UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN
Senate Executive Committee
Minutes
January 30, 2017

Present: Chair Gay Miller, Vice Chair Kim Graber, Sara Benson, Nicholas Burbules, Bettina Francis, George Francis, David Hanley, Harley Johnson, Sam LeRoy, William Maher, Lisa Monda-Amaya, Katheryn Oberdeck, Rahul Raju, Jeff Stein, Mark Steinberg

Guests: Chancellor Robert Jones, Associate Chancellor for Diversity Assata Zerai, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Policies Abbas Benmamoun, Jeff Christensen, Associate Chancellor Michael DeLorenzo, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Edward Feser, Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs Robin Kaler, Eric McDuffee, David O’Brien, Rebecca Pulsifer, Jay Rosenstein, Vice Chancellor for Research Peter Schiffer, Todd Short, Native American House Director Jamie Singson, Director of Academic Human Resources Debra Stone

Media: Daily Illini – Megan Jones, News-Gazette – Julie Wurth

A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:10 pm on Monday, January 30, 2017 in the Senate Conference Room, 232 English Building, with Chair Miller presiding.

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

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   The minutes from November 28, 2016 were approved as distributed.

3. **Chair’s Remarks**
   Chair Miller quoted President Killeen’s massmail from January 24 and from Chancellor Jones mass email from January 30 with both emails supporting our students. Miller added that at the University Senates Conference (USC) meeting, President Killeen stated that part of the reason the word “sanctuary” is not used is because the term is too indeterminate. Miller noted that Killeen stated that our student privacy is vigorously protected and immigration status is not asked about unless required by law.

   Chair Miller announced that Police Chief Christensen and Lieutenant Short are in attendance to discuss emergency preparedness and the Run, Hide, Fight campaign.

4. **Chancellor’s Remarks**
   Chancellor Robert Jones thanked the Senate for assisting in distributing the Run, Hide, Fight information to students. Jones stated that safety is a priority as a Chancellor and especially in the aftermath of what occurred on the Ohio State University campus. It is critical to get the information out, even if it is redundant. Everyone should know how to respond in an emergency.

   Jones thanked the Senate for reaching out to colleagues for suggestions on naming an Interim Provost. Jones hopes to announce the next Interim Provost next week.

   Jones gave highlights from the January 14 Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting. Student applications are up from last year with over 38,000 submitted. The next incoming class is expected to be as large if not larger than last year. The number of students of color and first generation students have both increased from last year. The University is also continuing to cover MAP (Monetary Award Program) grants with the lack of state funding.
Proposed enrollment goals are to increase enrollment by 15% over next 5 years. Most growth is not planned at the undergraduate level, but rather at the graduate and professional levels.

There was no tuition increase for in-state students for the third year in a row. This helps to reaffirm our commitment to affordability. Also, student fees increased by only $16 and out-of-state student tuition only increased by a little over 1%.

A couple of massmails were sent on January 30 supporting members of our international community in response to President Trump’s Executive Order on immigration. Massmails were from both the President and from the Chancellor and Provost. Jones reported that the students, visiting scholars, and faculty affected were notified as soon as possible after they were identified. The situation will continue to be monitored and will respond as effectively and rapidly as possible. Feser added that there has not been a stranded student yet. All of the students that we were able to identify have been notified. We identified those at risk and encouraged them not to travel. Zerai also added that due to the safety of these students the exact numbers are off the record.

Raju mentioned the rally that was taking place outside during the meeting and also an online petition that would provide support to students that are affected by the Executive Order on immigration. Jones noted that there is a working group currently working on the issue and will continue to work on this issue and any other similar issues that come up under the new administration. Massmails will continue to be sent, but there is an effort to find other ways of communicating this important information to the campus.

Another difficulty in identifying those affected are the way individuals self-report. Some might list Canada as their most recent country, but could be affected by the Executive Order on immigration. There are also those with dual citizenship that might only list one country.

Jones stated that this is an ongoing issue and will continue to be monitored. Updated information available detailing support for international members of our campus community can be found at [http://go.illinois.edu/openillinois2](http://go.illinois.edu/openillinois2).

In response to additional discussion on the proposed growth of university enrollment, Jones noted that we are open to any degree programs where there is a gap, especially in graduate programs or some programs that we have not offered. Jones has had conversations with the various deans about the need to use this as an opportunity to fill the gaps that lie within in the contemporary world we live in.

5. Items Referred to Committee

A. Financial Aid and Student Support Mechanisms
Chair Miller reported that the chair of the Senate Committee on University Student Life, Damarys Canache, sent a short update last semester about the topic and the new chair, Mark Dressman will continue discussing the topic in the committee.

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

6. New Business

A. Emergency Preparedness
Chief Christenson and Lt. Short presented information about the Run, Hide, Fight campaign and emergency planning or emergency management*. There are Building Emergency Action Plans (BEAP) for about 350 of the over 450 buildings on campus. The BEAP contains information about
where to run to in an emergency, where to hide for weather and other situations, and what to do if it comes down to a fight.

Communication of emergencies is done on multiple platforms. One is the Illini Alerts. Unfortunately approximately 43% of the campus is not signed up for Illini Alerts. There are floor coordinators that have been identified in the buildings with a BEAP for accountability of faculty and staff. There are also floor plans posted throughout the buildings that show exits, weather safety areas, and meeting areas. The information in the BEAPs are available to first responders.

In response to a question, Chief Christensen reiterated that all three police forces do not ask for immigration information. The police might ask about nationality, but not immigration status.

Christensen noted that the number one priority is safety for everyone on campus. We are concerned about the campus climate and are concerned about more than just crime. Not every student has the same life experience. We did reach out to the student group that is holding the rally today. Some people may not be comfortable with uniformed officers present and that is respected. We want to make sure that your constitutional rights are upheld and that we are safe.

Burbules made a motion for a formal presentation about emergency preparedness be put on an upcoming Senate agenda when availability allows. The motion was seconded and a short discussion followed. The motion was approved.

B. SC.17.10: Procedures for Selecting a Search Committee to Advise the Chancellor on the Selection of a Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Miller reported that the four people (Miller, Benson, Maher, and LeRoy) of the subcommittee met and drafted the SC.17.10 document. Miller noted that the Chancellor would like more flexibility to the extent the Senate deems appropriate. The floor was opened for discussion.

Stein inquired about the different approach for including academic professionals. Maher replied that the language is part of the current Constitution and that we now caught that previous discrepancy.

Monda-Amaya noted that she plans to send an email/massmail out to students, faculty, and other academic staff after the document is approved by Senate on February 6.

The discussion continued with a conversation on past practice and how to create flexibility, and how much flexibility, for the Chancellor in selecting members of the search committee. The motion to add another category called “Other” to create flexibility in the selection of members was defeated.

Oberdeck made a motion to add the following language: “If the seven members chosen by Senate vote do not meet these criteria, then the female faculty member receiving the most votes and in addition the minority faculty member receiving the most votes will be added to the committee first, followed by the remaining five members according to the vote, with no more than two from the same college.” The motion was seconded and after a short discussion the motion was approved.

After additional lengthy discussion, the document SC.17.10 was approved as amended.

C. Senate Processes

As Chair of the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP), Burbules introduced the document distributed about Senate processes.* GUP has some concerns about the way
resolutions are introduced and would like to see clearer policies on resolutions. A robust discussion followed.

Burbules made a motion to refer the GUP document to the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP). The motion was seconded and approved.

D. Discharge of the SEC ad hoc Licensing Advisory Committee (LAC)
The LAC has now been replaced by the Joint Committee on Socially Responsible Licensing and Investment. The SEC needs to officially discharge the LAC. By unanimous consent the LAC was discharged.

E. Survey of Executive Officers on Shared Governance (Benmamoun/Miller)
Miller reported that Benmamoun has made a commitment that the survey will be done by May 2017.

F. Setting of the February 6 Senate Agenda
Burbules made a motion to refer resolution RS.17.02 (Resolution on Apparel with American Indian Imagery) to GUP with the reasoning that GUP has been discussing the mascot and other related issues. The motion was seconded and a robust discussion followed by SEC members and resolution author Rosenstein.

The motion to refer to GUP was approved. RS.17.02 was referred to GUP with the understanding that the Chancellor would be invited to an upcoming GUP meeting before the resolution comes back to SEC.

The Senate agenda was approved as amended.

7. Announcements/Verbal Reports for Information
None.

8. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Jenny Roether
Senate Clerk

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