Present:  Chair Bettina Francis, Vice Chair Nancy O’Brien, Nicholas Burbules, Shawn Gilmore, Kim Graber, Sam LeRoy, William Maher, Gay Miller, Bryan Parthum, Rahul Raju, Jeff Stein, Mark Steinberg, Matthew Wheeler

Absent: Scott Morris

Guests: Chancellor Robert Jones, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs William Bernhard, Campus Faculty Association Representative Andy Bowman, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Danita Brown Young, Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs Robin Kaler, Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits Chair John Kindt, Wynne Korr (Prof. School of Social Work), Jay Rosenstein (Prof. Media & Cinema Studies), Bruce Rosenstock (Prof. Religion), Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost John Wilkin

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A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:10 pm on Monday, October 9, 2017 in the Senate Conference Room, 232 English Building, with Chair Francis presiding.

1. Introductions
   Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes
   The minutes from September 11, 2017 were approved as distributed.

3. Chair’s Remarks
   Chair Francis announced that she and Vice-chair O’Brien plan to meet with all of the Senate committee chairs, beginning with non-SEC members.

4. Chancellor’s Remarks
   Chancellor Jones announced the fundraising campaign, With Illinois, launch this Friday, October 13. The campaign is designed to build support for the important and paradigm-shifting work that faculty members do every day at this University. The launch will include carnival-like food and a Ferris wheel on the main quad along with numerous other events around campus. A listing of events can be found on the campaign website. On Friday, the Campaign Launch and Alumni Celebration will be held at 7:00 pm at the State Farm Center. Everyone is invited to attend with their families, friends, and neighbors.

   The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) has been providing feedback on the Carle Illinois College of Medicine and will be in Urbana on November 18. Accreditation is the most important hurdle to achieve.

   The Annual Meeting of the Faculty (AMF) is next Monday on October 16. Jones will also present a State of the University Address on November 2. The AMF will be more of a conversation-type format and the University Address will be more forward-looking to the future of the University.

   Susan Martinez was announced as the Interim Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR). Martinez was already very busy and now will be adding the VCR duties to her portfolio. Peter Schiffer’s last official day as VCR is the October 15. Schiffer had a very impactful tenure over the last five years. Jones thanked Schiffer for his service.

   Jones announced that he is pleased to have Wynne Korr assist with public engagement efforts as she retires from serving as the School of Social Work Dean. Korr will present information on public engagement later in today’s meeting.
President Trump’s travel ban list has been revised with the addition and deletion of countries while some countries remain on the list. Homeland Security has been performing more unannounced visits and reviewing H1B visa holders at universities.

Provost Wilkin has been managing the GEO (Graduate Employees’ Organization) negotiations. A federal mediator joined the negotiations last week. There is another scheduled session coming up soon.

Last week, a member of Turning Point spoke while students safely protested the speaker. Freedom of speech needs to be thought about more strategically. Provost Wilkin is putting together a task force to navigate the complicated issues surrounding free speech.

5. Old Business
None.

6. New Business
   A. Becoming an Engaged University rather than a University with Engagement Programs – How do we get there?
      Wynne Korr, the retiring Dean of the School of Social Work, presented information on public engagement.* Korr discussed how engagement needs to be integrated into research and teaching so it becomes engaged research and engaged teaching. Part of engagement is teaching students to build and sustain productive relationships to respond to civic and social challenges at local, national, and global levels, creating positive change in their communities.
      
      There need to be more conversations about institutional strategy; to go beyond either centralizing and controlling the programs more or learning about all of the different programs and compiling them. Conversations are needed about what good engaged teaching encompasses.
      
      SEC members discussed different engagement opportunities that they have been part of. Korr requested that any feedback is sent to her via email wkorr@illinois.edu.

   B. Faculty Policy Guide
      Burbules, Chair of the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP), reported that GUP developed a guide for faculty that lists all of the different places to find policies. Burbules noted that the intention is to post the Guide on the Senate website, with the hope that both the Office of the Provost and Human Resources would link to the Guide. Burbules also suggested that notification of the Guide be sent to the DDDH (Deans, Directors, and Department Heads) listserve and the Senate listserv. GUP would take on the responsibility of maintaining the Guide. GUP would like the Guide distributed as widely as possible, including its distribution as part of new hire orientation. Burbules welcomed suggestions for improvement and will share suggestions with GUP.

   C. Nominations: Regional Accreditation – Preparation for Comprehensive Evaluation and Visit in 2019-2020
      O’Brien, as Chair of the Senate Committee on Committees (CC), noted that CC was asked to provide names of faculty senators as nominees to serve on the Higher Learning Commission. O’Brien reiterated that only senators should be nominated as Deans were also putting forward their own faculty nominees. Self-nominations are also welcome. O’Brien gave a deadline of October 13 to submit names to her.

   D. Subcommittee to Nominate Faculty for Committee on Committees Vacancy
      The resignation of Amy Ando (ACES) with a term ending 2018 has created a faculty vacancy on CC. The previous sub-committee of Burbules, Gilmore, and Steinberg will garner nominations.

   E. Resolution on Balancing Free Speech, Welcoming Climate, and Safe Environment
      Faculty senator Rosenstock introduced the proposed resolution. SEC discussed the resolution and Provost Wilkin noted that the Office of the Provost is in the process of creating a task-force to address issues related to the resolution. With the creation of a task-force by the Office of the
Provost, Rosenstock withdrew the resolution with the understanding that faculty and the Senate would be involved in the task-force.

Chair Francis requested that Wilkin provide an update on the formation of the task-force at the next SEC meeting.

F. Setting of the October 23, 2017 Senate Agenda
   The October 23 Senate agenda was set as amended.

7. Announcements/Verbal Reports for Information

   A. ISG Resolution on Recognizing Indigenous Peoples’ Day in Place of Columbus Day*
      The ISG (Illinois Student Government) resolution was discussed. Jones noted that several universities are moving towards recognizing Indigenous Peoples’ Day as a way to create programming and celebrate Native American culture.

   B. General Updates
      Burbules noted that University Senates Conference (USC) received the President’s comments on the large group of Statutes changes (ST-77). The items that were agreed on are ready to go forward to the Board of Trustees (BOT). There are some new items that will need to go back to the three senates for review. The other changes are ones the President does not agree with, which will need to be re-reviewed before coming back to the three senates. USC anticipates sending transmitted items to the three senates soon.

8. Adjournment
   The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

   Jenny Roether
   Clerk of the Senate

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