A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:13 pm on Monday, October 14, 2013 in 232 English Building, with Chair Campbell presiding.

1. **Announcements/Introductions**
   Guests were introduced.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   The minutes from September 9, 2013 were approved as amended.

3. **Chair’s Remarks** (R. Campbell)
   Chair Campbell was saddened by the recent tragedies on campus and took a moment to reflect on the tragedies.

   Chair Campbell reminded those present that the Annual Meeting of the Faculty will take place on October 28, 2013 at 3:10 pm in the Illini Union. A massmail will be sent out to all faculty members about this event.

   The recommendations from the Task Force on Faculty Issues and Concerns are being reviewed to determine which committees are appropriate to take on the work. Chair Campbell will discuss the recommendations with the appropriate committees.

4. **Chancellor’s Remarks** (P. Wise)
   Wise announced that a quarterly report on fulfilling strategic plans will be sent out to the campus. Recruitment plans for approximately 180 searches are being organized. Some hiring will be done by cluster hires, and other will be individual searches. There are four significant position vacancies to fill; the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) Dean, the College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES) Dean, the Chief Information Officer (CIO), and the Associate Provost for International Affairs. The CIO position will become vacant when Paul Hixson retires. Wise noted that Wolfgang Schlör served as the Interim Associate Provost for International Affairs, but the time has come to permanently fill the position.

   The Office of the Provost has set out a plan to review Illinois programs every eight years. The review will occur on a rolling basis. The Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Innovation Charles Tucker is organizing a series of conversations to further enrich the undergraduate experience.

   Provost Adesida reported that MSAC (MOOC (massive open online course) Strategy Advisory Committee) is diligently working to write a progress report which will be released soon. MSAC is
discussing technology and education on campus, and not just outside students, but also on-campus students. One issue that has not been resolved is how to generate funds from MOOCs.

Miller added that at the Senate Committee on Educational Policy meeting directly before this SEC meeting, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Innovation Charles Tucker and Associate Dean of Academic Programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Laurie Kramer presented information from the MSAC. Tucker and Kramer discussed the strategy and policy that are being developed by the MSAC, and would be willing to also present the information to the SEC.

Wise noted that Illinois is currently behind our dashboard peers. Wise has been collaborating with Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Dan Peterson to address this issue, and determine the best path towards better performance.

5. Pre & Post Award Task Force Discussion with Faculty (R. Campbell)
Campbell noted that there has been a continuing discussion reviewing how Illinois operates in regards to obtaining contracts and how grants are managed once the grant is awarded. Processes are being reviewed to find a way to speed up and automate those processes. Flow diagrams have been created and discussions have been held with individuals that are involved in the pre and post award tasks. A final version of a report and recommendations should be complete by the end of October 2013.

Wheeler added that this review is not only evaluating the Urbana campus, but also the Springfield and Chicago campuses. The task force will look at policies and processes that the campus can control and also policies and processes from the state level which is not as easy to change.

6. Setting of the Senate Agenda
Educational Policy proposals EP.14.07 and EP.14.12 will remain on the consent agenda rather than follow previous practice of putting centers and institutes proposals under the proposals section of the Senate agenda.

SEC members discussed the resolution on the proposed reorganization of the School of Labor and Employment Relations (LER) that was submitted by faculty senator Kathryn Oberdeck. SEC members concluded that the resolution should not appear on the October 21, 2013 Senate agenda. Hilton made a motion to postpone the item for one Senate meeting in accordance with Standing Rule 14. The motion was seconded and passed by voice. Chair Campbell will contact the sponsor and provide a rationale for the postponement in accordance with Standing Rule 14.

Provost Adesida added that there is no current plan to cancel any programs in LER. Discussions surrounding LER issues have spanned the past couple of years, and discussions will continue.

The Senate agenda for October 21, 2013 was approved as amended.

7. Urbana Senate Observer
Roy Campbell will serve as the Urbana Senate Observer at the November 14, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting in Springfield.

8. New Business
No new business.

9. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 4:13pm.

Jenny Roether
Clerk of the Senate