Present: Chair Roy Campbell, Abbas Aminmansour, Nicholas Burbules, John Hart, William Maher (joined meeting at agenda item #4), Calvin Lear, Melissa Madsen, Mary Mallory, Gay Miller, Michael Sandretto, Joyce Tolliver

Absent: Vice Chair Kim Graber, Matthew Hill, Prasanta Kalita, David O’Brien, Kevin Seymour

Guests: Chancellor Phyllis Wise, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ilesanmi Adesida, Associate Chancellor Reginald Alston, Associate Provost for Administrative Affairs Katherine Galvin, Director of Strategic Communications Chris Harris, Equal Opportunity and Inclusion Chair Harry Hilton, Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs Robin Kaler, Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits Chair John Kindt, Campus Faculty Association Representative Richard Laugesen, Media: Inside Illinois – Mike Helenthal, News-Gazette – Julie Wurth

A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 2:00 pm on Monday, June 15, 2015 in 232 English Building, with Chair Campbell presiding.

1. Naming of the College of Medicine

Wise spoke about the MOU (memorandum of understanding) that was developed with Carle Health Systems and the Urbana campus. And now the naming of the College of Medicine (COM) is being discussed formally. The name “Carle Illinois College of Medicine” is the name that Wise would like considered for the COM.

Carle has donated $100 million over the next 10 years; $10 million per year. It is common for a major donor/investor to have name on college. Wise distributed a table containing the names of various institutions with corresponding donor names, names of the school/college/institute names, and the gift donor amount.

Various reasons were listed for choosing “Carle Illinois College of Medicine”. Carle and Illinois are equal partners. To avoid confusion between Illinois and the state of Illinois, Carle was put first in the name. This also keeps “Illinois” next to “College of Medicine”. Kaler did note that “University of Illinois College of Medicine” may be back under consideration now that the Chicago campus is planning to close.

Questions were raised about information on Illinois branded website indicating that the COM would be named “Carle Illinois College of Medicine”. Kaler responded that the web pages related to the naming of the COM have been taken down and will remain down until a decision is reached on the name.

Discussion about the reasoning behind the preferred name continued.

Wise noted that the naming is time sensitive and asked that the SEC act on behalf of the Senate in order to be able to present the name to the Board of Trustees (BOT) in July. Paquin and those at Carle have worked on affiliation agreement and plan to make a presentation to the BOT at the July meeting. Accreditation and the hiring of dean need to happen next, but cannot until the affiliation agreement is finished.

Wise said that efforts to seek additional donors will continue and that if a passionate donor is named, then the renaming of the COM would come back to the Senate.
Sandretto moved that the SEC act on behalf of the Senate to endorse the name “Carle Illinois College of Medicine”. Hart seconded the motion and additional discussion followed.

Burbules clarified, before the vote was taken, that this is not the final name for the COM. SEC members were reminded that Senate Standing Rule 13 would be triggered if there is an individual donor name was added in the future.

The motion that the SEC act on behalf of the Senate to endorse the name “Carle Illinois College of Medicine” was approved by a six to two vote in favor with one abstention.

2. **Executive Session with the Chancellor to Review the Vice Chancellors**

The SEC voted to move into executive session at 2:46 pm to discuss the annual reports and review of the Vice Chancellors: Ilesanmi Adesida, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost; Renee Romano, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Peter Schiffer, Vice Chancellor for Research; Dan Peterson, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement.

The SEC voted to move out of executive session at 3:10 pm.

3. **Discussion with the President**

President Killeen joined the meeting and introductions were made again.

Killeen mentioned the town hall meetings held on each campus and noted that each gave real insight into each individual campus and members of the faculty. Killeen also met with student groups in every setting. Killeen asked the students why they were there and what they were learning about.

Killeen discussed the importance in working across disciplines in this remarkably rich environment. Shared governance is strong on the Urbana campus – Shared aspirations, shared responsibility, and shared ideas. The platform is great, but is not working ideally. We have to lean forward, not backward. Only 1% of population touches the world of higher education. We are right at the head of that.

In order to do better, first do no harm. We have to lean forward, but not so far we fall on our faces. The state is in trouble. It is our responsibility to take advantage, lean forward, and help the state. That requires faculty imagination, discourse, and collaboration across the campus and university.

The strategic plan should work within what is being done and move the university forward. Affordability and accessibility need to be included in the strategic plan. Along with the ethnic make-up of faculty and diversity of all aspects of the university. We need to engage globally. The University needs to not only optimize state resources, but be an anchor institution. Civic engagement and collaborative interaction must be included in the plan. And excellence needs to be throughout.

A guiding coalition would be a good thing to exercise. There is nothing stronger than a shared vision. A shared vision is not achieved from the top down or bottom up, but both, through shared governance. It is important to locate the high caliber resources and use reward systems to reward progress.

That we are all about excellence. We need to reward progress. Cloud of dust on the horizon. Want that neat thing that is going on over there and want to be a part of it. We need leadership from the campus, from all areas of campus. The strategic plan is not the end all be all, but is one opportunity. Killeen expressed the important function of lifting people, elevate them, into a space where they can be inspired and fully functional.

When asked what concrete steps can be taken on academic freedom and tenure, Killeen responded that it is more important what is done to ensure academic freedom rather than what we say is being done to protect academic freedom. Shared governance is important, and alive and well on this campus and university. Killeen noted that if this university is going to be on the leading edge, there is no path; the path must be made.
On the recent censure of the Urbana campus, Killeen spoke about excellence and shared governance, and the need to work together to answer the existential questions about what it means to be a university and a campus. The campus has a responsibility to address the issues.

Killeen mentions several times that risks must be taken. Collaborative risk taking to reach the dark edge of innovation. If individuals do not feel respected or trusted, the collaborative does not work. Killeen discussed the importance of professional development for everyone, including himself and other leaders.

Concern was expressed on behalf of academic professional (AP) employees. APs do not have tenure and it is critical to preserve the University’s exemption authority in order to retain these integral employees. Killeen agreed that working with the state on this issue is important.

In response to comments on seemingly unnecessary additional layers of approvals, Killeen stated that some approvals are there to hold people accountable, but there might be other ways of accomplishing the same outcome.

4. **Executive Session with the President to Review the Chancellor**
   The SEC voted to move into executive session at 4:04 pm to discuss the annual report and review of the Chancellor.

   The SEC voted to move out of executive session at 4:56 pm.

5. **Adjournment**
   The meeting was adjourned at 4:56pm.

   Jenny Roether
   Clerk of the Senate