critical to remember that all other university objectives exist to further that mission. Consequently, the Faculty Caucus believes that the University should continue to seek more internal and external funding to achieve the following goals of Educating Illinois:

- increase tenure-line and non-tenure-track faculty salaries, as well as research and travel funding to a level sufficient to attract and retain teachers and researchers who can creatively react to change within their respective discipline and in society as a whole.
- increase the ratio of tenure-line to non-tenure track faculty.
- raise tuition sufficiently to offset to the maximum extent possible cuts in state funding.
- reduce the student/faculty ratio and provide more individualized attention to students.
- increase funding for initiatives in Admissions that seek to attract to the University highly motivated students who creatively respond to change both in the University and in society as a whole.
- increase the number of scholarships offered to minority students in order to increase student diversity.
- increase graduate assistant stipends in order to attract highly motivated and capable graduate students.
- strengthen the Honors Program in order to attract highly motivated and capable undergraduate students
- create a Faculty Professional Development Center in order to attract and retain the best teachers and scholars.
- enhance faculty recruiting and retention

In order to make prudent budgetary allocations that contribute to these and other academic goals, the Faculty Caucus recommends that the Chair of the Academic Senate and the Faculty Caucus play a significant role in all future decision-making processes, including the allocation of resources to the different vice-presidential areas. The Caucus thus requests that the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President for Finance and Planning meet with a special committee of the Faculty Caucus to explore ways to ensure that overall funding priorities protect and enhance the ability of Academic Affairs to carry out the Academic Mission, particularly as stated in Educating Illinois. The Committee would periodically evaluate the contribution of non-academic programs to the academic mission in order to recommend reallocation to programs that make a greater contribution to that mission.

### **Adjournment**

The Council adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Moved and seconded by Rives and Lopez.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Klay, Secretary

**Future 2002 meetings:**

November 14 Spotlight Room

December 12 Spotlight Room

**Future 2003 meetings:**

January 23 Spotlight Room

February 27 Spotlight Room

March 27 Spotlight Room

April 24 Spotlight Room

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