A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:10 pm on Monday, March 26, 2018 in 232 English Building with Chair Francis presiding.

1. **Introductions**
   
   Introductions were made.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   
   The minutes from February 26, 2018 were approved as distributed.

3. **Chair’s Remarks**
   
   Chair Francis noted that Senate elections are underway. A call for committee interest was also sent out to all faculty. Nominees do not have to be senators to serve on a committee. The 2018-19 Senate will meet on April 16 for the annual Elections and Organizational meeting. The Vice Chancellor reviews are scheduled for May 14 in executive session with the Chancellor. No in-depth review will occur this year. The Chancellor review is scheduled for June 18 in executive session with the President.

4. **Chancellor’s Remarks**
   
   Chancellor Jones noted that commencement is only 6 weeks away and everyone is very busy during this time of the spring semester.

   The Graduate Employees Organization (GEO) contract was settled after about 26 hours of negotiations. The contract is competitive with peer institutions. There were some miscommunications and a lot to learn from this process. Jones hopes this process can move faster in the future.

   A massmail announced the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion position opening. James Anderson (College of Education Dean) and Danita Brown Young (Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs) will co-chair the search committee for this position. Jones stated that it is essential to have the entire University involved in finding someone to fill this very important position.

   Provost Cangellaris will announce the first Seibel Center for Design Director soon. The Seibel Center for Design is one part of a larger multidisciplinary effort across the University.

   This week a conference sponsored by the Physics department was held to celebrate Tony Leggett’s 80th birthday. Leggett won a Nobel Prize in physics and is recognized as a world leader in physics.

   The Illini Success survey has helped collect data on the success of our graduates. This robust survey collects data on graduates’ first destination along with starting salary information. More than 70% students responded to the survey creating a very strong data set. Nearly 9 out of 10 graduates accepted a job, entered graduate school, or began a volunteer position within 6 months after graduation. The
average starting salary was almost $60,000. Of the jobs accepted, 7 out of 10 were in the state of Illinois.

Jones traveled to South Africa to establish a global and international presence. Jones met with several agencies that see a great value in partnering with Illinois. The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) has assisted with the corn and soybean crops in Malawi. These crops are not just to feed humans, but to feed chickens and other animals. This provides an opportunity to think strategically about partnerships and the potential global impact.

Parthum thanked Jones for the GEO summary and requested more transparency in future negotiations so that some of the miscommunications could be avoided.

5. Old Business
   A. Visitor Participation During Meetings
      Burbules suggested using similar rules to what is used at Senate meetings. Burbules made a motion to use the same rules for SEC that are used for Senate meetings. The motion was seconded.
      
      After a short discussion, Burbules withdrew the motion. Burbules and Gilmore will draft a written statement on visitor participation during SEC meetings.

6. New Business
   A. Volunteers for the Subcommittee to Nominate Faculty and Student Members to the 2018-2019 Committee on Committees
      SEC faculty members Burbules and Maher, and student member Raju will serve as the subcommittee to nominate faculty and student members to the Committee on Committees.

   B. Update on the Review of XSR.18.01 by USSP
      Gilmore, Chair of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), reported that most of the action items in the XSR.18.01 report have been completed or are in progress. The only item that has not been addressed or in progress is the electronic handbook for senators.

   C. The Role and Balance of Emeritus Faculty as Members of the Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee
      Gilmore reported that USSP received a request to review the membership of the Senate Committee on Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits (FB). The main focus of the discussion was the number of emeritus faculty on the committee. SEC members generally agreed that the majority of the faculty members should be non-emeritus faculty.

   D. Setting of the April 2, 2018 Senate Agenda
      The April 2, 2018 Senate agenda was set as amended.

   My-UI-Financials Presentation
   Pat Patterson, Controller and Senior Assistant Vice President of OBFS, and Jason Bane, Senior Business and Financial Coordinator, presented information on the My-UI-Financials system.

   The My-UI-Financials system is a custom distribution of financial information in a convenient format. The intention of this product is to make report retrieval and distribution easier. Each business unit can set-up My-UI-Financials for faculty or staff in a unit. Once a user logs into the system a dashboard shows a listing of accounts. Patterson and Bane displayed actual images of what might appear on a user’s computer screen when using various filters.

   Additional My-UI-Financials information, including a 12 minute video showing the presentation and demonstration, is available on the OBFS website: https://www.obfs.uillinois.edu/my-ui-financials.
E. Setting of the Agenda for the 2018-2019 Organizational Meeting on April 16, 2018
The 2018-2019 Organizational Meeting agenda was set as amended.

7. Announcements/Verbal Reports for Information

A. Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Report
Miller reported that the FAC-IBHE held a discussion with Al Bowman, Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), at the last meeting. Bowman wants to keep higher education out of budget impasses and budget cuts. He shared that the state higher education budget is 50% lower than in 2002 and sees this as an unsustainable model. Bowman was concerned that pensions and operations are combined. Bowman would also like to reinstitute the financial aspect of the Illinois state scholars program to possibly help keep students in-state.

Miller mentioned a few relevant bills that are being considered by the legislature. One bill would exempt religious institutions from IBHE authority. The Rose-Brady bill would create a uniform admission application for use at all public universities in Illinois.

Miller also noted that many of the regional public institutions charge in-state tuition to contiguous states.

8. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm

Jenny Roether
Clerk of the Senate