

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

Senate Executive Committee Annual Report
2009-10

The Urbana-Champaign Senate exercises legislative functions in matters of educational policy affecting the Urbana-Champaign campus and the University of Illinois (*University Statutes*, Art. II, Sec. 1). The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) is responsible for initiating and guiding the work of the Senate and for coordinating Senate committee activities (*Bylaws of the Senate*, Part D, 1). The Executive Committee maintains liaison with the President of the University; appoints Senate observers to Board of Trustees meetings; provides advice on nominees to standing and *ad hoc* campus committees; and participates in annual reviews of campus administrators, including advising the Chancellor on the annual reappointment of vice-chancellors.

The SEC meets monthly during the calendar year to hear updates from Senate committee chairs, the Council of Academic Professionals, and the Senate's representatives to the University Senates Conference and the Faculty Advisory Council to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Regular SEC agendas include reports from the Chancellor, the Provost, and other campus administrators. This year there was an unprecedented number of special meetings—twelve SEC and three Senate—held to deal with issues involving the admissions scandal, changes in campus and university administration, and the impact of the state budget crisis on university and campus operations.

The most prominent activities during 2009-10 centered on the following topics:

Admissions. Special Senate meetings were held on August 31 and September 14 to address admissions policies and practices and to respond to the findings of the Admissions Review Commission (Mikva Commission, appointed by Governor Pat Quinn). [RE: AD.10.01 and SC.10.01, 8/31/10; SC.10.01B, 9/14/10].

Provost Search. The search for a new Provost was underway at the beginning of the 2009-2010 academic year and was suspended early in the fall semester when Chancellor Herman and President White resigned their positions.

Board of Trustees Selection. At its August 17 meeting, SEC prepared a resolution on the selection of BOT members, which was approved by the Senate for transmittal to Governor Quinn on August 31.

President Search. SEC Vice-Chair Matt Wheeler served on the President Search Committee; the search was successfully completed with the appointment of Dr. Michael Hogan on July 1.

Mandated Furloughs for Faculty and Academic Staff. In dealing with this extreme measure, SEC advocated a position that would minimize divisiveness with the Chicago and Springfield campuses and other state universities, as well as be least disruptive to educational operations on our own campus.

Other Academic and Policy Issues:

Library New Service Models

ICES Online Initiative

Security Camera Policy

Positive Time Reporting

Student Membership on the Institutional Review Board

Open Access Publishing

Constitutional Changes to Create an "Other Academic Staff Electorate"

GEO Negotiations

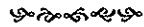
Faculty Leadership of the Licensing Advisory Committee [Senate *ad hoc* Licensing Advisory Committee]

Evaluation of the University Librarian

UI Online

Stewarding Excellence @ Illinois

Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government
University Information Security Policy
Administrative Review and Restructuring: Vice-President positions
Annual Evaluation of the Vice-Chancellors
Annual Evaluation of the Chancellor



The SEC Chair meets on a regular basis with the Chancellor and Provost to discuss SEC and Senate business, as well as other issues which affect campus faculty, students and staff. The Chair also meets periodically with the President on Senate involvement in University matters. SEC Chair Tolliver serves on the ad hoc committee to review SEI project reports, along with Vice-Chair Matthew Wheeler, EPC Chair Abbas Aminmansour and former SEC Chair Nicholas Burbules. Chair Tolliver and Vice-Chair Wheeler are also members of the University Senates Conference.

The Senate Executive Committee appreciates the efforts by the faculty, the academic and administrative staff members, and the student senators, who have conscientiously contributed to the welfare of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign through participation in Senate deliberations and service on Senate committees. Reports to the Senate and information pertaining to the duties and membership of Senate standing committees can be found on the Senate website <<http://www.senate.illinois.edu/>>.

Respectfully submitted,

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