Minutes  
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting  
April 29, 2013

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:13 pm on the 3rd floor of the Levis Center with Chancellor Phyllis Wise presiding and Professor Emeritus Kenneth E. Andersen as Parliamentarian.

Approval of Minutes
04/29/13-01 The minutes from March 4, 2013 were approved as written.

Senate Executive Committee Report
04/29/13-02 Faculty senator Joyce Tolliver (LAS) moved to amend the agenda to add the document distributed at the door under New Business. This document was authored by faculty senators Nicholas Burbules (EDUC) and Randy McCarthy (LAS). The motion was seconded, and approved by voice vote.


04/29/13-03 Floor privileges were granted as requested without objection.

Faculty senators John Hart (ENGR), H. F. (Bill) Williamson (LAS), and student senator Kevin Seymour (GRAD) served as tellers for the meeting.

SEC Chair Wheeler reported that the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP) requested proposal EP.13.40 be returned to committee. At the SEC meeting on April 8, 2013, the committee discussed the Senate listserv and invited Joseph Yun from Campus Information Technologies and Educational Services (CITES) to discuss IdeaScale as a possible alternative for holding discussions. An ad hoc group has been appointed to discuss this option in further detail. SEC also discussed a proposed amendment to Standing Rule 14.

SEC Chair Wheeler announced Professor Emeritus Kenneth E. Andersen’s retirement from the Senate. SEC Chair Wheeler read and presented Andersen with a Resolution of Appreciation for all of his dedicated years of service to the Senate and the many different roles during that service. After robust applause, Andersen thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the Senate.

SEC Chair Wheeler also asked SEC members to stand and he thanked those members for their thoughtful discussions and advice. SEC Chair Wheeler also thanked the Senate Office staff and members of Campus Administration for their work for the Senate. The Notice of Appointment (NOA) will be revised to remove the statement regarding furloughs. This will be effective with the beginning of the new appointment cycle. This is one example of how shared governance works for the benefit of all. SEC Chair Wheeler again thanked everyone for electing him to serve as SEC chair and wished everyone a rewarding summer.

Faculty senator Mary Mallory (LIBR) asked for the status of the survey on shared governance in departments that was previously conducted. SEC Chair Wheeler responded that the Senate
Committee on General University Policy (GUP) is working to analyze the collected data and the results will be distributed. SEC Chair Wheeler also clarified that the Burbules/McCarthy letter distributed at the door is not in response to the shared governance survey. The survey is sponsored by the SEC and the letter distributed at the door is from two individual senators. Faculty senator and GUP member Tolliver (LAS) noted that GUP very recently received the raw data from the shared governance survey. GUP plans to meet soon to analyze and discuss the collected data, and then a report will be presented to the SEC. After the report is presented to the SEC, the report will be posted on the Senate website for public review.

**Chancellor’s Remarks**

Chancellor Wise read and presented a Resolution of Appreciation to SEC Chair Matthew B. Wheeler for his work on the Senate. Wise expressed her gratitude for all of Wheeler’s leadership roles.

Wise invited all senators to a reception after the meeting in appreciation for all of the hard work of the Senate.

Both Provost Ilesanmi Adesida and Chancellor Wise were present at the Town Hall meeting when a fairly ambitious set of plans were announced for moving the campus forward. The transcript and video of the Town Hall meeting are available on the Office of the Chancellor website. Provost Adesida stated that Illinois is going to be the preeminent public research university with a land grant mission and with global impact. One item announced at the meeting was the hiring of approximately 500 faculty members over the next 5-7 years. These 500 positions include filling vacant positions and also the creation of new positions. Recruiting faculty is only the first step. Retaining faculty members is extremely important. A salary program based on merit will be announced once details have been finalized.

Wise invited Associate Chancellor and Vice Provost for Budgets and Resource Planning Michael Andrechak to address questions related to the budget. There have been changes in the University’s financial state since Andrechak last addressed the Senate this past fall. One continuing concern is the balances and how they are used. The billion dollars show in reserves is misleading. This includes funds from all three campuses and much of the funds are restricted. Flexibility is needed to allow for investment in the future. This campus has these funds due to the issues being addressed. In the past, Illinois spent into a large deficit. These numbers will come down as faculty lines are filled and classroom space is renovated. Some of the debts are being paid. There are still cash flow concerns with the state. There is a need to transform undergraduate education. The state is currently behind on payments to the University for approximately $304 million. The state is attempting to make payments, but is still struggling. The state is putting every cent available towards pensions that were not paid in the past. In approximately 3-5 years there will be significant challenges. Current cash is being used for such items as repaying long-term debts and repairing infrastructure. The University is entering a difficult financial period.

The budget presentation can be found online at:  
[http://www.senate.illinois.edu/130429budget.pdf](http://www.senate.illinois.edu/130429budget.pdf)

**Questions/Discussion**

No questions.

**Consent Agenda**

Hearing no objections, the following proposals were pronounced approved by unanimous consent.
04/29/13-04 EP.13.20* Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the BALAS in History, in the Department of History

04/29/13-05 EP.13.23* Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Establish a New Graduate Minor in Global Studies

04/29/13-06 EP.13.26* Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) to Establish a new option in the Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics

04/29/13-07 EP.13.30* Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to transfer the Master of Science in Agricultural Education from the Department of Human and Community Development to the Agricultural Education Program

04/29/13-08 EP.13.31* Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) Department of English to revise the Major in the Science and Letters Curriculum: BALAS English- English Concentration and English Teaching Concentration

04/29/13-09 EP.13.32* Proposal from the College of Media Journalism Department to reorganize and revise the News Editorial major and Broadcast Journalism major as a new unitary Journalism major

04/29/13-10 EP.13.33* Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (SLATE)

04/29/13-11 EP.13.34* Proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences to Change the Name of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Health to the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Health

04/29/13-12 EP.13.38* Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) to Establish a Minor in Slavic Language, Literature, and Culture, in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures

04/29/13-13 EP.13.39* Proposal from the College of Engineering to establish a Combined Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Master of Computer Science in the Department of Computer Science

04/29/13-14 EP.13.41* Proposal from the College of College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) to Revise Requirements for Ph.D. in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

Proposals (enclosed)

04/29/13-15 CC.13.09* Approval of Nominations for the Athletic Board

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Chair Prasanta Kalita moved approval of the four nominees presented on CC.13.09. Matthew Wheeler (ACES) nominated Thomas Ulen from the floor. Ulen’s willingness to serve was submitted. Nominations were declared closed.

04/29/13-16 By ballot, Beller, Diaz, Johnson and Ulen will go forward to the Chancellor for consideration in filling the two vacancies.

04/29/13-17 SP.13.06* Revisions to Standing Rule 3 – Proposed Amendments to Documents

On behalf of University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), committee Chair William Maher introduced and moved approval of SC.13.06. The proposal is intended to show insertions and deletions to documents in a new format.

04/29/13-18 By voice vote, Revisions to Standing Rule 3 were approved.

04/29/13-19 SP.13.07* Revisions to the Bylaws, Part D. 5 – Committee on Campus Operations

On behalf of USSP, committee Chair Maher introduced and moved approval of SC.13.07. The Senate Committee on Campus Operations requested to add a component of sustainability to the duties of the committee and also add two additional ex officio members.
04/29/13-20 By voice vote, Revisions to the Bylaws, Part D. 5 were approved.

04/29/13-21 EP.13.35* Proposal to Establish the Institute for Universal Biology (IUB)

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP), committee Chair Gay Miller introduced EP.13.35. Miller added that EP is now taking on the responsibility of institute proposals that GUP previously reviewed. This Institute would be part of the Institute for Genomic Biology (IGB). The institute is fully funded by NASA. EP fully supports this proposal. Miller noted that the sentence in red under the “Academic Implications” section should be in black and end in a period rather than a question mark. Miller moved approval of EP.13.35.

04/29/13-22 By voice vote, EP.13.35 was approved.

04/29/13-23 EP.13.37* Revisions to 2017-2018 Academic Calendar

On behalf of EP, committee Chair Gay Miller introduced EP.13.37. These changes are the same that were implemented in 2012-2013. This institutes Saturday finals, removes one day for faculty to submit grades, and compresses other time frames. There is also a report included, EP.13.36, that is an analysis of the process of making changes to the 2012-13 calendar. Miller then moved approval of EP.13.37.

04/29/13-24 By voice vote, EP.13.37 was approved.


04/29/13-26 EP.13.40 was returned to committee at the request of EP at the start of the meeting.

04/29/13-27 CG.13.01* Revisions to the Academic Integrity Portions of the Student Code

On behalf of the Senate Conference on Conduct Governance (CCG), committee Chair George Gollin introduced CG.13.01. Chair Gollin moved approval of CG.13.01.

Gollin stated that the proposed changes have been worked on for several years beginning in 2008. CCG and EP have both endorsed this new language. The code has been restructured to make it easier to understand. There are student members required on all cases. Gollin invited Charles Tucker to address the Senate. Tucker described the changes outlined in the proposal.

Faculty senator O’Brien (FAA) noted that many students are unaware of the code and do not know the definition of plagiarism. O’Brien asked if this is this being addressed. Gollin replied that there have been informal discussions about this topic, but that those discussions are not included in this particular proposal.

04/29/13-28 Student senator Lear (GRAD) moved to amend the proposal by striking “that information proves conclusively that the student did not commit the violation” in section 1-403, part b, number 2. Burden of Proof; Grounds for Appeal, part D and inserting “this information makes it more probably true than not true that the student did not commit the violation”. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Gollin noted that the majority of the committee voted in favor of the proposed language.

04/29/13-29 By show of hands, the amendment was approved.

04/29/13-30 Lear then moved to amend section 1-403, part c, number 3 by adding the sentence “No hearing shall be held without the student’s consent during 1. a final exam period, 2. the fall, winter, or spring breaks, 3. a summer session in which the student is not enrolled, or 4. a term in which the student is studying abroad”. This sentence is to appear after the following language. “Both the
student and the Instructor shall be permitted to be present throughout the hearing but are not required to attend.” The motion was seconded and discussion was held.

Gollin responded that the committee did discuss how to avoid the types of situations that Lear’s amendment explicitly outlines. There are provisions in the policy in order address this concern.

04/29/13-31 Lear moved to amend his amendment by adding “accept in cases of graduation, suspension or dismissal” to the previous amendment. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

04/29/13-32 By voice, the motion to amend the amendment did not pass.

04/29/13-33 By voice, the amendment did not pass.

04/29/13-34 By voice vote, CG.13.01 was approved as amended.

04/29/13-35 NB.13.01* Electronic Communications Policy

On behalf of Campus IT Security and Privacy Committee, committee Chair Abbas Aminmansour introduced the Policy. This is one of several IT committees on campus. Two years ago this policy was removed from the Senate agenda due to some serious concerns. This version has been shared with several Senate committees, Office of University Counsel, American Association of University Professors (AAUP), and other stakeholders. Chair Aminmansour moved approval of NB.13.01. A short discussion followed.

04/29/13-36 By voice vote, NB.13.01 was approved.

04/29/13-37 SC.13.14* 2013-2014 Senate/SEC Calendar

On behalf of SEC, Chair Matthew Wheeler introduced and moved approval of SC.13.14.

04/29/13-38 By voice vote, SC.13.14 was approved.

Current Benefits Issues

John Kindt, Chair of the Senate Committee on Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits reminded those present that if an individual employee contacts a representative regarding an issue, University resources cannot be used in support of any political activities and any political activities must not interfere with employment obligations to the University.

Kindt thanked the Benefits committee members and ex officio members for their hard work this year. He also noted that the State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee (SURSMAC) report included in the meeting packet and the document FB.13.02 distributed at the door contain important information. Kindt suggested the State Universities Annuitants Associate website http://suaa.org and also the University of Illinois Human Resources interactive website, NESSIE https://nessie.uihr.illinois.edu as resources for benefits information. Kindt reported that there have not been any increases in employee costs in the past couple of years, but this year there will be significant increases in copays and premiums.

Reports

04/29/13-44 UC.13.08* USC Report – April 18, 2013
04/29/13-45 SUR.13.02* SURSMAC Report – April 9, 2013
New Business
On behalf of Nicholas Burbules, Tolliver gave apologies for his absence. McCarthy read the letter distributed at the door written by himself and Nicholas Burbules. Tolliver noted that this letter is not about collective bargaining. Mallory noted that many of the issues addressed in this letter overlap with the shared governance survey and gave her opinion that the survey results should be reviewed before addressing concerns in the distributed letter. Chair Wheeler noted SEC has not discussed this letter, and that as new business this is only a discussion and no vote will be taken. Mallory requested that SEC bring the issues outlined in the distributed letter back to the full Senate in fall 2013.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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