

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
Administrative/Professional Council Meeting
November 16, 2000
Spotlight Room, Bone Student Center

Present: Mike Baum, Maureen Blair, Jan Bremner, Larry Jobe, Jeff Lopez, Chika Nnamani, Sally Parry, Sally Pyne, Larry Quane, and Cheryl Young

Absent: Molly Arnold, Martin Jackson, Beverly Nance, and Sue Zinck

Guest: President Victor Boschini

Guest Presentation—Boschini

Dr. Boschini chose not to make a formal presentation, but to respond to questions and discuss issues with the Council. The dialogue encompassed several topics.

Comprehensive Campaign

Dr. Boschini has been traveling frequently throughout the country, telling the Illinois State Story and soliciting private gifts; he has been pursuing corporate gifts and meeting with alumni to renew their connections with the University.

Shared Governance

President Boschini is awaiting a second response from the Academic Senate. Although the Senate agreed with the principles (as did all governance groups), they did not endorse the original proposed plan. It is anticipated that they will present a compromise that will result in a workable document. Dr. Boschini hopes to have the Senate response before the holidays, and will meet with the chairs of all governance groups before a final decision is implemented.

Council members relayed to the President their awareness of the inclusiveness that has emerged from the process involved in the shared governance committee work, regardless of the current status of the proposed shared governance plan. There is more diverse representation on university-wide committees, the Committee for Diversity has been formed, the Distinctiveness and Excellence project was a very open one, and input is routinely being sought from differing constituencies. Council members also expressed frustration that a document that took so much time and work could be rejected in the eleventh hour, considering the many opportunities to express criticism throughout the process. Dr. Boschini indicated that a timeline has been recorded that indicates the progression of work that was done on Distinctiveness & Excellence and shared governance efforts.

Educating Illinois

Financing the Educating Illinois endeavor will not all be from campaign funds. Some will be funded with internal funds through reallocation and, in reality, not all will be funded. The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) salary increment formula for next fiscal year may result in a decrease in the University's internal funds available for reallocation. Tuition is not a primary source of funding. Because accessibility is an IBHE priority, board budget practice discourages tuition raises.

Dr. Boschini approved moving forward with work related to the values and areas included in the Educating Illinois Report.

Recent IBHE Meeting

In the recent IBHE budget meeting, Illinois State appears to have been received favorably. Dr. Boschini's goal is to have the second largest funding increase among state institutions in Illinois; he is very optimistic about his goal.

General Education Funding

Funding for the general education program will be achieved 1) by reallocation (although there is not much flexibility for this), 2) through the endowment recently established, and 3) by maintaining enrollment at 20,000.

Council members appreciated the opportunity to express opinions regarding these and other issues, and complimented Dr. Boschini on his efforts to move the University to the next level.

Approval of Minutes

With a correction of the facility name to "Parrot's Echo," the minutes of the October 26 Council meeting were approved.

Chair's Remarks—Baum

Baum thanked Arnold for coordinating—and the Provost's Office for funding—the recent social for new AP staff to meet the Council, which involved nearly 25 staff.

In June 1997, a copy of the Board of Trustees Governing Document was mailed to the offices of the Vice Presidents, Deans, Department Chairs, and the President's Staff. The first update to the document was distributed in August 1998. The Governing Document now appears on-line at the following address: http://www.bot.ilstu.edu/BOT/table_of_contents.htm, with a summary of the changes at http://www.bot.ilstu.edu/BOT/gov_doc_changes.html. Since the document is now on-line, hard copies will no longer be provided. The on-line version will be immediately updated following any action by the Board of Trustees. If you wish to maintain a hard copy of the document, contact Anne Garrett, President's Office, agarrett@ilstu.edu

Board of Trustees (BOT) Representative—Quane

The next BOT meeting is scheduled for February 16, in conjunction with Founders Day (February 15).

Foundation Board Representative—Young for Navarro

The dollar amount private gifts raised through September this year compares very favorably with the same period last year, up more than \$500,000. Expectancies through September '01 were up more than \$2M over September '00. The Board approved the FY2001 Foundation budget.

The Investment Committee is considering issues (both service and return on investment) with the Common Fund. There were questions about the continued use of the Common Fund. Larry Clore explained the need to establish benchmarks on the folio performance. The Major Gifts Committee is utilizing chair Margaret Woulfe's expertise in creating policies and guidelines for naming facilities, scholarships, etc., and is reviewing the policies/guidelines for consistent language and

public policy issues. The Committee will have drafts for Board review at the February meeting. The Campaign Steering Committee is excited about the progress of the Campaign. Approximately

40-50% of the goal should be collected before going public—currently, approximately \$22 million of the total (yet to be determined) goal has been raised. Many of the Board of Trustees, Foundation Board members, and Vice-Presidents have already contributed to the Campaign. Those who have not been contacted will be contacted soon. Currently, in a great position for a public kick-off next year. The Constitution Committee is currently doing its periodic review of the constitution and will make a report at the February meeting. The Ewing Advisory Committee is reviewing issues regarding the usage policy for the Theatre at Ewing, the endowment for maintenance for the theatre, and scheduling of additional events at the venue. The city's Towanda/Emerson spotlight project is scheduled for Spring.

After the board meeting, the members attended the dedication of the Kaufman Football Building. The next Foundation Board meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2001.

Committee Reports

Team Excellence Awards (Pyne)

The criteria for selection of the recipients for the awards needed to be reworked. The committee looked at the values articulated in Educating Illinois and is revising the criteria accordingly.

Sick Leave Bank Appeal Committee (Lopez)

The committee reviewed and granted a request for an extended leave to an employee who appealed the original decision. This is the first appeal this fiscal year. Bremner will provide data regarding the Sick Leave Bank at the Council's next meeting.

Old Business

New Staff Welcoming & Mentoring

Baum asked the Council to let Arnold know suggestions regarding this program.

December 14 Agenda

The December 14 meeting will not include a guest presenter. The Council will discuss Educating Illinois and how the Council can help move this effort ahead.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Council Meeting Schedule

2000

December 14, 1:30pm Spotlight Room

2001

January 25, 1:30pm Spotlight Room – Special guest: Dr. Mamarchev
February 22, 1:30pm Spotlight Room – Special guest: Dr. Dammers
March 22, 1:30pm Spotlight Room
April 26, 1:30pm Spotlight Room – Special guest: Dr. Boschini

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Young, Secretary