A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:10 pm on Monday, February 26, 2018 in 2004 Natural History Building with Chair Francis presiding.

1. **Introductions**
   Introductions were made.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   The minutes from January 22, 2018 and January 29, 2018 were approved as distributed.

3. **Chair's Remarks**
   Chair Francis reported on an event she was invited to as the SEC Chair. The meeting was about a film that was made in 1968. The film was about a meeting that was held 50 years ago to discuss unrest on campuses in the US and focused on this campus. It included not just local students, faculty, and community members, but also faculty and students from other universities across the US. Some of the people attending the meeting this weekend were at the original meeting 50 years ago. There is tension on campus again 50 years later, but one of the changes is the increase in the number of women and people of color that attended this weekend’s gathering. There was also no smoking at this weekend’s meeting. And there were not just two viewpoints, but multiple viewpoints. There was a heated discussion, and so many people wanted to speak that the meeting went 40 minutes beyond the scheduled end time.

4. **Chancellor’s Remarks**
   Vice Provost Bernhard gave remarks in the absence of Chancellor Jones and Provost Cangellaris. Bernhard updated SEC on the Graduate Employee Organization (GEO) strike. Bernhard reiterated how much the graduate students are valued, and that the campus appreciates the graduate student’s contribution to the mission of the University. He also noted that there is a commitment to provide our undergraduates with the education they were promised. The University will continue negotiations with the GEO.

   The review of the situation involving Professor Jay Rosenstein has been concluded. Rosenstein has been reminded that he must not film in any restroom or in any way that is against the law. The allegations that University employees were assisting the person dressed as Chief Illiniwek do not appear to be true. It has been made clear to employees that security is to be provided to everyone at the same level unless a particular situation warrants additional security.

   There was additional security at the men’s basketball game last Thursday due to urging by an outside group that encouraged fans to wear Chief Illiniwek attire. Others were in attendance to protest such apparel. The main goal of the additional security was to have a safe event. Facilities policies are being reviewed to be clearer about what is and is not permitted at events.
Two of the Chancellor’s Critical Conversations have been scheduled. The first event is scheduled for April 10 on Native American imagery. The time of day and location are yet to be determined. And on April 17, the Critical Conversation on free speech will be held at noon at the Krannert Center for Performing Arts.

The Strategic Planning initiative continues to plans for the next 150 years. The strategic plan website has been updated [http://strategicplan.illinois.edu](http://strategicplan.illinois.edu). There will be opportunities to provide feedback and comments.

The campus remains committed to the budget reform that is underway. A white paper is being developed on the integrated and value centered model; more information can be found on the Office of the Provost website under the Budget tab ([https://provost.illinois.edu/budget](https://provost.illinois.edu/budget)). The plan is not fully completed. Questions have been identified, and input from stakeholders is needed to answer them. There will be two Budget Reform Town Halls; March 13 at BIF and March 27 at the NCSA Auditorium, both beginning at noon.

The status quo is still in place for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). We will support our students if there are any changes to DACA.

Friday, March 2 is the Unofficial St. Patrick’s Day event. This event is not sanctioned or supported by the University. A letter was sent to parents urging them to talk to their students about being safe during this even.

The Illini Success Survey shows the first post-graduation positions for our students. Of those surveyed, 89% said that they secured employment within the first 6 months after graduation. The average starting salary was over $59,000. Illinois graduates are in demand.

Bernhard thanked the members of SEC that met to discuss the naming process. The effort to clarify the processes and procedures continues.

Bernhard shared the statement that was drafted by the GUP committee regarding accepting contributions from donors. The Chancellor adopted the following statement and is working to put it into the Campus Administrative Manual (CAM):

*The University of Illinois values highly the contributions that donors make to the mission and excellence of the institution. These friends of the university play an indispensable role in supporting student fellowships, endowed professorships, and enhancements to the physical infrastructure of the campus, among many other benefits.*

*These gifts often come with general restrictions on their intended use: supporting an area of inquiry, attracting and supporting students from certain backgrounds or regions, funding a faculty professorship within a particular field of expertise, and so on. It is both reasonable and fair that donors may express their broad intentions about how those funds should be used.*

*At the same time, the principles of institutional autonomy and academic freedom are essential to the university, and are inseparable from the very excellence that donors want to support. In all deliberations with donors about gifts, large and small, these principles must be preserved.*

*In keeping with these principles, specific academic decisions, such as hiring, promotion, student admissions, the development of curricula, the definition and requirements for degrees, and related matters are by University Statutes the sole province of the faculty and administration.*

Bernhard added that the University will not accept gifts that come with stipulations that fall under the purview of the faculty.

In response to questions regarding the GEO strike, Bernhard noted that the information received about classes that were moved were reported by HR directors in the colleges. Bernhard also noted that work is being done on a contingency plan if the GEO strike extends past a minor disruption.
5. New Business

A. General Principles on the Ethical Conduct of Research and Scholarship
Tolliver, faculty member of the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP), spoke in the absence of GUP Committee Chair Burbules. Some years ago, President Killeen asked that a statement on research ethics be created. The Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR) at the time, Peter Schiffer, drafted the initial statement and worked with GUP to refine the document. Schiffer left the University; and, now that Martinis has taken on the role of Interim VCR, she has continued to work with GUP in further refining the statement.

Chair Burbules requested that the statement go forward to the full Senate as a report with a short verbal introduction by Burbules. Martinis noted that she will attend the Senate meeting in case of any questions.

B. DRAFT Statement on the Land Grant Mission and the Public Contract
Miller noted that this statement is in response to a request by the Faculty Advisory Council to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (FAC-IBHE) that Senates encourage the Illinois Legislature to adopt a process and budget that provides stable funding to Illinois institutions of higher education.

LeRoy moved to amend the document by adding “Stable state appropriations are directly related to our programs’ abilities to maintain accreditation and our ability to attract in-state students.” at the end of the third paragraph. The motion was seconded and approved. The amended statement will go to the Senate for approval as an SEC document.

C. Visitor Participation During Meetings
This item was postponed until the next SEC meeting.

D. Resolution on the Use of “Administrative Leave” in the Context of Faculty Sanction
Faculty senator Rosenstock (LAS) presented his resolution. After a short dialogue, the SEC accepted the resolution for inclusion on the March 5 Senate agenda.

E. Resolution Opposing the Continuing Appearances of an Unapproved Chief Illiniwek at UIUC Sporting Events (Rosenstein)
A short discussion was held regarding this resolution’s similarities to the resolution from the Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion (EQ), EQ.18.02, Resolution on Native American Imagery and University Climate. Although both resolutions have somewhat similar subject matter, they are different. The Resolution Opposing the Continuing Appearances of an Unapproved Chief Illiniwek at UIUC Sporting Events (Rosenstein) and the EQ Committee resolution will both appear separately on the March 5 Senate agenda.

F. Setting of the March 5, 2018 Senate Agenda
The March 5, 2018 Senate agenda was set as amended.

6. Announcements/Verbal Reports for Information

A. Faculty Advisory Committee of the IBHE Report
Miller noted that the major item to report was the resolution coming from SEC. Francis asked Miller to report after next FAC meeting.

B. Board of Trustees Meeting Observer
Gay Miller will serve as the Urbana Senate Observer and the Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018 in Urbana.

7. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Jenny Roether
Clerk of the Senate