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Time: 3:15 p.m.

Place: Hulman Memorial Student Union 227

Present: Chairperson S. Lamb, Vice Chair V. Sheets, Secretary Sr. A. Anderson

V. Anderson, B. Evans, B. Frank, C. Hoffman, J. Hughes, S. Shure

Ex-Officio: Robert English

I. Administrative Report

Robert English reported:

1) Promising Scholars Program: fifty two applications received; sixteen will be selected for grants of up to $15,000 (a minimum of $5,000) to support and stimulate their research agendas consistent with the mission of their department, college, and the University; recipients will be notified by the December 15 deadline;

2) Programs of Promise: fifteen applications received by the November 15 deadline; those invited to submit a full proposal will be announced December 15;

3) Programs of National Distinction, Programs of Regional/State distinction, and Programs of Promise: a total of twenty-three applications were received for the December 1 deadline; those invited to submit a full proposal will be announced January 16.

4) College of Education Dean search continues.

II. Chair Report

Chair Lamb:

“I need to repeat some items from last week, since we had no one from the Provost’s Office at last week’s meeting, nor were we able to meet with the Provost yesterday.

Again, I continue to encourage the administration, the Provost, and the Dean of Arts & Sciences to schedule a meeting with the Life Science Faculty and interim chair Swapan Ghosh, to see if there could not be accommodation of their concerns. Again, that is owed to the department.

And again, I have a sense that enrollments are not where we would like them to be. I would appreciate the Provost giving us comparative figures (maybe the last 3 or 4 years) at the next Executive Committee meeting. Are we making progress?

I am pleased to report that Ed Kinley, Becky Libler, and a representative from Teresa Exline’s office are going to be here next week to discuss our WEB site in conjunction with enrollment issues. I am very interested in reconstituting the Web Advisory Committee in order to institutionalize input.

Also, pleased to report that Mike Murphy will be giving a report to the Executive Committee on the happenings of the Task Force on Prioritization, immediately after the break and will be reporting to the Faculty Senate as well after the break.

Also, I would like to inform the Executive Committee that University Faculty Senate approved *Handbook* language on Academic Department Chairpersons (approved on 4/29/04) is currently being considered by the Provost. I think that the Provost will end up being satisfied with slight modification to that document and the faculty, I suspect, will be able to endorse.

Under old Business, I need to present to the Provost’s office, the FEBC recommendation concerning fee waivers for spouses or same sex domestic partners approved by the Senate, and attempt to move it forward. I know that the Provost expressed a positive attitude towards this recommendation. I hope to see it on the Board agenda soon.”

III. Fifteen Minute Open Discussion

1) Noted the Turnitin web site had been down all day today; this presents trouble for students turning papers in this week.

2) Registration difficulties for students with 991 student ID numbers were a concern.

3) Help Desk—has it been cost effective to outsource?

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the November 29, 2005 meeting were approved. (Sheets, V. Anderson 9-0-0)

V. Old Business

Chair Lamb presented to Robert English a copy of the FEBC recommendation, approved by the Senate, in an attempt to move it forward.

Recommendation text: “Faculty and spouses or same sex domestic partners receive the same tuition benefit. This benefit shall be equal to 15-semester hours per annum at the reduced rate.”

The Provost expressed a positive attitude towards this recommendation. It is hoped that the recommendation will be on the Board of Trustees’ agenda soon.

VI. New Business

None

VII. Executive Session

Motion to move into executive session. (A. Anderson, Hoffman 9-0-0)

Motion to move out of executive session. (Hoffman, A. Anderson 9-0-0)

VIII. Approved Motions

1) Forward to the Provost the five members of the Faculty Dismissal Hearing Committee chosen as the hearing committee in a faculty dismissal proceeding as provided in Bylaw XI. (Frank, Hoffman 9-0-0)

These five members were randomly chosen following the *Handbook* process. (see Section II, page 10).

2) The Executive Committee recommends that the established schedule for the evaluation of Academic Deans at ISU with evaluation to occur every three years of the dean’s tenure be continued this year. (Hoffman, Evans 9-0-0)

3) Forward the Executive Committee response to a faculty complaint. (Frank, Hoffman 9-0-0)

IX. Standing Committee Reports

Executive Committee liaisons provided updates on respective standing committee activity.

It was noted that the Graduate Council had expressed concern about blending of students enrolled in 400 and 600 level courses within the same class.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.