

Minutes
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting
March 29, 2010

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:15 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Levis Faculty Center with Interim Chancellor/Provost Robert Easter presiding.

Approval of Minutes

03/29/10-01 The minutes of February 22 were approved as written.

Senate Executive Committee Report

Senator Joyce Tolliver (LAS), Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), provided the following report.

A report of the March 18-19 Faculty Advisory Council/Illinois Board of Higher Education (FAC/IBHE) meeting (HE.10.07 on today's agenda) is available at the door.

Tellers for today's meeting are Senators H. F. Williamson (LAS), Tracey Klees (LAS), and David Olsen (BUS).

Chancellor's Remarks

The Chancellor stated that the campus is trying to determine its next steps in the wake of the current budget crisis. He added that several hundred employees have applied for the Voluntary Separation Program (VSP) and that all the applications will be reviewed soon. Chancellor Easter also announced that Tim Shriver, Chairman and CEO of the Special Olympics, will be the guest speaker at the May 2010 Commencement exercises.

Questions/Discussion

There were no substantive questions.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Easter announced that since there was no objection from any senator, the following proposals were approved by unanimous consent:

- 03/29/10-02 EP.10.19*, Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Agricultural and Biological Engineering
- 03/29/10-03 EP.10.32*, Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Veterinary Medicine to Rename the Department of Veterinary Biosciences as the Department of Comparative Biosciences
- 03/29/10-04 EP.10.33*, Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the Undergraduate Curriculum in Bioengineering
- 03/29/10-05 EP.10.36*, Discontinuance of the Undergraduate Minor in Food and Bioprocess Engineering, Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, College of Engineering

Proposals for Action

- 03/29/10-06 Chancellor Easter presented for action SC.10.10*, Proposal for a Licensing Advisory Committee. Senator Joyce Tolliver (LAS), Senate Executive Committee Chair, moved approval of the measure.
- 03/29/10-07 By voice vote, SC.10.10 was approved.
- 03/29/10-08 The Presiding Officer presented for action CC.10.10*, Nominations to the Licensing Advisory Committee. Senator Kim Graber (AHS), Chair of the Committee on Committees, moved approval of the slate. There were no floor nominations and they were declared closed.
- 03/29/10-09 By voice vote, the nomination slate was approved.
- 03/29/10-10 The Chancellor presented for action SL.10.01*, Resolution on the Participation of UI Students, Faculty, and Staff in the 2010 Census of the United States of America. Senator Kent Choquette (ENGR), University Student Life Committee Chair, summarized his committee's thinking behind this resolution and moved its approval.
- 03/29/10-11 By voice vote, SL.10.01 was approved.
- 03/29/10-12 Chancellor Robert Easter presented for action EP.10.43*, Revision of the Grade Replacement Policy. Professor Abbas Aminmansour (FAA), Chair of the Educational Policy Committee, moved its approval. Some senators objected to the establishment of this measure as campus policy. A motion to vote by written ballot failed (29-33).
- 03/29/10-13 By show of hands (58-14), EP.10.43 was approved.

Proposed Revisions to the *University Statutes*

- 03/29/10-14 The Chancellor presented for action SP.06.05*, Revision to the *Statutes*, Article VIII. Senator William Maher (LIBR), Chair of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures, recapitulated the lengthy background of this proposal and moved its approval.
- 03/29/10-15 By voice vote, SP.06.05 was approved.

Reports for Information

- 03/29/10-16 HE.10.07* March 18-19 FAC/IBHE
03/29/10-17 SC.10.09* March 10 BOT
03/29/10-18 SUR.10.02* January 28 SURSMAC

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Robert C. Damrau, Senate Clerk

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