REMINDER: BROWN BAG WITH PHIL ADAMS, Illinois State’s legislative liaison in Springfield. Noon, FRIDAY, MAY 6 IN 375 STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
Administrative/Professional Council Meeting
April 28, 2005
Spotlight Room, Bone Student Center

Council members present: Deb Gentry, Kim Hays, Steve Klay, Gail Lamb, Mindy Mangialardi, Sally Pyne, Jess Ray, Amy Roser, Mark Vegter

Ex-officio members present: Paul Jarvis, Mboka Mwilambwe, Maureen Smith

Guest: Derek Story, Human Resources (representing HR Liaison, Kaye Johnson)

Council Chair, Mindy Mangialardi, called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Approval of minutes
The Council approved the minutes of the April 14 meeting, as submitted. Minutes of meetings are available on the Council Web site, http://www.apcouncil.ilstu.edu/.

Chair’s Remarks – Mindy Mangialardi
• As indicated at the 3/10/05 Council meeting, a letter was sent to Vice President Susan Kern providing feedback regarding the presentation of A/P awards at the Founders’ Day ceremony. Communication regarding this issue continues, and Mangialardi will keep the Council apprised of developments.
• Mangialardi participated in her scheduled meeting with President Bowman. They discussed the feedback that he had received from the campus community related to the budget proposals, and specifically to the proposal dealing with the limitation of student fee increases. Mangialardi and Paul Jarvis are continuing to author a letter to President Bowman outlining concerns regarding the student fee-related policy. It will be delivered to the President prior to the Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, May 13.
• Mangialardi acknowledged the A/P staff award winners who were recognized at the joint awards ceremony on April 20. Distinguished Service Award winners included Beckie Benner, Tara Reeser, and Scott Brouette. The Esprit de Corp winner was Joe Rives. Mangialardi also read a note of thanks from Rives.

HR Liaison Remarks – Derek Story
No report.
Committee Reports

Elections
Mangialardi reported that she had contacted all of the newly-elected A/P Council members, and they have each accepted their position. Those elected include: Donna Banner, Rick Olshak, Mindy Mangialardi, and Nikki Brauer. Each will serve a three year term, beginning in August.

Awards
There was some discussion regarding the joint awards ceremony. Suggestions were offered for next year’s ceremony.

Academic Senate
Please go to the end of these minutes for the full Academic Senate report.

Business
Brown Bag Dialogue Sessions
The final Brown Bag Session takes place on Friday, May 6, with Phil Adams as the guest. The Council generated some talking points, which will be forwarded to Adams by Elaine Graybill.

Adjournment
The Council adjourned at 2:20 p.m. Moved and seconded by Amy Roser and Jess Ray, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Klay, Secretary

Future 2005 Meetings
May 12 Spotlight Room
May 26 Spotlight Room

Academic Senate Report
Mboka Mwilambwe

Mwilambwe attended the 4/27/05 meeting of the Academic Senate, and provided the following report:

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

State Rep. Brady attended the meeting and after providing some initial remarks, he offered responses to some questions from members of the Senate. A summary of his thoughts are below:

- ISU and U of I will have their budget hearing on 4/28 in front of the House Appropriations committee.
- He confirmed what has been in the news (i.e. little extra revenue, high demands on state funding)
- There is speculation that this budget session will also go into overtime (normally adjourns at the end of May).
- The strain on the budget has people in Springfield looking at state universities income funds (where tuition revenue is collected), however he will fight to make sure those funds remain held locally.
- There is no money in the vehicle insurance fund. He finds the current proposed alternative unacceptable (any motorist involved in an accident against a motorist driving a state-owned vehicle would have to pay for damages through their own insurance and be reimbursed later by the state). It will result in increased insurance costs for the owner of the vehicle. They are studying the possibility of an emergency appropriation bill to take care of the issue.
- There is currently no overwhelming support for an income tax increase to address the state’s budget programs (House Bill 750 is one such proposal). As far as he is concerned, he would not consider sponsoring a bill that increases taxes before hearing from constituents and being convinced that the state is making efficient use of current resources.
- He is not aware of a proposal to address student aid at this time. He recommends that students contact their legislators and committee chairmen to voice their concerns about the budget and higher education funding.
- He also recommended that the Senate send a copy of its letter on pension reform to Senate President Emil Jones, Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson, House Speaker Michael Madigan, and Republican House Minority leader Tom Cross.

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks:

Senator Crothers provided the following remarks:

- He thanked outgoing Senators and noted that there will be a high turnover of Senators with about 17 members leaving for various reasons. This will make the transition more difficult.

Senator Garrison provided the following remarks:

- He also thanked outgoing Senators and indicated that SGA is currently working on internal appointments. They are also seeking nominations for the Redbird of the Month.

Administrator’s Remarks

President Bowman provided the following remarks:

- A donor (yet to be named) is unwrapping a $1 million trust fund to donate to ISU.
- The Illinois Senate Appropriation hearing took place on 4/25/05.
- He introduced the new Athletics Director (Zenger) at a press conference earlier in the day.
- He congratulated the ISU men and women’s golf team for winning the Missouri Valley Conference title.

Provost Presley provided the following remarks:

- Approximately 2883 enrollment deposits have been received up to date. This is 362 deposits ahead of last year’s pace.
- He is expecting an incoming freshman class of 3050, barring the Urbana effect.
- Tech Zone is currently conducting “Tech Night” in order to help students fulfill the personal computer requirement. “Tech Night” puts ISU at the forefront of public schools helping students with computer needs and other public schools are looking at ISU as possible model to follow.

Vice President Mamarchev provided the following remarks:

- The private dining room in the Bone Student Center is now open.
- Burger King will replace Sunset Strips in August.
- Student Affairs has completed comprehensive program reviews for Disability Concerns and Career Services.
Vice-President Bragg provided the following remarks:

- They’ve opened bids for the renovation of Haynie and they came $45,000 under budget.
- The second phase of the Schroeder renovation is moving ahead of schedule.
- His area is in the process of negotiating new energy rates and they are expecting to know the rates within a week.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee: the committee continued its review of enrollment management issues but they were unable to finish their discussion. The next committee will have to pick up on this responsibility.

Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee: bringing the Disestablishment of Academic Units and Sound Amplification policies to the floor for action.

Faculty Affairs Committee: discussed some procedural issues.

Planning and Finance Committee: bringing its work on setting priorities for the university to the Senate for endorsement.

Rules Committee: no report.

Action Items:
04.21.05.01 Disestablishment of Academic Units (Administrative Affairs Committee)
This item was passed by the Senate.

04.21.05.02 Amplification Policy (Administrative Affairs Committee)
This item was passed by the Senate.

Information Items:
04.15.05.02 Institutional Goals and Priorities (Planning and Finance Committee)
This item was moved to an action item and passed by the Senate.

Communications:
04.15.05.02.1 Pension Cuts Memo to Governor – Presented for Senate Endorsement
The item was endorsed by the Senate.

04.22.05.22 Letter to Trustee Bergman (Previously distributed by e-mail)
The Senate discussed two possible versions of a resolution in response to this controversy. After listening to SEAC (Student Environmental Action Committee), the Senate voted to endorse the version of the resolution that recognized Trustee Bergman’s letter of apology without focusing on the negatives of this issue.

04.22.05.01 Academic Senate Sense of the Senate Resolution: Environment Stewardship (Senators op de Beeck and Reid)
This resolution which encourages environment stewardship by all members of the ISU community was endorsed by the Senate.

The meeting was adjourned around 9:00 pm.