A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:10 pm on Monday, March 28, 2016 in 232 English Building, with Chair Miller presiding.

1. **Introductions**
   Introductions were made by non-members.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   The minutes from February 29, 2016 were approved as amended.

   Graber requested draft SEC minutes be made available to members further in advance of the subsequent SEC meeting. Maher suggested a task list be issued shortly after (e.g. before the end of the week of the meeting) SEC meetings. There was general consensus that either approach would be valuable to keep track of agreed upon responsibilities.

3. **Chair’s Remarks**
   Chair Miller reported that she recently attended a CIC (Committee on Institutional Cooperation) Faculty Governance Conference at the University of Michigan. Conference topics included Faculty Purview, Academic Freedom, and Title IX. It appeared that many of the institutions in attendance were facing similar issues as those faced by our own University. There were some non-CIC member institutions represented; UC Berkeley, UCLA, and University of Virginia.

   Chair Miller noted that SEC members receive invitations to meet with Dean Candidates. These meetings are specifically arranged for SEC members to meet with Dean Candidates. Chair Miller noted she was the only SEC member attending one recent Dean candidate interview and she encouraged broader attendance from SEC members.

4. **Chancellor’s Remarks**
   Chancellor Wilson did not have any new information on the State budget impasse, but the administration continues to engage the legislature on the issue. Interim Provost Feser hosted a budget session at three different campus locations. The sessions were well attended. Feser plans to make the budget presentation information available online. Additional budget information will be posted online as it becomes available and may even include videos to augment the budget information.

   Wilson reported that the campus is in the height of the student recruitment effort and she thanked everyone for their work on recruitment. Applications have reached a remarkable 38,000, which is an 11% increase. Yield (percentage of students who accept an offer of admission) has increased compared to this same time last year. A number of Admitted Student Days are approaching.
The Commencement speaker has been selected and has accepted the invitation. The Speaker’s name will be announced soon.

Outstanding candidates have been identified in the College of Medicine Dean search, and the search will move into the final stages soon. The College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS) search committee has invited Dean Candidates to campus. The College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES) Dean search is still in progress and moving forward.

With the assistance of the Office of Public Affairs, the Chancellor has been holding “Chats with the Chancellor” to speak with students around the campus. Wilson appreciated how much students love and want to talk about the campus. Some topics include financing education, MAP (Monetary Award Program) funding, and the mascot discussion. A large number of students have been engaged and Wilson plans to continue scheduling “Chats”. Vice Chancellor Romano has also been engaging student leaders.

5. IBHE Annual Report of New, Consolidated, Closed and Low Producing Programs – Oct 2015
Feser stated that the IBHE (Illinois Board of Higher Education) report was completed back in October 2015. This is the IBHE’s response to a state law requiring the reporting of new, consolidated, closed, and low producing programs. In 2014-15, the Provost asked departments to respond to what IBHE identified as low or closed programs. Some of the low enrollment was done by design in certain programs. Some departments were in the process of hiring more faculty before increasing enrollment. Feser reported on these programs to the IBHE in September 2015. IBHE sets the thresholds for programs that are reported. Feser anticipates that the thresholds will be raised next year and more programs will need to be reported. There were programs reported as low performing or low enrollment for legitimate reasons. The IBHE has not asked for any follow-up at this time.

Low enrollment was identified as 4 or 5 students. Graduate programs were straightforward to explain. Some undergraduate programs required more involved explanations. Low numbers does not mean low performance.

To clarify, there were some closing of programs, not the closing of units. This process did help identify some programs that units had not completed the paperwork to close the program. These programs were still in existence that units thought were closed.

6. Items Under Committee Review

A. Assessment of the ad hoc Licensing Advisory Committee (LAC)
Burbules, Chair of the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP), stated that the GUP committee worked with the current LAC to propose a new joint committee on social responsibility. This proposal was sent to the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) to be put into Bylaws language. Burbules expressed concern that USSP went beyond what he understood to be its charge by substantially changing the proposed joint committee document without consulting with GUP. Burbules stated that the GUP committee would have been open to some of the suggested changes by the USSP, but that other changes went beyond something that GUP would accept.

Burbules made a motion that the proposed Bylaws amendment for the new joint committee should be returned back to the GUP committee to ensure that the revisions are in line with what was originally intended by the GUP committee. The motion was seconded, and discussion followed.

Maher, Chair of the USSP committee, stated that from his perspective, Burbules overstated the differences between the original GUP proposal and the USSP proposal. The USSP committee did change some language that had been put together very quickly by Lear at the late February SEC meeting. The USSP committee had questions and needed answers within a short timeframe. Maher emailed Burbules questions and received a high level response lacking the detail needed by the USSP committee to complete the task. Maher noted that USSP scheduled an additional meeting over spring break to try to complete the revised proposal for the April 4 Senate meeting. The timeframe that was
given to the USSP committee was short and USSP was also responding to students anxious for action by the full Senate, but the usual process would have been for USSP to send its revisions back to the source committee.

After further discussion, the SEC members came to the consensus that the GUP committee and the USSP committee should work jointly on the proposal for the joint social responsibility committee. Burbules requested an official final copy of the USSP proposal be shared with GUP.

The GUP committee and the USSP committee will work jointly to prepare the proposal for a joint committee on social responsibility with the intention that the proposal will be on the May 2 Senate agenda.

B. Guidelines for Senate Meetings
   No report.

C. University Access of Employee Electronic Communication
   The Senate Committee on Information Technology (IT) has transmitted a draft document to the GUP. The GUP Committee will add this item to the Committee’s next meeting agenda.

D. Proposed Campus IT Accessibility Policy
   The IT Committee has transmitted a draft document to the GUP Committee. The GUP Committee will add this item to the Committee’s next meeting agenda.

7. New Business
   A. Center for Advanced Study (CAS) Task Force
      VCR Schiffer stated that the CAS Task Force was jointly charged by the VCR and Provost. A great deal of feedback was received on the transition of CAS from the OVCR to the Office of the Provost. With the transition, situations previously undetected have now been identified. This transition as an opportunity to make the program more valuable to the campus and to take into consideration budget reduction.

      Feser stated that the undetected situation involved CAS staff providing faculty with various kinds of interdisciplinary project support. While CAS may have more staff than other units with its size and charge, it has been playing a role somewhat like a shared services center, especially for faculty in smaller units where staff help is limited. The Task Force will help to determine how these types of situations should be handled going forward.

      Feser noted that a large amount of feedback has been provided to the Task Force. It will collate the feedback and suggest a plan moving forward. Feser anticipates that the Task Force will finish before the end of the spring semester. Chair Miller asked that a report be shared with SEC and possibly the full Senate in the fall of 2016.

   B. Request to DRAFT Statement on the Ethical Conduct of Research
      VCR Schiffer reported that the request for a statement on Ethical Conduct of Research came from the Office of the President to the Chancellor and on to VCR Schiffer. Schiffer would like to see the statement come from the Senates and is looking to the Urbana-Champaign campus to get the process started. The OVCR has a draft and would like more than one Senate committee to review the statement and provide feedback. As research administrator, Schiffer noted that it would be helpful to have a broad statement to give general guidance for situations that are not covered by policy.

      Burbules pointed out that our campus has a National Center for Professional & Research Ethics (NCPRE), which is a valuable resource on these issues. Discussion continued on which Senate committees to send the draft statement for review.

      A motion was made to refer the draft statement to the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP) to further develop the statement followed by examination and input from the Senate
C. Insurance Benefits Concerns
Bohlmann reported that providers asking for payment upfront has now gone beyond dental providers. The self-funded programs are now asking employees to pay upfront for doctor recommended medical procedures, not just simple doctor visits. Chair Miller noted that she has seen other Illinois institution Senates approve resolutions on this topic. Burbules added that the University Senates Conference (USC) approved a statement at the beginning of the year on this topic. Burbules will send the statement to Bohlmann to share with the CAP (Council on Academic Professionals).

Stone noted that information was sent out in an email on March 15 about using in-network providers. Stone suggested contacting University Benefits or Payroll with questions.

Bohlmann will update SEC at the next meeting on any plans made by the CAP to address this issue.

D. Resolution Calling for the State of Illinois to Fulfill Its Obligations to Public Higher Education
Sandretto, Chair of the Senate Committee on the Budget, together with Miller and Burbules crafted a draft resolution on the budget*. Sandretto noted that Scott Rice was consulted in the Office of University Counsel and the resolution is not considered lobbying activity.

Feser suggested a broader and stronger separate whereas statement on diversity. The Office of the Provost will provide suggested language to Sandretto. Once the new language has been included, the resolution will go forward to the full Senate on April 4 from the Senate Budget Committee.

E. RS.16.06 Campus Senate Recommendation to University of Illinois Regarding Coal Divestment
Burbules noted that the ad hoc Licensing Advisory Committee (LAC) completed a report on coal divestment. Burbules made a motion to request authors, Leslie Wexler and/or Jeffery Brown, of the coal divestment attend the April 4 Senate meeting and attach the coal divestment report to RS.16.06. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

LeRoy yielded the floor to student senator Scanlan. Scanlan replied that the students have discussed coal divestment with the ad hoc LAC thoroughly. Scanlan stated she thought the LAC coal divestment report was written in response to students concerns.

The motion to attach the coal divestment report to the resolution and invite Wexler and/or Brown to attend the April 4 Senate meeting was approved by voice.

F. Setting of the April 4, 2016 Senate Agenda
The Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) proposal EP.16.23, Proposal to Change the General Education Cultural Studies Requirement so that Students Have to Take Both a US Minority Culture and a Non-Western Culture Course, will not appear on the April 4 Senate agenda, but the proposal was discussed. LeRoy yielded the floor to EPC member Shawn Gordon. Gordon noted that a large amount of additional information was shared by the Office of the Provost at the previous EPC meeting. Gordon felt the proposal sponsor should be urged to revise and include the recently presented material in the proposal.

LeRoy moved to have the proposal sponsor revise proposal EP.16.23 with the recent information shared by the Office of the Provost. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

LeRoy added that the Office of the Provost has been offering additional information to the sponsor and the sponsor has not been amenable to revising the proposal. Francis was concerned that making this request to the sponsors would possibly further delay consideration of the proposal until next academic year. Other SEC members did not feel comfortable voting to require the sponsor to revise...
the proposal without knowing more about the proposal and without the additional information shared by the Office of the Provost with the EPC.

LeRoy amended his motion to have the SEC strongly recommend the proposal sponsor include the additional information from Office of the Provost in a revised proposal. The amendment to the motion was seconded and discussion continued.

By a show of hands (4-yea, 5-nay, 2-abstain), the amended motion failed.

The April 4, 2016 Senate agenda was approved as amended.

8. Announcements/Verbal Reports for Information
   A. Subcommittee to Nominate Members for the 2016-17 Committee on Committees
      SEC members Burbules, Francis, Graber, and Oberdeck will serve as the subcommittee to nominate senators to the 2016-17 Senate Committee on Committees.

   B. Public Forum on the Search for a Chancellor/Vice President
      LeRoy announced that a Public Forum on the Search for a Chancellor/Vice President University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will be held. The Forum will be this Thursday, March 31 from 3:00 – 5:30 pm in room 407 of the Illini Union.

9. Adjournment
   The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.

Jenny Roether
Clerk of the Senate

*Filed with the Senate Clerk and incorporated by reference in these minutes.*