Illinois State University

Administrative / Professional Council

1:15-3:00 pm; Thursday, May 8, 2008 Spotlight Room

Minutes

Council Members Present – Mboka Mwliambwe, Debbie Lamb, Becky Mentzer, Michelle Schuline, Teri Farr, Anjie Almeda, Maureen Smith, Erin Pearce, and Pam Cooper

Ex-Officio Members Present – Stacy Ramsey, Larry Lyons, Len Grinstead

Guests Present – President Bowman and Derek Storey

Approval of Minutes – April 24, 2008 minutes were approved – motion made by Anjie Almeda, seconded by Becky Mentzer.

Chair's Remarks – Mboka Mwilambwe

Mboka shared remarks from his meeting with President Bowman. No increases in funding from the state are expected. Faculty and staff raises will be funded through tuition and fee increases. The President is hopeful to have the new Dean of CAST begin January 1, 2009.

Mboka also shared that the AP Council submitted three names to the President for selection of one to serve on the COB Dean search committee.

Guest Speaker - President Bowman

- BOT meeting on Friday will approve tuition rates for next year. Most of our funding comes from tuition not the state – down to only 26 %. Some money from tuition goes to scholarships and Map supplemental to help keep ISU as affordable as possible.
- We will most likely not see an increase in our budget. ISU will be OK if we do not get an increase. Fundraising has gone very well and we are on track to get 10 million this year in private dollars. Investments have gone well up 17%.
- New student update 14,000 new freshman applicants; diverse pool; enrollment deposits for freshmen are at 3600 with some melt we will hopefully see 3300-3350 new freshman in the fall.
 African American student numbers need to go up – we need to increase scholarship dollars as these students are getting bigger offers from lots of colleges.
- Construction Updates Manchester closing for renovation and Hewett will re-open. Stevenson
 and Turner projects moving along now. The new Rec Center should go as planned as they have
 dollars allotted for that project. The Capital Bill is held up for funding for the Fine Arts Complex,
 the President is not too hopeful about this passing through although he said their still might be a
 slight possibility of it being passed down the road.
- Salaries tuition and fee revenue will help us stay on track with annual raises and continue the mid-year salary program.

Committee/Representative Reports

- **Elections** No Report
- Academic Senate No Report

- Foundation No Report
- Scholarships Debbie reported that the scholarship committee met and recommends that the scholarship be geared to undergraduate students since the scholarship is supposed to assist an AP staff member with the cost of attendance and graduate students are seen to be more "on their own". The AP Council members agreed that the scholarship be for undergraduates. The due date will be June 30 and the winner will be announced in July. Debbie has already gotten a couple of e-mail inquiries which seems promising.
- Campus Communication Committee Stacy passed out a copy of the letter that was drafted to be read at the May 9th Board of Trustees Meeting. The agenda for the BOT meeting was also distributed.
- Constitution No Report
- Awards No Report
- **HR Liaison** Len reported that the University was looking at People Soft and Banner more in depth for the campus-wide HR system.

Business / Discussion Items – the Grievance Policy endorsement was tabled until Mboka clarifies information with Kay Johnson.

Adjournment – Motion for adjournment made by Erin Pearce and seconded by Michelle Schuline. Next meeting May 22, 2008 in the Spotlight Room.