

Senate of the Urbana-Champaign Campus

December 5, 2016

Minutes

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois Senate of the Urbana-Champaign Campus was called to order at 3:10 pm in the Illini Union Ballroom with Chancellor Robert Jones presiding and Professor Brian Gaines serving as Parliamentarian.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12/05/16-01 The minutes from November 14, 2016 were approved as distributed.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Gay Miller (VMED), faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), thanked members of the Senate, the Campus, and Carle for their hard work in preparing and submitting all of the accreditation materials for seeking preliminary accreditation for the new College of Medicine from the LCME (Liaison Committee on Medical Education) on time to allow for admitting a class to begin in the fall of 2018. Miller will inform the Senate of developments and upcoming next steps.

As the FAC-IBHE (Faculty Advisory Council to the Illinois Board of Higher Education) representative for our University, Miller became aware at the last meeting that there are several members of the IBHE whose membership could turn over at the beginning of the year. Miller reached out to Lindsey Anderson, the UI Executive Director for Government Relations. Anderson stated that it would be in order and appropriate for a faculty member to self-nominate to be a member of the IBHE. You can make nominations on the IBHE website.

Miller noted two items that Senate committees are currently working on. The Senate Committee on Student Life is examining student support mechanisms. The Senate Committee Campus Operations is studying the winter parking courtesy hours. The proposed change to the parking courtesy hours has currently been delayed.

Materials from campus administration were distributed as senators arrived today. The materials pertain to violence prevention and response at Illinois, and the run-hide-fight document that all are encouraged to place in syllabi*.

Today there are two important documents to consider and discuss. First is the statement of support for IPAC (Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment). There continues to be serious concerns about funding of higher education. There have been very serious consequences because of the lack of funding from the State of Illinois. President Killeen and many others have been diligently working on our behalf with legislators to improve the budgetary circumstances of our university system and provide for stable funding of our university.

The other important document before the Senate today is resolution EQ.17.01. This resolution focuses on an inclusive campus climate. Miller encouraged senators to be prepared to express their thoughts and views succinctly so everyone who wants to contribute to the discussion has time to speak. Miller also encouraged senators to share their views if those views were not reflected by others.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Chancellor Robert Jones commented on the tragic and unfortunate event that occurred on the Ohio State University campus. The Ohio State incident was far less damaging than it might have been. The quick action of the public safety officials, and the quick response of the faculty, staff, and students when the alert went out was a critical factor in keeping more people safe.

At Illinois we have a very good emergency preparedness program. In light of the incident on the Ohio State campus, it is important to take the opportunity to encourage everyone to review the materials that are available on the public safety website.

Illinois was first in the state to be named a Ready to Respond Campus in 2014. It is important to educate and re-educate ourselves and our students about the safety practices and precautions that are in place. Resources are available such as the run-hide-fight response protocol that was distributed as senators arrived today. Additional materials are available on the www.police.illinois.edu website.

Jones was pleased that President Killeen was able to attend today's meeting and hold an in-depth discussion about IPAC. The IPAC was first introduced at the November 10 Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting and on November 14 the Illinois House introduced legislation.

Jones accompanied Killeen to speak with legislators in support of the IPAC. The proposal gives us financial certainty for five years. There are also performance metrics around core values of accessibility, diversity, and student success that would be met in return.

Give Something Back Foundation donated a \$1 million scholarship from Math Alumni Bob Carr. This foundation provide ninth graders with mentoring, and the resources to pay for tuition that might otherwise not have the financial resources to do so. This program has a 100% graduation rate and more than 90% are employed. We are proud and pleased to participate in this program.

Six new fellows were elected to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The Open Doors report ranked Illinois as the second among public universities for the most international students on campus and 15th in the number of students studying abroad. Jones was also pleased that the Top American Research University annual report ranked Illinois 20th as a federally-sponsored research institution.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

Faculty senator Somerville (LAS) reported that concerned senators, faculty, and students wanted to thank Chancellor Jones for publically supporting DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), which grants temporary status for undocumented youth. Somerville presented the Chancellor with a letter signed by almost 2,400 people that are concerned about the new federal administration's plan to dismantle DACA. The letter asks the University to affirm its support of students by protecting student privacy, offering financial assistance and fostering an inclusive campus climate.

CONSENT AGENDA

Hearing no objections, the following proposals were approved by unanimous consent.

- 12/05/16-02 EP.17.22* Proposal to Establish a Combined Bachelor of Science in Engineering and a Master of Engineering in Engineering with a Concentration in Energy Systems Administered by the Department of Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering, College of Engineering
- 12/05/16-03 EP.17.32* Proposal to Establish the Cline Center for Advanced Social Research (currently called the Cline Center for Democracy) as a Permanent Center from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 12/05/16-04 EP.17.35* Proposal to Establish a New Graduate Concentration in Real Estate, College of Business
- 12/05/16-05 EP.17.38* Proposal to Revise the Learning Behavior Specialist 1 Undergraduate Special Education Teacher Licensure Program

PROPOSALS

- 12/05/16-06 CC.17.10*Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees of the Senate
On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Chair Monda-Amaya moved approval of the slate of nominees listed in proposal CC.17.09. There were no nominations from the floor and nominations were declared closed.
- 12/05/16-07 By i>Clicker, Mallory received 81 votes and McLafferty received 72 votes. Mallory was declared elected to the Senate Committee on the Budget.
- 12/05/16-08 The amended CC.17.10 proposal was approved.

12/05/16-09 SC.17.08* Statement of Support for Principles Underlying the IPAC Proposal

On behalf of the Senate Executive Committees, Chair Miller moved approval of SC.17.10. Miller then invited President Timothy Killeen to give a presentation on the IPAC proposal followed by a question and answer period. The presentation is available at:

<http://www.senate.illinois.edu/20161205ipac.pdf>

John Kindt, Chair of the Senate Committee on Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits reported that the committee unanimously supported SC.17.08 at their meeting this morning.

Killeen noted that all of the specific metrics were worked on by each of the three campuses. After considerable thought, some of the metrics, like research, were not included. The report card will have significant information down to the department level. If the state does not come forward with their contributions of the bill, then the University's commitments are moot at that stage. This commitment provides mutual trust.

Student Body President Lewis reported that the ISS (Illinois Student Senate) endorses the regulatory relief described in IPAC and the financial stability that IPAC would achieve is critical. The ISS endorses SC.17.08. The ISS also supports HB6623.

In response to a questions about faculty excellence in the IPAC President Killeen responded that there is no current blueprint for what the faculty excellence project could look like. This is a placeholder and could include many things like recruitment and retention initiatives. There are no numbers at this time.

Stein, SEC member and Chair of the Council of Academic Professionals (CAP), reported that at the last CAP meeting, CAP considered SC.17.08 and unanimously supported the statement. CAP recognized the importance of stable funding and encouraged senators to adopt the statement.

12/05/16-10 By voice, proposal SC.17.08 was approved.

12/05/16-11 EQ.17.01* Resolution on Inclusive Campus Climate

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion, Chair Oberdeck introduced and moved approval of EQ.17.01.

Oberdeck offered the following language as an amendment to the Appendix and would appear after the last paragraph in the current Appendix. The motion was seconded.

Subsequent to this incident members of the Equal Opportunity and Inclusion committee met with Prof. McDuffie, the Associate Chancellor for Diversity, and Campus Police Chief Jeffrey Christensen, and discussed the incident and possible paths forward. Chief Christensen explained the responsibility the Campus Police have to the campus community at large to retrieve stolen property as prompting the classroom visit. He suggested that the officers entered the classroom mainly because students noticed them outside the room, prompting Prof. McDuffie to inquire as to their purpose. He noted that such classroom interventions were not standard practice and were rare, but also acknowledged the need to look into best practices in this area. He said he would immediately start reaching out on a listserv of campus law enforcement units to ascertain best practices. He has subsequently communicated that he has discussed current practice and policy about respecting classroom space with Campus Police Command Staff. In the last couple of days we have heard that members of the staff who are attending a Big Ten Law Enforcement Conference this weekend are intending to inquire further into issues of policies and practices of entering classrooms. We expect that all these efforts will help inform whatever review process may develop from this resolution.

12/05/16-12 By voice, the appendix was amended by adding the language noted above to the end of the appendix.

Senators expressed concern regarding the appendix, and suggested sending the resolution back to the committee for clarification and refinement of the resolution.

12/05/16-13 Student senator Villanueva (LAS) made a motion to send EQ.17.01 to the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP). The motion was seconded and a robust discussion followed.

Several senators spoke against sending the resolution to the GUP committee. Other senators favored moving forward with a vote on the proposal at today's meeting. The robust discussion continued.

Faculty senator Maher (LIBR) and Chair of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) reminded the body that the item senators are voting on is the "be it resolved" clauses. The appendix is not in the "whereas" or the "be it resolved" clauses and is background information.

12/05/16-14 By voice, the motion to send the EQ.17.01 proposal to the GUP committee failed.

12/05/16-15 By i>Clicker, the amended EQ.17.01 proposal was approved with 97 in favor and 17 opposed.

CURRENT BENEFITS INFORMATION

12/05/16-16 John Kindt, Chair of the Senate Committee on Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits noted that the veto session of the legislature will occur on January 9 and 10. Kindt expects something to come forward since historically this time period is when unusual items come forward.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

12/05/16-17 SC.17.07* Report of the Board of Trustees Meeting on November 10, 2016

12/05/16-18 EP.17.40* Report of Administrative Approvals through November 28, 2016

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Jenny Roether
Senate Clerk

*Filed with the Senate Clerk and incorporated by reference in these minutes.
A video recording of these proceedings can be found at <https://go.illinois.edu/senate>