

**Illinois State University  
Administrative/Professional Council**

**1:15 – 3:00 pm; Thursday, December 14, 2006  
Spotlight Room**

**Council members present:** Nikki Brauer, Mark Vegter, Rick Olshak, Maureen Smith, Debbi Lamb, Becky Menzter, Pam Cooper, Mindy Mangialardi, Jerry Abner, Amy Roser, Teri Farr, Steve Klay

**Ex-officio members present:** Larry Lyons, Mboka Mwilambwe, Stacy Ramsey, Derek Story

- I. Guest: Mark Walbert, the Associate Vice President for Academic Information Technology.

Walbert gave an overview on the history of technology at Illinois State, with an emphasis on how it has been administered. Educating Illinois I & II recommended a committee to assess the University's technology needs. The campus planning and policy council began in 2004 overseeing campus needs on technology. The council included 12 members from colleges and administrative units. By 2005 the council was able to assess IT costs on campus and compare them to the benchmark schools. ISU is at the bottom of the league table in terms of spending and services. Currently the council is in an information /feedback gathering stage to prepare for the move to action on the plan. Once the plan is ready it will be presented to the President's cabinet.

After the summary Walbert answered questions from the council regarding the plan. Cost is a significant issue. Other topics included the filtering of spam in ISU e-mail and establishing wireless access points throughout campus.

Guests: Deb Smitley, Asst. Vice President, Finance and Planning  
Angela Engel, Educating Illinois task force member

Smitley discussed the taskforce for Educating Illinois which include representatives from each division and governance body. The Task Force also includes students and has approximately 20 members. Steve Klay is the AP representative to the Task Force. Smitley asked the council what works in the current plan, what changes are needed. This is the first meeting of many to discuss these issues.

Additional questions for the council:

What is ISU doing well? Discussion from council members included:

Salary review, committees working to solve problems (EMAS), buildings and the look of campus is good (a beautiful campus), Admissions - increasing the

quality of our students, Faculty lines starting to be filled, better job of marketing the University, Image of University has risen - sense of confidence, Pride with students and ISU, more students choosing ISU as first choice, more companies hiring ISU students,

What can we be doing better? Discussion from council members included:

Look at a comprehensive marketing plan on campus - alumni, students, employees, etc; Targeted marketing and less shot gun approach, A core value of individualized attention which says one thing however ISU has become more rigid and less friendly, Once students are here what happens to them? Vacant faculty lines don't increase student enrollment, a look at the general education curriculum - large class sizes, don't utilize our alumni enough, everything has a cycle to it particularly in terms of money, treating faculty, staff, and students well, how does ISU help students get a job after graduation.

What challenges do we see the University facing? Discussion from council members included:

Budget is an ongoing problem, students and parents of this generation a challenge, 2010 will see a change in the demographic of high school graduates and how will ISU address it? Diversity in campus

Advice for the task force? Discussion from council members included:

Ask the questions, listen, and then take some action; look at the University generally, what has it not done and what does it need to do?, Campus climate survey of faculty and staff?

Smitley summarized the discussion. What is this review about? The Task Force is working with the campus to determine the need for the extent of the review. Committee has to do a good job explaining what educating Illinois has done for the campus already.

II. Approval of minutes – minutes approved without correction.

Braurer motioned, Roser seconded

III. Chair's remarks – Steve Klay

Klay met with President Bowman. They discussed the hotel moving forward, mid December more expensive than originally thought, no more capitol bills until spring, Governors new spokesperson is an ISU alum, Meeting yesterday (Wednesday) was canceled, will start again in January

IV. Committee/Representative Reports

- Foundation - no report
- CCC
- Awards - Three nominations for the Distinguished Service Award, question does the council want to change the marketing of the award? Awards to be given on Founders Day, recipients will be notified in advanced due to recognition at ceremony. Some discussion occurred on how recipients should be notified. 150th logo will be on the plaques. Ask for an article in the report on the recipients after the ceremony. Esprit de Corps nominations will be sent to Rachel by Monday for council consideration.
- Scholarship
- Academic Senate

V. Adjournment