Minutes
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting
May 2, 2011

A reconvened meeting of the Senate was called to order at 3:15 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Levis Faculty Center with Interim Chancellor Robert Easter presiding and Senator Kenneth E. Andersen as parliamentarian.

Senate Executive Committee Report

Senator Joyce Tolliver (LAS), Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), announced that floor privileges approved on April 25 remain in effect for Rick Atterberry, Chair of the Council of Academic Professionals (CAP), to speak to SC.11.14, SEC Support for CAP Resolution.

Tellers for today’s meeting are Leslie Struble (ENGR), John Prussing (ENGR), and H. F. Williamson (LAS). The handout at the door is today’s agenda and a Senate Resolution on the Advice of the Academic Senate Regarding the Institute of Aviation and its Academic Programs, which she expects to add to the agenda under New Business.

Senator Tolliver presented Chancellor Easter with a resolution of appreciation for his stewardship of the campus and for his distinctive contributions to the University. The Senate responded with a standing ovation.

Proposals for Action

05/02/11-01 Dr. Easter presented for action SC.11.14, SEC support for CAP Resolution. Senator Joyce Tolliver, SEC Chair, moved its approval and called upon Rick Atterberry to summarize the issues. The main concerns of CAP are: 1) the trend toward reclassifying academic professional (AP) positions as civil service, and 2) the state removing the exemption authority from the Urbana campus, which limits its power to create AP positions.

05/02/11-02 By voice vote, SC.11.14 was approved.

Proposed Revision to the Senate Constitution

05/02/11-03 The Chancellor presented for action SP.11.10*, Proposed Revision to the Constitution, Article IV, Section 5 – Student Senators Term of Office. Senator William Maher (LIBR), Chair of the Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures, moved its approval.

05/02/11-04 By voice vote, SP.11.10 was approved.

Reports for Information

05/02/11-05 SC.11.12* March 23 BOT
05/02/11-06 HE.11.07* March 18 FAC/IBHE
05/02/11-07 HE.11.08* April 8 FAC/IBHE
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Committee of the Whole

The Senate approved a motion from Senator Maher to treat Proposed Revisions to the General Rules, Article II, Sections 4, 5, and 6, as an informational item instead of a Committee of the Whole. Senator Maher reported that since President Hogan had removed proposed revisions related to intellectual property, the Statutes Committee considered the remaining revisions as innocuous. There was no further discussion.

New Business

05/02/11-10  Dr. Easter presented for action NB.11.02*, Senate Resolution on Information Technology (IT) Reorganization. Senator Tolliver summarized its rationale and moved its approval.

Senator David Olsen (BUS) moved to substitute the entire text of NB.11.02 with a less confrontational version of his own. Senator Nicholas Burbules (EDUC) pointed out that the SEC had already rejected Senator Olsen’s language.

By voice vote, Senator Olsen’s motion to substitute was defeated.

Senator George Francis (LAS) moved to strike the first "Whereas", since its veracity could not be immediately ascertained. By show of hands (20-50), this motion was defeated.

A motion to divide consideration of the 12 "whereas" clauses into the first seven and the final five was defeated by voice vote.

05/02/11-11  By show of hands (61-14), NB.11.02 was approved.

Senator Tolliver moved to add the aforementioned Senate Resolution on the Advice of the Academic Senate Regarding the Institute of Aviation and its Academic Programs to today’s agenda.

By show of hands (47-24), the vote was one short of the two-thirds necessary to add this item to the agenda. Because of the closeness of the vote, the parliamentarian deemed it prudent to take a second vote, this time by paper ballot (there was no objection). The second vote (52-29) also failed to garner the 2/3 majority necessary to add this item to the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

Robert C. Damrau, Senate Clerk

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