

**Minutes**  
**Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting**  
April 27, 2009

A regular meeting of the Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:15 p.m. at the Levis Faculty Center with Chancellor Richard Herman presiding.

**Approval of Minutes**

04/27/09-01        The minutes of March 30 were approved.

**Senate Executive Committee Report**

Senator Nicholas Burbules (EDUC), Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), provided the following report.

At the door today, please pick up copies of two different items: one is background material for the Committee of the Whole discussion about the addition of a limited number of academic professionals to the Senate membership. The other is a report and concomitant resolutions from the April 14 SURSMAC meeting.

Senator Burbules momentarily yielded the podium to Professor Abbas Aminmansour, Chair of the Educational Policy Committee, who presented a certificate of appreciation to Diana Morris of the Senate Office, who is retiring after 15 years of service to the Office and 20 years of service to the University. The Senate responded with a round of applause.

Senator Burbules reported that he has been chairing a task force charged with drafting an alternative model for the Global Campus initiative. The SEC had no objection to the Global Campus 2.0 option, which primarily consists of migrating ownership and responsibility for on-line education to the campus and academic unit level, and using Global Campus as a service and support organization. University Senates Conference will meet tomorrow to discuss this and forward its recommendations to the Trustees through the President. No final decision will be made until the Board meets on May 21.

Tellers for today's meeting are Senators Gayle Magee (FAA), Mary Mallory (LIBR), and Janet Reis (MED).

**Chancellor's Remarks**

Chancellor Richard Herman presented a Senate resolution of appreciation to outgoing SEC Chair Burbules for his two years of exemplary service to the campus and the University. The Senate responded with an enthusiastic round of applause and a standing ovation.

Dr. Herman reported briefly on administrative involvement in the development of alternatives to Global Campus. He then turned the podium over to Sally Jackson, Chief Information Officer (CIO) to provide an update on the IT@Illinois initiative.

CIO Jackson explained that this initiative was not in response to financial challenges, but as a way to examine our IT service to units. We have a well-developed IT core (CITES), but widely dispersed departmental people when it comes to levels of expertise. Utilizing a powerpoint presentation, Ms. Jackson summarized the methods her office uses to identify problems and possible solutions.

Concerns raised included the amount of faculty input into this initiative, the transparency of the process used, and when the results of this self-study will be shared with the campus.

The CIO reported that there has been considerable faculty participation in identifying IT problems and solutions and that a comprehensive report on the CIO's findings will be available relatively soon.

### Questions/Discussion

There were no further questions.

### Consent Agenda

The Presiding Officer announced that the following proposals were approved by unanimous consent:

- 04/27/09-02 EP.09.66\* Aerospace Engineering Curriculum Revision
- 04/27/09-03 EP.09.67\* Revision of the B.S. in NRES
- 04/27/09-04 EP.09.68\* Revision of the BALAS: Russian Languages and Literatures
- 04/27/09-05 EP.09.69\* Revise the BSLAS and BS (Chemistry) and B.S. Chemistry: Environmental Chem. Concentration
- 04/27/09-06 EP.09.70\* Graduate Minor: Latin American/Caribbean Studies
- 04/27/09-07 EP.09.71\* Graduate Minor in Religion
- 04/27/09-08 EP.09.73\* Discontinue the B.A.: Teaching of Russian
- 04/27/09-09 EP.09.74\* Change the Name of the Joint Master of Science in Electrical Engineering and Master of Business Administration Degree
- 04/27/09-10 EP.09.76\* Establish an M.S. Degree in Financial Engineering

### Proposals for Action

- 04/27/09-11 The Chancellor presented for action SC.09.10\*, Recognition of 2009 Graduating Class. Dr. Herman called upon Senator Jaclyn O'Day (LAS), President of the Illinois Student Senate, to accept this recognition on behalf of all graduating student senators.
- 04/27/09-12 By acclamation and applause, SC.09.10 was approved.
- 04/27/09-13 Next was SC.09.08\*, 2009-2010 Senate/SEC Calendar. Senator Burbules, SEC Chair, moved its approval on behalf of the SEC.
- 04/27/09-14 By voice vote, it was approved.

04/27/09-15 Chancellor Herman presented for action FB.09.02\*, Resolution on the Need to Protect Health Insurance Benefits. Senator Rick Gorvett (LAS), Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits Committee Chair, moved its approval.

04/27/09-16 By voice vote, it was approved.

04/27/09-17 The Chancellor presented for action FB.09.03\*, Resolution on the Need to Protect the State University Retirement System's Defined Benefit Retirement Plan. Senator Gorvett moved its approval.

04/27/09-18 By voice vote, it was approved.

#### **Proposed Revisions to the *University Statutes***

04/27/09-19 SP.06.05\*, Revision to the *Statutes*, Article VIII. Senator William Maher (LIBR), Chair of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), recapitulated the background of this proposal and moved its approval.

04/27/09-20 By voice vote, it was approved.

#### **Reports for Information of the Senate**

04/27/09-21 HE.09.08\* March 20 FAC/IBHE

#### **Committee of the Whole**

The Senate approved a motion to convene as a Committee of the Whole to discuss and take a non-binding vote on the Senate Review Commission recommendation that a specified number of academic professionals be given voting representation in the Senate.

Senator Burbules provided the backdrop for this discussion, including reference to the Senate defeating a measure at its December 8 meeting to add 11 academic professionals to the Senate. Senator Burbules wanted to make clear that the question for this session was to ascertain the sense of the Senate with regard to whether or not academic professionals (APs) should be added to the Senate electorate. The question about what mechanism should be used to determine how APs would be elected to the Senate is immaterial to today's discussion.

Senator Peter Loeb (LAS) expressed concern that the addition of APs to the Senate electorate would create a fundamental change in the principles of representation in the Senate. He pointed out that APs now have a voice in shared governance through the Council of Academic Professionals (CAP).

Senator Maher said the USSP Committee is looking for guidance from the Senate as his Committee has been grappling with this issue all year.

Senator Ilia Kapovich (LAS) warned that a new employment group of quasi-faculty might be codified if this measure ultimately came to pass.

By show of hands, and in a non-binding vote, the Senate voted to ask the Senate Statutes Committee to continue working on the issue of adding a limited number of Academic Professionals to its membership.

At 5:05 p.m., the Senate rose and reported for purposes of exiting the Committee of the Whole.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Robert C. Damrau, Senate Clerk

\*Filed with the Senate Clerk and incorporated by reference in these Minutes.