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**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**  
**URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

April 2, 2018  
Minutes

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois Senate of the Urbana-Champaign Campus was called to order at 3:12 pm in the Illini Union Ballroom with Chancellor Robert Jones presiding and Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. serving as Parliamentarian.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

04/02/18-01 The minutes from March 5, 2018 and March 12, 2018 were approved as distributed.

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Bettina Francis (LAS), a faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), welcomed everyone. On behalf of John Kindt, Chair of the Senate Committee on Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits, Francis noted that May is the upcoming benefits choice period and urged senators to visit the CMS (Illinois Department of Central Management Services) website in advance of the benefit choice period: <https://mybenefits.illinois.gov/>

Chair Francis also noted that the Faculty and Staff Emergency Fund Drive will begin this month. An email from Elyne Cole, Associate Provost for Human Resources, will be sent soon announcing the fund drive. Francis encouraged senators to donate to this important fund that helps fellow employees in their time of urgent need.

**CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Chancellor Jones reported that James Anderson (College of Education Dean) and Danita Brown Young (Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs) will co-chair the search committee for the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion position. The creation of this position came out of the external diversity review lead by Rusty Barstow.

Provost Cangelaris announced the first Director of the Seibel Design Center, Rachel Switzky. On April 24, Tom Seibel and Director Switzky will be here for the groundbreaking of the Design Center.

The Illini Success survey has helped collect data on the success of our graduates. This robust survey collects data on graduates' first destination along with starting salary information. More than 70% students responded to the survey creating a very strong data set. Nearly 9 out of 10 graduates accepted a job, entered graduate school, or began a volunteer position within 6 months after graduation. The average starting salary was almost \$60,000. Of the jobs accepted, 7 out of 10 were in the state of Illinois.

President Killeen and the three Chancellors will be attending the Senate appropriation hearings in Springfield and also the House hearings. The UI system is requesting \$681 million which is a slight increase from the current fiscal year. There is an unmatched return on tax dollars based on what the University of Illinois contributes to the state.

There will be a Strategic Planning meeting tomorrow at noon at the Alice Campbell Alumni Center. All of the task force materials will be posted on <https://strategicplan.illinois.edu>. Jones anticipates a robust discussion about the future of the University.

The first of two Critical Conversations will occur on April 10 to discuss Native American Imagery and will be held in the Student Dining and Residential Programs (SDRP) building. This Conversations will feature two speakers with differing viewpoints. Audience members will hear both speakers and then break into small moderated working groups. Jones hopes to develop some strategies on moving forward from this divisive issue. The space can only

accommodate about 180 guests. The deadline to sign-up to attend this event is this Wednesday. Sign-up is available online at: <https://go.illinois.edu/conversationsignup>.

The second Critical Conversation to discuss free speech will be held at the Coldwell Playhouse inside the Krannert Center for Performing Arts.

Jones discussed his International trip to sub-Saharan Africa. In Malawi, the University of Illinois is assisting with corn and soybean crops and teaching men and women there to grow food and sustain themselves. This trip provides an opportunity to think strategically about partnerships and the potential global impact.

#### **QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**

In response to a question about the GEO (Graduate Employee's Organization) negotiations, Jones replied that there are things that can be done better in the future, but is happy with the outcome. There seemed to be some miscommunication about topics such as tuition waivers. The elimination of tuition waivers was never considered. We need to be able to have these intense discussions, but remember that we are all still part of the same community.

A questions was raised about the Board of Trustees (BOT) mandated criminal background checks. Associate Chancellor Public Affairs Robin Kaler noted that information on background checks was recently reported to the BOT. Kaler will distribute the information to senators through Clerk Roether.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 04/02/18-02 EP.18.28\* Proposal to Establish the Master of Sustainable Urban Design as a Self-Supporting Program from the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- 04/02/18-03 EP.18.40\* Proposal to Revise the BALAS in Geography and Geographic Information Science (GIS) and Establish the BSLAS in GIS from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 04/02/18-04 EP.18.42\* Proposal to Revise the MA in Portuguese and Establish the concentration in Brazilian Studies within the MA in Portuguese from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 04/02/18-05 EP.18.51\* Proposal to Transfer and Revise the existing graduate degree program leading to an M.S. with a major in Plant Biotechnology with a Professional Sciences Master's concentration, from the Department of Plant Biology, College of LAS into the Department of Crop Sciences, College of ACES
- 04/02/18-06 EP.18.53\* Proposal to establish the undergraduate minor in Musical Theatre from the College of Fine and Applied Arts

#### **PROPOSALS**

- 04/02/18-07 EP.18.54\* Proposal to transfer the Intensive English Institute from LAS to IIP from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Illinois International Programs

Proposal EP.18.54 was requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and action. Gay Miller, Chair of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC), introduced and moved approval of proposal EP.18.54. Miller then invited Kristen Bouton from the Intensive English Institute (IEI) and one of the proposal sponsors, to speak about the proposal.

On behalf of the EPC, Chair Miller made a motion to add the following amendment to the proposal:

"EP.18.54 is approved with the understanding that, in accordance with *Standing Rule 13*, prior to any decision by IIP and GET to terminate IEI, a proposal will be presented to the Senate Committee on Educational Policy and to the Senate."

- 04/02/18-08 By i-clicker, the amendment to proposal EP.18.54 was approved with 103 in favor , 3 opposed, and 6 abstentions.
- 04/02/18-09 By i-clicker, the amended EP.18.54 proposal was approved with 112 in favor, 4 opposed, and 5 abstentions.
- 04/02/18-10 EC.18.04\* Proposed Revisions to the *Election Rules for the Faculty Electorate*  
On behalf of the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials, Chair Graber introduced and moved approval of proposal EC.18.04.
- 04/02/18-11 By i-clicker, proposal EC.18.04 was approved with 115 in favor, 4 opposed, and 5 abstentions.
- 04/02/18-12 SP.14.06\* Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8 – to Authorize the University Senates Conference to Initiate Revisions to the *Statutes*  
On behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), Chair Gilmore introduced and moved approval of proposal SP.14.06. Burbules (EDUC) noted that this proposal is very similar to what the Senate approved this past fall, but in a slightly different format.
- 04/02/18-13 By i-clicker, proposal SP.14.06 was approved with 117 in favor, 5 opposed, and 1 abstention.
- 04/02/18-14 SP.18.09\* Proposed Revision to the *Constitution*, Article III, Section 3 – to expand representation of Academic Professionals from seven to ten Senate seats  
On behalf of the USSP Committee, Chair Gilmore introduced proposal SP.18.09 for a first reading. A couple of comments were made in support of the proposal. As a first reading, no vote was taken.

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

- 04/02/18-15 EP.18.55\* EPC Report of Administrative Approvals through March 12, 2018
- 04/02/18-16 EP.18.56\* EPC Report of Administrative Approvals through March 26, 2018
- 04/02/18-17 SC.18.09\* EPC Report on the on the March 15, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 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>