

APPROVED

Administrative Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate – 2010 – 2011

Friday, April 15, 2011 Noon

Myers Technology Center Room 103

Present: Richard Lotspeich, John Conant, Feng Qi Lai, Dorothy Yaw, Brian Kilp

Excused: Ed Kinley, Chris Olsen, Barbara Skinner, Boris Blyukher

I. Approval of the Minutes (delayed for another time)

II. Consideration of the proposed amendments to the Academic Calendar for academic years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

Some discussion of the length of the winter recess. No significant issues were raised.

Approval of the proposed Academic Calendar 4-0-0.

III. Discussion of consideration of objections raised to the proposed purchase of the Cherry St. Parking Garage. Dr. Lotspeich worked up a detailed analysis.

Dr. Lotspeich presented a detailed financial analysis that suggests that the cost to ISU is actually much higher than the benefit and not in the best interest of ISU. Discussion of the reasons for purchasing the building and whether it is truly in our best interest. Is there a "bigger picture" reason for this? Dr. Lotspeich suggested that financially it makes no sense for the University to purchase it. Another point, considering the information provided by the Parking Consultant, is that their suggested ways to address ISU's parking issues are flawed, and that there are cheaper ways to address these concerns already in place. He suggested, for example Lot N (underutilized). The AAC will be meeting with Diann McKee and the President next week to discuss this. Dr. Lai suggested that perhaps there are aesthetic reasons. Dr. Conant suggested that we need to know if the subsidy came from other parking areas or from outside. We wonder what the original contract says.

Also discussion of the parking plan itself. Dr. Lotspeich suggested that it is biased towards building parking lots and perhaps implied a purchase of the garage. Is the parking plan a driving force behind the purchase plan of the garage?

The Committee has decided that they will wait for the meeting with Diane McKee and the President before they decide how to proceed.

IV. Executive Committee Response to Response from AAC re: the proposed Budget Committee. Guest Dr. Virgil Sheets, representing the Fac. Senate Ex. Committee, thanked the Committee for the good work, but said the Committee feels that the suggested configuration may not be welcomed by the Administration. They suggest

instead a re-configuration of the AAC Committee and FEBC structure and transfer the budgetary advisory authority to the FEBC instead. This Committee would be renamed the "Faculty Economics and Budgets Committee". Dr. Sheets feels that it will take time to bring the Administration on board to hopefully eventually support the Advisory role that technically already exists in the AAC and would subsequently be transferred to the FEBC. Discussion ensued of what if any bylaws would need to be changed. Dr. Sheets feels that it would need to go to the Board of Trustees to approve this change (transfer of authority). Move that we approve this plan as presented by the Senate Ex. Committee. Vote was 4-0-0.

V. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Brian Kilp, Acting Secretary