A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:12 pm on Monday, September 12, 2016 in 232 English Building, with Chair Miller presiding.

1. **Introductions**
   Introductions were made.

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

3. **Chair’s Remarks**
   Chair Miller stated she attended a legislator social luncheon event where Provost Feser and President Killeen reported that the deans have been working on plans for increasing enrollment and the associated faculty needs. Enrollment management is a topic Miller would like the SEC to discuss and has invited Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Innovation Charles Tucker, Associate Provost for Enrollment Management Keith Marshall, and Director of Undergraduate Admissions Andy Borst to the October 3 SEC meeting to give a presentation on the topic.

   Miller attended the September 8, 2016 Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting. At the BOT meeting President Killeen stated that our goal needs to be to open our doors to anyone that can complete the curriculum. The tuition freeze is evidence of the commitment to accessibility. Illinois is in the top 3% of public universities with an 85% six-year campus completion rate. Illinois student loan default rate is a low 2% versus the almost 12% national default rate.

   Miller reported that in November President Killeen will outline the proposed compact with State of Illinois and strategic enrollment outlook for the next 5 years. Pradeep Khanna, Associate Vice Chancellor for Corporate Relations and Economic Development, shared sesquicentennial plans.

   As the FAC-IBHE (Faculty Advisory Council to the Illinois Board of Higher Education) Representative, Miller attended her first meeting. Miller hopes to continue learning about what is happening at other institutions and bring back useful information. A common concern at the meeting was the lack of adequate state funding for higher education and how to manage this difficult situation.

4. **Chancellor’s Remarks**
   Interim Chancellor Wilson shared a few highlights from the statistics on the new freshman class. Enrollments are up in regards to diversity of the freshman class. Enrollment of African Americans is up by 15% and surpassed the goal of 500 students. Enrollment of Latino students is up 14% with over 900
Latino students in the freshman class. The campus worked vigorously over the last couple of years to increase the diversity of the student body. This is the largest freshman class ever. Illinois residents have increased by 1.5% in the freshman class. Almost 22% of the freshman class are “first in family”, meaning the students are the first member of their family to attend college.

Wilson reported that the President has announced the hold on tuition for in-state residents would remain steady. State funding will affect the ability to continue without an increase in tuition. The focus is on access and affordability of higher education.

Wilson announced that King Li was selected to serve as the dean of the Carle Illinois College of Medicine effective October 1, 2016. Kimberlee Kidwell will serve as the dean of the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES) effective November 1, 2016. Cheryl Hanley-Maxwell was named dean of the College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS) effective August 16, 2016. James Anderson was named interim dean of the College of Education effective August 16, 2016.

Wilson reported on the Paralympians competing in Rio de Janeiro from the University of Illinois. Tatyana McFadden has won two medals with five events left in competition and Martin Raymond has also medaled in the Track and Field division. The women’s wheelchair basketball has three members from Illinois including Head Coach Stephanie Wheeler.

Wilson announced that today is her last SEC meeting as Interim Chancellor and thanked everyone for the leadership and participation in shared governance. Wilson will not return to the dean position in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS), but has been named the new executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs for the University of Illinois System.

In response to an inquiry about the search process to select a new dean for LAS, Wilson stated that Interim Provost Feser would be discussing the process with leaders in the LAS dean’s office, the college executive committee, and other stakeholders as feasible with such a large college.

5. New Business
   A. SC.17.04: Election of a University Senates Conference (USC) Member to Serve on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC)
      Chair Miller introduced SC.17.04. SEC members requested biographical sketches be included with the proposal so senators can become familiar with the nominees. Clerk Roether will request bios from the nominees and revise the proposal before inclusion in the September 19 Senate packet.

   B. SC.17.05: Election of Faculty Members to Fill Vacancies on the Committee on Committees
      Vice-Chair Graber reviewed the SEC subcommittee’s process for selecting nominees and explained the election process that will be followed at the September 19 Senate meeting to elect faculty members to the Senate Committee on Committees.

   C. Setting of the September 19, 2016 Senate Agenda
      Educational Policy Chair Francis requested proposal EP.17.13: Proposal to Establish a Doctor of Medicine Professional Degree Program (MD) in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine be moved from the “Consent Agenda” section to the “Proposal” section of the Senate agenda. Proposal EP.17.13 will be listed as the first item under the “Proposal” section of the agenda.

      Senate Committee on Committees (CC) Chair Monda-Amaya commended the student members of the CC in finding nominees for the numerous student committee vacancies. Monda-Amaya encouraged fellow SEC members to assist the CC with filling the remaining vacancies listed on proposal CC.17.03. In particular, faculty vacancies on the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials and the Joint Committee on Socially Responsible Licensing and Investment.

      Enough concern was expressed by SEC members about the proposed language in proposal SP.16.11: Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.2 – Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure, that postponement of the item was considered. Steinberg, Chair of the Senate Committee on
Academic Freedom and Tenure (AFT) noted that he would share suggested language with the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP). Burbules made a motion to postpone SP.16.11 by one meeting in accordance with Standing Rule 14.D. The motion was seconded and approved by voice.

The September 19 Senate agenda was approved as amended.

6. Announcements/Verbal Reports for Information
   A. Vice Chancellor Romano announced that the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and the College of Law are sponsoring a panel on Free Speech and the First Amendment. The panel will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 from 12:00pm – 1:30 pm in the Illini Room A of the Illini Union. The College of Law Dean Vikram Amar has invited Akhil Amar from the Yale Law School to be the featured speaker. Jim Anderson from the College of Education and Jason Mazzone from the College of Law will also speak.

   B. LeRoy noted that the Illinois Student Senate (ISS) was planning to revise the ISS constitution. The Commission is holding hearings and the goal is to include constitutional changes as a referendum during the fall election.

7. Adjournment
   The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Jenny Roether
Clerk of the Senate