A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:10 pm on Monday, November 9, 2015 in 232 English Building, with Chair Miller presiding.

1. **Introductions**
   Introductions were made.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   The minutes from October 12, 2015 were approved as distributed.

3. **Chair’s Remarks**
   Chair Miller noted that she has been traveling the past two weeks for national and international conferences and has tried to keep up with communications. If there are outstanding issues, please contact Chair Miller again. The search process to select the next Chancellor is still ongoing. The RFP (request for proposals) to select a search firm for the Chancellor search closes on November 12. President Killeen will hold discussions with the Council of Deans and others as he considers aspects of the committee, including the selection of the Chair of the search committee.

   The ad hoc committee related to the University Background Check policy has met weekly since the last Senate meeting. Benmamoun and Stone are working with the Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion (EQ) and the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP) to discuss the progress of the ad hoc committee and the campus implementation procedures. Current plans are that VPAA Pierre will be presenting a revised draft of the policy to the Board of Trustees (BOT) to consider at the January BOT meeting.

4. **Chancellor’s Remarks**
   Interim Chancellor Wilson reported that the College of Medicine (COM) is moving forward. And email was sent to the campus outlining the progress which includes four different agreements with Carle. Accreditation is a long process that the COM must go through. The search for a COM dean has been launched and Witt/Kieffer was selected as the search firm.

   The budget is still an ongoing issue. The President is testifying in Springfield to reiterate the negative impact the budget impasse has had on all three campuses. Colleges continue to be asked to make cuts even though there still is not information on how large the cut to state funds will be. The MAP (Monetary Award Program) provides grants to qualified students to attend college in Illinois. This campus has 5,800 students that are eligible for MAP grants, but the state has not paid the $13 million
in grant funds. Urbana-Champaign students have been told to enroll and the campus is hopeful that
the state will eventually fund the MAP grants.

The Campus Budget Advisory Task Force will take a hard look at the current budget model, a modified
RCM (Responsibility Centered Management) model, to determine if it serves the campus well. Another
issue is subsidies across campus. Subsidies will be looked and the inherit value evaluated. The
committee will try to answer the question, “Who subsidizes what and where is the money coming
from?” Wilson said the committee will also focus on campus administrative costs, which she said has
grown over time.

5. Old Business

A. SC.15.13 Background Check Policy
   The GUP committee plans to meet Tuesday to review the revised University Background Check
   policy and the campus implementation procedures. The EQ committee plans to do the same at
   their meeting scheduled on Thursday.

B. SC.15.14 Assessment of the ad hoc Licensing Advisory Committee (LAC)
   GUP Chair Burbules reported that the initial draft of a new committee charge being reviewed by the
   LAC. The GUP committee will most likely recommend LAC become a standing committee with an
   expanded committee charge.

C. SC.16.11 Freedom of Expression Letter from FIRE
   Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (AFT) Chair O'Brien reported that the AFT
   committee feels the FIRE (Foundation for Individual Rights in Education) letter is good, but the AFT
   committee does not feel the need to do anything further. Chair O'Brien and Vice Chair Graber will
   draft a response letter to FIRE.

D. SC.16.08 Campus-wide Advice on Proper Use of Electronic Communications for Univ. Business
   None.

E. SC.16.16 State Employees' Group Insurance Program
   None.

F. SC.16.19 Academic Council Statement on Academic Freedom and Civility – Univ. of California
   Again, the AFT committee feels this is a good statement, but do not feel the need to endorse every
good statement that is written.

G. SC.16.20 Guidelines for Senate Meetings (USSP)
   Maher, Chair of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures, reported that
   the USSP committee has numerous items under review, but the guidelines for Senate meetings is
   on the next USSP agenda.

6. New Business

A. Setting of the November 16, 2015 Senate Agenda
   Schumock noted that he was willing to work with a Senate committee to improve resolution
   RS.16.03, Campus Senate Recommendation to University of Illinois Regarding Advanced Placement
   Credit. Hill made a motion to refer RS.16.03 to the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC).
The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

   EPC Chair Francis noted that each department will set the policy on college credit a student would
receive with various Advanced Placement (AP) scores including scores of three. The concern is that
if the AP score of three is determined to allow a student to take a second level course, the student
may not do well. The Office of the Provost anticipates having a policy by February 2016. It will be up
to each unit to determine how the AP credit is articulated.
Resolution RS.16.03 was referred to EPC by voice and will not appear on the November 16 Senate agenda.

Burbules made a motion to refer resolution RS.16.04, Resolution on Non-Discrimination and Criminal/Arrest Record, to the GUP committee and the EQ committee. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Emmert, one of the resolution authors, indicated her willingness to work with the GUP committee and the EQ committee to make the resolution stronger. Emmert felt it was important that the resolution go to the November 16 or the December 7 Senate meeting since the BOT will be reviewing the University Background Check policy at the January BOT meeting. The motion to refer resolution RS.16.04 to GUP and EQ was approved by voice.

Murav, one of the authors of resolution RS.16.05 Resolution on the Process to Change the Status of the Center for Advanced Study, noted her concern that the suggested reduction in administrative costs could significantly reduce the quality of the programs administered by the Center for Advanced Study (CAS). Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR) Schiffer replied that administrative changes in the CAS would not affect academic programs or its mission. Staff in the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research will absorb most of the CAS administrative functions. These two larger offices can provide the same services more efficiently. Schiffer added that the building that houses CAS is slated for demolition, and meeting and office space for CAS will be located at the newly renovated Levis Center.

Murav expressed her opinion that CAS is such a valuable service that a broader campus discussion should take place to ensure CAS continues to operate at the same level of quality. Schiffer offered to put a presentation together for the November 16 Senate meeting to foster additional discussion.

Maher made a motion to invited Vice Chancellor for Research Peter Schiffer to the November 16 Senate meeting to present information on CAS. The motion was seconded and approved by voice.

Wilson requested more short presentations be added to future Senate agendas in order to keep the Senate informed on important campus issues.

Hart moved approval of the amended Senate agenda. The motion was seconded.

Aminmansour made a motion to invite Matt Finkin, Director of the Program in Comparative Labor and Employment Law and Policy, to the November 16 Senate meeting to present information on background checks. The motion was seconded and approved by voice. Aminmansour will invite Matt Finkin to speak about background checks.

The Senate agenda was approved as amended.

B. SC.16.22 Center for Advanced Study (EPC, USSP)

VCR Schiffer assured those in attendance that the programs, fellowships, and specifically MillerComm lectures would not change. CAS has been part of this campus for decades and is very valuable. CAS programs can continue at the same high level of quality with these administrative reductions. Support staff and faculty buy-outs require $400-$500 thousand per year. The funds saved through administrative reductions can be put towards the academic mission.

The Office of the Provost plans to renovate space at Levis Center for CAS to have meetings, events, and will provide synergy with the newly relocated IPRH (Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities). Melanie Loots, Executive Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, will work with CAS support staff and professors through the transition. All programs and activities will continue. Schiffer has met with the CAS professors so they are aware of the planned transition.

Discussion helped determine that Senate Standing Rule 13, Formation, Termination, Separation, Transfer, Merger, Change in Status, or Renaming of Units, does not apply to the administrative changes planned for CAS. SEC members were supportive of a presentation by VCR Schiffer and discussion at the November 16 Senate meeting.
C. SC.16.23 Senate Oversight of General Education Requirements

EPC Chair Francis noted that in 1989 general education requirements were approved. The General Education Board was not established until 1991 or after. The entire number of general education requirements have never been implemented. In 2002, a proposal was brought forward to the Senate, but was tabled and never brought back for consideration. Discussion has been held at EPC on the topic of adding a new general education requirement. Adding a new general education requirement is difficult when the current requirements have not been fully implemented. Francis added that it is not clear if the same course could be applied to more than one general education requirement. EPC will continue discussing general education requirements and report to the SEC.

D. SC.16.24 Illinois Law Requiring College Credit for AP Scores of 3 or Higher

See agenda item 6.A.

E. SC.16.25 Nominating Procedures

Chair Miller noted that there were some issues with the timing of floor nominations and the election in regards to the selection of members to the search committee to advise the President on the selection of a chancellor. These issues will be addressed in the future for assembling search committees.

7. Announcements/Verbal Reports for Information

A. Task Force on Campus Approval Processes for Educational Programs

Francis reported that the Task Force convened over the summer and a report was issued. The report is on the EPC section of the Senate website.

B. Nominations to the Hiring Risk Assessment Review Committee

Chair Miller requested five names by the end of the week. This is the review committee associated with background checks.

C. New Dean Leadership Series

Chair Miller is unable to attend. Vice Chair Graber will attend and requested other SEC member attend to form a panel on March 16 from 11:00AM – 1:00PM at the New Dean Leadership Series.

D. Nov 12 BOT Urbana Senate Observer

Chair Miller will serve as the Urbana Senate Observe at the November 12 BOT meeting in Chicago.

E. Research Policy Committee Appointments

Informational. The charge letter was distributed.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Jenny Roether
Clerk of the Senate