

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES FOR MARCH 27, 2001 (Vol. XXX, No. 25)

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I. Call to order by James Tidwell at 2:04 p.m. (Kansas Room, MLK, Jr., Union)

Present: W. Addison, R. Benedict, J. Best, D. Brandt, G. Canivez, J. Dilworth, C. Eberly, B. Fischer, F. Fraker, J. Tidwell, B. Young, and A. Zahlan. Excused: P. Fewell, N. Greer Absent: M. Toosi Guests: J. Niziokiewicz, S. Kupperman, D. Hilty, S. Shrake, J. Bishop, J. Cooley, and D. Radavich

II. Approval of the minutes of March 20, 2001.

Motion (Benedict/Dilworth) to approve the minutes of March 20, 2001.

(Secretary's note: The March 20 minutes should have been marked Vol. XXX, No. 24, not No. 12)

Yes: Tidwell, Young, Zahlan, Addison, Benedict, Best, Brandt, Canivez, Dilworth, Eberly, and Fraker. **Passed.**

III. Communications

- A. Minutes of the Ad Hoc Calendar Committee--March 5 and March 19, 2001
- B. Memo from Lida Wall, Acting VP Academic Affairs, concerning the Achievement and Contribution Awards Selection Committee--March 20, 2001

Fischer questioned the criteria for selection of committee members, and asked that it be double-checked before Senate appoints a committee member.

V. New Business

A.: Closing of Seventh Street for construction of Fine Arts Center—Steve Shrake, Facilities Planning and Management, EIU, Scott Kupperman, Architect, and Dave Hilty, Epstein & Sons, Chicago, IL. Mgr. of Design and Construction

Chair Tidwell dispensed with the regular order of business to introduce Shrake, Kupperman, and Hilty, who presented a series of architectural drawings of the proposed Seventh Street closing for the Senate's consideration. Four separate drawings of the area were shown. First, how the University utilizes and used Seventh Street was assessed to draw out the needs associated with the street, and to reduce construction costs and timing associated with the closing of the street. The architects spoke with constituents, surveyed information, considered utilities, access points, and vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Two alternative designs for the closing of the street were displayed, and the pros and cons of each closing were explained.

Hilty reviewed the vision of the campus master plan that says Seventh Street is to become a pedestrian corridor with a dual walkway. He mentioned the plan's intent to take vehicular circulation and move it to the perimeter of the campus. He said the plan closing would stay in the tradition of the campus with trees and formal settings with plantings. This includes information kiosks, signage, etc. There will be more of a sense of an entry to campus for first-time visitors. The plaza areas will consist of sitting areas, special plantings, ornamental trees, and provide nice areas for people to gather. The planters will be about 18 inches high, and capable of being used as seats. There will also be areas for sculptures, water features, etc.

While Epstein and Sons is not the architect for the Fine Arts Building, that construction is driving a lot of the decisions being made for this project. The drawings showed an "envelope" around the Fine Arts Building area for the construction project. Details are still being worked out, and the Seventh Street plan will change to coordinate the two projects.

Vehicular access is an issue. There is a need for service vehicles to cross and drive down the closed street. We will do as much with esthetics as possible, and use plantings to create a canopy over the walkway. With regard to safety, we will keep most plantings low so that there will not be blind spots when vehicles use the walkway. Lighting will be provided to keep the area well lit. The ornamental lights in front of Buzzard Hall will be replicated throughout the project. Barricades will be used to keep traffic out, but they will be removable for service vehicles.

The first alternate plan includes access off Lincoln Avenue past Old Main, then Johnson Street carries traffic through to the parking lot. This route provides access to the Steam Plant.

The second alternate plan provides access of Lincoln Avenue, but closes off access through Johnson Street. It allows access to Old Main, Blair Hall, and relocates Johnson Street to make a more direct access to the Steam Plant. We will be eliminating parking along Seventh Street. We understand that the University has a policy of not eliminating parking until new parking is developed. Parking will hopefully increase as the project gets built. Then open up for questions and comments.

A third drawing showed other buildings projected to be constructed according to the master plan, and how those buildings would be served given the pedestrian mall. A fourth poster marked routes of emergency vehicles

(red) and service vehicles (yellow) within the area, and showed the circulation in and around the buildings. All vehicles will have access to buildings off Ninth Street. This plan showed the space available for large trucks to access the Steam Plant. There cannot be any dead ends. It is important to have removable bollards. Hilty and Kupperman indicated that the closing plan would change as the Fine Arts building was developed.

Fischer: What about the Life Science building. The department has three of its own vehicles that are used daily. Hilty: The design provides access for those vehicles. Dilworth: What about icons such as the large oak tree?

Hilty: We will not be encroaching on current campus plantings such as the oak tree, the bald cypress trees, etc. The surface will be concrete, with the plaza areas in brick. We are thinking about a bicycle path along the edge of the walkway. We have not drawn it up, but we have looked at the idea. It will eventually become a part of the design. The preliminary schedule is as follows:

Schematic design: June 2000-Jan 2001
Design development: Feb. 2001- June 2001
Construction Documents: July 2001-Oct. 2001
Bidding: Nov. 2001-Dec. 2001
Start construction: Spring 2002
End construction, Fall 2002

Hilty: Alternate Two is the preferred design. It keeps the most traffic away from the walkway. Tidwell: No one has talked with us about the closing of Seventh Street. VP Cooley: We have had discussions with the Mayor. We are not sure which mayor we are going to be talking to, so we have put that off until after the April elections. The issue is primarily from Grant Street south. There is also an alleyway under consideration. Discussions with the mayor in the past have been held, but there is too much in flux at this time. Kupperman: We have spoken with city engineer, and when Seventh Street is closed, the traffic signal will be moved to Ninth Street.

Best: I want it restated that, "Generally it is the university policy to add parking spaces before others are removed." Cooley: There will be some handicapped spaces, but the other lots adjacent to Blair will be closed. Eberly expressed concern about the location of the African American Cultural Center, and Zahlan supported his concerns. The building, slated for removal, should not be demolished until a new facility is located that is satisfactory to African-American students.

Tidwell: The Clinical Services building, is that where it will be officially, between Klehm and Lawson? Has that been officially announced? Cooley: That's where the design is being done right now. We are juggling the Communication Disorders and Sciences location right now. Now it is a scramble for dollars. One option is to rent some space at the Newman Catholic Center, second, to add some new space to the Clinical Services Building, and the third option is Weller Hall. We are currently pursuing all three options right now. Dilworth: Is Fine Arts going to be constructed across the street? Cooley: The architect is still working, but we expect that to be so. They are talking about a bridge way through the building, with a lobby area where students can take a look at the arts.

Fraker: Has there been a study of the anticipated traffic that will be using the walkway? Kupperman: Particularly, no, but yes to the number of deliveries and removals. We have considered stores, recycling and garbage collection that have to have access certain to key points. Cooley: The Fine Arts building will be three floors high. To make it higher requires the use of more elevators. Brandt: What is the vertical cross section on the drawings? Hilty: We also have draining issues to work out. We have designed this so we can do it all at once or in sections. Cooley: The projected costs for this project are about 2.5 million.

Bishop: As a student, I like it. A lot of students are sick of the construction on campus. Do not do it in sections; do it all at one time. The construction has really been driving students crazy. Making the campus look prettier than what it is will be awesome. Eberly: Is there a space on campus that the drawings can be displayed on a continuing basis for people to see? Shrake: That is a good idea if I can find a space. Eberly: Build some temporary display boxes if necessary. People need to have a vision of what is going to be developed. I think that would head off a lot of complaints.

Tidwell: Should we adopt a resolution about this? Let us do that in new business. He thanked the presenters for their effort, and they left the meeting. Tidwell returned to the regular order of business.

IV. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee: Tidwell distributed a handout showing the Governor's recommendations on the FY 2002 budget, beginning July 1, 2001. He cut out \$100,000 from library acquisitions and utilities. There will be no new money for these items. The fine arts request is still supported. We did not get the south campus chilled water loop, but we got \$676,000 for rehabilitation of McAfee Hall.

Best: What is the interpretation of Goal Five appropriations? What is the total amount? Tidwell: The

\$690,000 is everything outside of the 3 + 2 + 1 monies. Our only recourse is lobbying at this point. Young: Isn't it this next Tuesday? A discussion of when hearings will be held in the legislature ensued.

2. Elections: Fischer provided a handout showing the number of applicants for university committees. Only one Senate petition has been handed in at this point. Best: If you are a good senator, you ought to get someone to run for Senate. Fischer has re-sent pleas for people to run to the Council of Chairs for distribution to the faculty. We don't have anyone who wants to run for CGS, etc. There was a general discussion of how to get people to run for posts. Dilworth: The people willing are not eligible. Fischer: I am trying to get back to those people to get them to run for other things. Tidwell: We could propose a constitutional amendment to change that. Fischer will be in contact with the elections committee within the next several days to determine the form of the ballot. Zahlan: You will get a lot of petitions right at the last minute. Fischer also reported that the notice for the Distinguished Faculty Award would come out again this next Thursday.

3. Nominations: Canivez: Karen Taylor wants to get off the Financial Aid and Grants Committee. They have four people to deal with the attainment funds; they need to meet and there are not enough people to meet this next Friday. Louis Clay-Mendez, Gordon Tucker, and one other person has volunteered to make a one-day appointment. Tidwell: The Senate should officially endorse it. **Motion (Fischer/Fraker) to approve Louis Clay-Mendez and Gordon Tucker for a one-day appointment to the Financial Aids and Grants Committee for Friday, April 6, 2001.** Vote: Yes: Addison, Benedict, Best, Brandt, Canivez, Dilworth, Eberly, Fischer, Fraker, Tidwell, Young, and Zahlan. **(Passed)**

4. Student-Faculty Relations: Benedict distributed Student Senate Resolution 00-01-25 to the Faculty Senate. Benedict: The Student-Faculty Relations Committee has met with student senators and the Student Senate has passed the following. **Motion (Benedict/Fischer) to approve the student senate resolution.** Addison: If you use the Purdue, it will not be added as a core item; it can only be added as a write-in item. The Senators debated about the logistics of adding an item to the Purdue. Zahlan: Looking at the item, the problem I have with it is the comparative nature of it. When you are saying, "among the most effective", I would be more comfortable with saying, "this professor is effective" on a one to five scale. Fischer: The "would you recommend this professor to your fellow students" is a comparison item on the Purdue. The Senators discussed items on the Purdue and their specific wording. Fraker: There is a desire for this type of question, and I support it. Dilworth: It says, "similarly worded," it does not say you have to use this item. Young: We could recommend to faculty members that they look at the recommendation seriously and positively. Benedict: I would like for the Student Senators to have a voice in this. Weyhaupt: I think that you could use a derivation of this item that fits within the needs of your specific department. It is important to us that the Faculty Senate thinks that a question similar to this is important. We need your support. Tidwell: We certainly could have a friendly amendment to the motion on the floor. Otherwise, we have to vote on this motion. Zahlan: The wording of this statement is close to contractual language. This presents a problem to me. This is all about people getting fired or not. Weyhaupt: Students need to be able to say, "Overall, this instructor was effective." Brandt: Why not have a question that is for the students' use, and not a part of the promotion process? This question, by the DACC, could be omitted from that process. Zahlan: Would it be satisficing if this were not in the DACC? Weyhaupt: I have no care at all if the Provost ever sees this question. Addison: How about a motion as a friendly amendment to endorse" including this item or a similarly worded item on faculty evaluation." Dilworth: We will not change our wording in our department. The friendly amendment was accepted. **With the question changed to read: "Overall, this instructor is an effective teacher," a vote was taken to approve Student Senate Resolution 00-01-25.** Vote: Yes: Benedict, Best, Brandt, Canivez, Dilworth, Eberly, Fischer, Fraker, Tidwell, Young, Zahlan, and Addison. **PASSED.**

5. Faculty-Staff Relations: No report.

6. VPAA Search Committee: Best: We have interviews coming up. Dr. Kean will be here tomorrow. The critical item here is that five folks are coming in and three names are going forward with strengths and limitations. The implied thing is that the President will not consider names that have not been sent forward. There will be a structured feedback form, and an opportunity to identify your constituency. If a constituency believes that a particular person is not acceptable, it is implied that the committee will honor that as a rejection of the candidate. Zahlan: As Senators it behooves us to raise

issues about Shared governance at all of the meetings. Addison: there is a certain core group of faculty and staff members that go to these sessions. You don't get a lot of these rating forms back. Please make open-ended comments on the forms, as well. Best: A good way for us to get the worst Provost possible is to not attend these meetings and not complete these forms.

7. VPBA Search Committee: Tidwell distributed a list of the candidates for VPBA.

VI. At this time the Senate lost quorum, and automatically adjourned, 3:55 p.m.

Future Agenda Items

- A. Dr. Keith Sanders, Executive Director of IBHE, will meet with the Senate April 17, 2001, not April 3, 2001, as originally announced.
- B. Senate sponsorship of International Tea – April 25, 2-4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles G. Eberly, Recorder