

April 25, 2008
Academic Senate Notes

Dear AP Council,

On Wednesday April 23rd, the Academic Senate met and welcomed a new student President of S.G.A., Ted Mason. There were relatively few senators and administrators present; nevertheless, we acted as though we had a quorum, whether or not we did. The main event was a presentation from Dick Runner concerning campus construction projects. We also voted on an Appropriate Use Policy for information technology.

Of all the presentations I have seen this year, next to Jon Rosenthal's, Dick Runner's was the most informative. Unfortunately, as a result of its intricacy, I do not feel that my summary will be sufficient. I would recommend that the AP Council, if it has any meetings left, invite Dick Runner to its meeting or, at the least, ask him to forward his power point presentation. He has been talking to groups all over campus; so, I do not think he would mind talking to one more.

Basically, Director Runner talked about both Current Projects (East Campus Residence Halls, Chillers, and Stevenson/Turner) and New Projects (Milner Bridge, K&R Building, Parking Deck, and Power Plant). The Milner Bridge was an emergency job brought on by the weather's effect on the top coating. If they do not fix it quickly, it could undermine the integrity of the bridge itself. As a result, the bridge will be closed through July and August. Of the East Campus Residence Hall project, he remarked that they were half-way through the \$29 million project. The \$23.3 million project in Stevenson/Turner is a three phase project and they are only in the first phase. The rehab of Turner is, in fact, the last phase.

When someone suggested that he post this information, he assured us that the ISU Report will include maps and that, periodically, emails would be sent to those affected. There will also be an identifier on the ISU webpage that will take us to the most recent information about ongoing projects.

The only administrator to offer remarks was Provost Murphy. She noted again that the CAST Dean Search had been formed and that they planned to form the dean search for the College of Business. For the purposes of finding these deans, the president has approved the Greenwood Associates search firm. Provost Murphy also noted that the numbers of Admissions and those who have submitted their down payment is way up. She was confident Admissions, which has this numbers management down to a science, would be able to accommodate the numbers. She did mention that Jon Rosenthal may be sweating a bit about where to put them. The Provost also mentioned that this summer LILT will be in Williams as will the computer lab (Wms. 301.)

After remarks from the administrator present, committee chairs offered their contributions. The Senate offered its support for the Planning and Finance Committee's priority report, mentioned in the last minutes.

There was one action item: an appropriate use policy. Basically, it was a good idea that ISU came up with an appropriate use policy and the one which they did create is very open-ended. Although there was a lot of debate concerning the specific language, including some friendly amendments to sentence structure for clarity, it was approved. Basically, we were assured that what it covers is really “illegal” downloads; so, if you want to put music or photos on your computer, they do not care. It is also ok to have your personal programs on your computer as long as they do not interfere with your work. Before putting anything on your computer, however, you should receive permission from your boss.

That is about all that was covered. If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

Cheers,

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