

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
Administrative/Professional Council Meeting
September 25, 2003
1:30 p.m.
Spotlight Room, Bone Student Center

Council members present: Mike Baum, Deb Gentry, Julie Goodlick, Elaine Graybill, Paul Jarvis, Steve Klay, Gail Lamb, Rick Lewis, Sally Pyne

Ex-officio members present: Molly Arnold, Nancy Spangler (for Kaye Johnson), Joe Rives

Absent: Betty Kinser, Mindy Mangialardi, Annette Levitt

Guest Remarks: Joe Rives, Educating Illinois

Rives was in attendance at the meeting to provide an update on Educating Illinois. Rives reported that Draft 1 of the document has been distributed to the campus, and it is also available on the website. This document has been pared down from the original, with a reduction in both the number of goals and action plans. Feedback from the campus has helped to provide a more distinct focus. Draft 2 will be coming out on October 1. Rives is looking for feedback from the campus community, and he strongly encouraged A/P staff to participate in this opportunity. It is important that the A/P perspective be considered, so feedback is critical. Rives will also be seeking endorsement of Educating Illinois from each of the four governance groups.

Rives will be a guest at the October 23 meeting so that the Council may provide feedback on Draft 2.

Approval of minutes

The Council approved the minutes of the August 28 meeting as read.

Chair's Remarks – Paul Jarvis

Jarvis officially welcomed the newly elected members of the Council. He also expressed appreciation to Chika Nnamani for the leadership that he provided as Chair for the past two years.

Jarvis spoke to the many tasks he has already undertaken in his first month as Chair, including requests for A/P representation for committees, invitations to represent the Council and A/P's at meetings, as well as informational meetings with campus individuals. He reported that he has been informed that the Council does have a budget of \$500 for FY04, as well as letterhead.

Jarvis also shared some of his plans to formalize the process for the Council meetings, somewhat. Elaine Graybill has agreed to serve as Parliamentarian for

the group, and will provide direction according to a proposal that she will be presenting to the Council.

Liaison Remarks – Kaye Johnson
No report.

Committee Reports

President's Campus Communication Committee – Arnold

Arnold reported that the committee had not met, but she requested feedback from the Council as to what issues she might bring to the committee. Their next meeting will be in October, prior to the Board of Trustees meeting. She wants to make sure that she is representing the A/P employee group appropriately.

Illinois Foundation Board – Rives

Rives reported that there is 22.2 million dollars left to be raised in the Redefining Normal campaign, with 465 days remaining. The Foundation is pleased with the progress so far, and confident that the goal will be surpassed.

Parking Committee – Jarvis

No report. The committee has not met recently, but will be meeting in October. Jarvis reminded the Council that a new representative will need to be appointed.

Academic Senate – Baum

Baum attended the September 24 Senate meeting, and his report follows. The Chair, Lane Crothers spoke briefly of his reactions to information presented during the IBHE “Big Picture” meeting. He indicated the following as some of his observations regarding the recent meeting he attended of the Chairs of Illinois University Senates:

- All have similar budget problems, as we do;
- Illinois State is doing better than most with respect to shared governance;
- He commented that the personality of those in top administrative positions matters and gave a few examples of major changes viewed adversely by the campus community when new campus leadership arrived;
- He spoke of the concerns expressed by many regarding the bids by Illinois community colleges to offer 4-year degrees; and
- He enumerated some of the concerns expressed by the U of I lobbyist.

SGA President Meister recounted some of the things SGA representatives have been involved with including a growing expression of concern students are voicing regarding the reduced hours at Milner Library.

Interim President Bowman reported that funds have been released to complete the renovations to Felmley Hall and that the Comprehensive Campaign is closing in on the 70 million dollar mark with more significant contributions working their

way toward completion. He commended Ms. Anderson, a Presidential Scholar who will be the first Illinois State student to be selected for the very prestigious Oxford University scholarship. He noted further that it is rare for any student from outside the private "ivies" to be selected. Finally he commended the Illinois State football team for its recent success and noted that this success has generated interest among alumni and potential donors.

Provost Presley reported that he is in the process of constituting a search to fill the vacant Dean's position for the College of Arts and Sciences. He apologized for not having as yet posted on the Provost's web site, the document he spoke of last session (a comprehensive commentary on budget expenditures completed last year). Finally, he presented information on persistence rates and graduation rates. The data all show increases and placed Illinois State in a position better than 90% of Tier 3, US News & World Report ranked schools and as good as 30% of those placed in Tier 2.

Vice-president Mamarchev spoke of the many leadership retreats being conducted for different student groups.

Vice-president Bragg indicated that the bids for the Schroeder renovation have come in and are quite favorable. Good progress is being made on the new Business building and he expects that the University will take possession of the building earlier than planned, perhaps in July of next year. The plan will be for the University to equip the building and try to have it available for faculty and students by the Spring, 2005 term.

The various committee chairs then reported on work begun and/or continuing.

The Senate was presented with two advisory items: (1) Interim President Bowman's charge to the University Enrollment Committee and (2) the Provost's proposal – Student Computer Ownership Initiative Policy. The latter elicited many questions and comments, as it will require students enrolling in Fall of 2004 to have an "appropriate" computer. Questions centered on issues of affordability, what would happen to student tech dollar monies, what would happen to the many campus computer labs, and how would the University provide support for all of these new computers.

All of the program proposals on the Consent Agenda were approved, whereupon the Senate entered into its Budget Session. While there were several comments made, including brief reactions to the IBHE Big Picture meeting held on campus last week, in my opinion, nothing factual surfaced.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Baum expressed some concern that the policies he thought had been negotiated through all the appropriate University channels seemingly were not being

followed in the announced search for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. There was extensive discussion among the Council, and Baum indicated that he would follow up with the Provost's assistant, Jan Shane.

Note: Due to time constraints, the remaining reports were tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business

Given that the remaining time for the meeting was short, Jarvis moved directly to the #5 item on the agenda, whether the Council should move to bi-monthly meetings. There was some discussion on this matter, and it was proposed that any reports to be delivered during an upcoming meeting should be E-mailed to Robyn McGownd prior to the meeting, so that they may be distributed along with the agenda. If a report is significant (requiring more time for consideration and/or feedback) the person submitting the report may want to personally send it to the Council members earlier.

Sally Pyne moved that the Council should begin meeting on a bi-monthly basis. Julie Goodlick seconded this motion, and offered an amendment that the meetings begin earlier, at 1:15 pm. The amendment was accepted by Pyne, and the motion was approved by the Council. Rooms for these meetings have already been reserved by McGownd, and the schedule has been set. The next Council meeting will be October 9, 2003.

In one final discussion item prior to adjournment, Jarvis indicated that he had met with Carolyn Bartlett (who recently resigned from her position as A/P Grievance Administrator) to discuss the Administrator position. They particularly focused upon the important qualities a successful Administrator would possess. Jarvis shared these with the Council, and requested that members contact him with recommendations of A/P staff members they feel might serve well in this position.

Jarvis also reported that he would be meeting soon with Provost Presley to discuss the appointment process.

New Business

No New Business items were discussed.

Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Moved and seconded by Baum and Graybill.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Klay, Secretary

Future 2003 - 04 Meetings

October 9 SSB 314
October 23 Spotlight Room
November 6 Spotlight Room (room not available until 1:30)
November 20 Spotlight Room
December 4 BSC Private Dining Room
December 18 Spotlight Room
January 22 Spotlight Room
February 26
March 25
April 22
May 27