A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:12 pm on Monday, November 28, 2016 in 232 English Building, with Chair Miller presiding.

1. **Introductions**
   
   Introductions of nonmembers were made.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   
   The minutes from November 7, 2016 were approved as distributed.

3. **Chair’s Remarks**
   
   Chair Miller noted that faculty senator Nancy O’Brien made a request that resources be identified that support student food security at the October 10, 2016 Senate meeting. Chair Miller noted that the request has been referred to Student Life and also that the News-Gazette reporter Julie Wurth wrote a thorough article on the topic.

4. **Chancellor’s Remarks**
   
   Chancellor Robert Jones had the opportunity to participate in the Illini Days in Chicago. Jones reported the Illini Days were very successful and he was gratified with the number of people that attended. Jones met with alumni, donors, and noted the importance of reaching out to our supporters.

   Six faculty members have been elected as Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

   According to the Open Doors report, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is currently the second most popular public higher education institution for international students, and ranked fifteenth in institutions awarding credit for study abroad. Jones is proud to see Illinois recognized as a leader in international educational opportunities.

   The updated FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act) overtime regulations were scheduled to take effect on December 1, 2016. An injunction has been filed and places a temporary hold on implementation of the new overtime regulations until there is resolution of the issue. Human Resources (HR) has notified those employees affected by the temporary hold on the overtime regulations. Jones noted that it is not practical to move forward until the injunction has been resolved. Information will be shared as it becomes available.
Jones reported that a working group has been established to gather information about the issue of undocumented students. A thoughtful analysis needs to be completed prior to responding. The university continues to support all of our students.

The incident at Ohio State University left the suspect dead and eight injured. Hopefully we never have to put our own emergency action plan into action, but the plan is in place to respond in a very appropriate way. Chair Miller requested that SEC be briefed on the emergency action plan. Jones replied that each building has an emergency action plan and there are other resources such as the Illini Alert System and the Threat Assessment Team. Jones noted that he would be sure Miller received a copy of the violence prevention and response policy. It is important that every member of the community know how to respond in an emergency.

The meeting was open for questions from SEC members. Steinberg, Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (AFT), mentioned that the AFT committee initiated a conversation about the issue of undocumented students. Steinberg noted various cities have adopted sanctuary policies. The issue is not limited to undocumented students and is not just about safety, but includes academic freedom. Jones replied that a response would be given once the working group is done gathering information. Jones also noted that they will also continue working with the President’s Office on support for these students.

Oberdeck, Chair of the Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion (EQ), noted that her committee has numerous concerns since the presidential election. The committee feels a great deal of urgency on the issue. Oberdeck gave her thanks that the Chancellor is working on the safety and security of undocumented students. On behalf of the EQ committee, Oberdeck stated that we cannot wait to make a statement about the safety and security of our students. The committees sense was that they would like to go beyond the resolutions that are considered high minded and unattainable.

Jones stated he is unable to put a statement out that he cannot stand behind personally or legally. We need to continue to find ways to have conversations and a dialogue on the issue.

Miller suggested that a member from AFT and/or EQ be involved in the working group. Feser replied that the working group is meant to gather the regulatory and legal information, and it would be best to wait to involve Senate committee members until their work is done.

5. Items Referred to Committee

A. Financial Aid and Student Support Mechanisms
   No report at this time from the Senate Committee on University Student Life.

B. Winter Parking Courtesy Hours Change
   No report at this time from the Senate Committee on Campus Operations.

C. Statement of Support for Principles Underlying the IPAC (Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment) Proposal
   Burbules, as one of the five chairs of the Senate committees working on the Statement of support, reported that the Statement* was shared with the membership of each of the five committees. The Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP) has endorsed the Statement. LeRoy, as the student representative of the Statement working group, noted that the students will review the Statement on Wednesday.

   SEC members suggested organizational changes to make it clear which statements are quoted from the President’s press release and to make it clear that we are not supporting actual legislation, but the underlying principles. The statements from the President’s press release will be put in quotes and bolded. The goals and the principles will be labeled.

   B. Francis stated that the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) agrees that the technical goals can be met and support those technical goals of IPAC.
Monda-Amaya made a motion that SEC support the Statement with the suggested revisions. The motion was seconded.

Stein noted that he plans to bring the Statement before the Council of Academic Professionals (CAP) for support. Miller noted that if CAP, the Senate Committee on Admissions, and the Senate Committee on the Budget vote to support the Statement, the committees will be added to the document before the Senate packet is distributed.

Kindt, Chair of the Senate Committee on Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits (Benefits), announced that the Committee plans to vote on supporting the Statement Monday morning before the Senate meeting. Assuming there is a positive support from the Benefits committee, Kindt plans to announce the Benefit committee’s support on the floor of the Senate meeting.

The motion that SEC support the revised Statement was approved with two abstentions.

The President has been invited to speak to the Senate on December 5, 2016 about the IPAC.

6. New Business

A. Setting of the December 5 Senate Agenda
   Oberdeck noted that the EQ committee felt it was important to bring a resolution forward to the Senate in December since the next meeting of the Senate is not until February which is after the Presidential inauguration. There are various groups concerned about the campus climate and there was also an incident that occurred in an African American Studies course classroom. The committee decided the two issues should be merged into one resolution.

   SEC members took a moment to read the resolution and a robust discussion followed. A few SEC members were concerned there would be confusion on what exactly was being presented for a vote at the Senate meeting with the two issues merged into one resolution. Suggested edits were made. Oberdeck was amenable to the suggested revisions and stated she would share them with the EQ committee.

   The December 5, 2016 Senate agenda was approved as amended.

7. Announcements/Verbal Reports for Information

A. Elections and Credentials Committee
   Graber, Chair of the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials (EC), received a communication requesting a ruling on the eligibility of a few academic professional employees to serve on Senate committees. Graber noted that the committee plans to meet in January and to review governing document language to provide clarity on the issue. Stein suggested that Tracy Parish be included since he is the person that handles elections and membership for CAP.

B. IBHE-FAC is encouraging faculty members to apply to the IBHE
   Miller noted that Bambenek is the only faculty member on IBHE. Government Relations suggested that faculty self-nominate for vacancies on the IBHE. Anyone can self-nominate using the IBHE website.

C. January 19, 2017 BOT Observer
   Sara Benson will serve at the Board of Trustees Observer in Chicago on January 19, 2017.

8. Adjournment
   Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Jenny Roether
Senate Clerk

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