UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN
Senate Executive Committee
Minutes
Monday, April 23, 2018

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, William Bernhard (Vice Provost for Academic Affairs), Andrew Bowman (Campus Faculty Association Representative), Andreas Cangellaris (Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost), Robert Flider (director of community and government relations), Robin Kaler (Associate Chancellor for Public Affairs), Jonathan Makela (Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering), Susan Martinis (Interim Vice Chancellor for Research), Kathryn Oberdeck (Equal Opportunity and Inclusion Chair), Umberto Ravaoli (Senior Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs), Sharon Reynolds (Assistant Provost for Administrative Affairs), Jay Rosenstein (faculty senator, MDA)

Media: News-Gazette – Ben Zigterman

A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:10 pm on Monday, April 23, 2018 in 232 English Building with Chair Francis presiding.

1. Introductions
   Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes
   The minutes from March 26, 2018 were approved as amended.

3. Chair’s Remarks
   Chair Francis noted that over the past few meetings SEC has been discussing opportunities for visitors to make comments at SEC meetings. Burbules and Gilmore will draft a document outlining procedures for visitor speaking privileges.

   Chair Francis also noted that with the resolution on the agenda that is sponsored by a faculty senator, Francis requested floor privileges for the Chair of the Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion, Kathryn Oberdeck. The motion was seconded and there were no objections.

   Chair Francis made a motion to discuss agenda item 5.C as the first item under new business due to other prior commitments by those requesting to speak on resolution RS.18.03. The motion was seconded and there were no objections.

   Burbules made a motion to give Rosenstein speaking privileges as a sponsor of resolution RS.18.03. The motion was seconded and there were no objections.

4. Chancellor’s Remarks
   Chancellor Jones thanked SEC members for their service and commitment to shared governance.

   The recently held Chancellor’s Critical Conversations events were both successful. The Chancellor was pleased with the dialogue that came from the Conversation on Native American Imagery. Regardless of where attendees were on the issue, they participated respectfully. Suggestions that came out of the Conversation are being compiled and the next steps are being formulated.
There will be a follow-up event on May 1 in the South Lounge at the Illini Union from 4:00-6:00 pm. The format will be in the style of a charrette. This is an open forum so people can come and go as needed. The community is also invited to this event.

The timing for the Critical Conversation on free speech was difficult to schedule, due to the speakers’ very busy schedules. Unfortunately, holding it at noon precluded many students from attending.

Tomorrow at noon in Illini Rooms B & C at the Illini Union the Chancellor will hold a public conversation with senior leadership. This is a bookend to the State of the University Address that was held this past fall. The event will be moderated and all of the Vice Chancellors will be in attendance.

Later this week, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Seibel Center for Design Center will be attended by both Tom Seibel and the Design Center Director Switzky. Illinois is known for its multidisciplinary research and will now be offering students the opportunity to get an interdisciplinary education.

Chancellor Jones talked about his visit to a magnet school in Chicago and the importance of continuing to partner with magnet schools to educate students about this great university.

5. New Business


   Gilmore gave a brief introduction of the proposal and the suggested changes. Burbules noted that most of the changes merely replace “campus” with “university”, and “university” with “system”. A more substantive change is the moving of duties. The proposed changes seem to be pulling duties from the university level to the system level, which is the opposite of what had recently been done with other administrative responsibilities. Burbules noted that the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP) will be giving advice to the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP).

   Burbules also noted that, although it would be nice to get these proposed changes approved before the end of the semester, it is more important to take the needed time to review the proposed changes and get them right.

   Martinis also expressed some concerns about the proposed changes.

B. **SC.18.10: 2018-2019 Senate and Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting Schedule**

   The 2018-19 SEC/Senate meeting schedule was approved as distributed.

C. **RS.18.03: Resolution Opposing the Continuing Appearances of an Unauthorized Chief Illiniwek at UIUC Sporting Events**

   Burbules requested that Rosenstein withdraw resolution RS.18.03. Burbules supports the goal of the resolution, but does not agree that this is the method of accomplishing the goal. LeRoy added that the State Farm Center policy forbidding protests is poorly written.

   After a robust discussion about the resolution, proposal sponsor Rosenstein confirmed that he would like the resolution to appear on the April 30 Senate agenda. Chair Francis stated that the resolution will appear on the April 30 Senate agenda and that discussion is now closed on the topic.

D. **Setting of the April 30, 2018 Senate Agenda**

   The April 30, 2018 Senate agenda was set as distributed.

   **UIUC-ZJU Partnership and Programs Presentation**

   Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) Chair Miller introduced Martin Wong, Executive Associate Dean, and invited him to discuss the partnership between Illinois and Zhejiang University (ZJU).
ZJU is ranked 3rd among Universities in China and is strong in Engineering. There are seven Colleges/Schools: Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, Engineering, Information Technology, Agriculture/Life/Environmental Sciences, and Medicine. The 48,364 full-time students include 23,302 undergraduates; 13,799 masters; 8,577 PhD; and 3,407 foreign students. There are 3,350 professors/lecturers with 7 hospitals and 20+ teaching hospitals on 5 campuses.

The concept was proposed in 2012 and the first cohort of students began classes in 2016; the class of 2020.

Funding for the program run by the College of Engineering consists of $8 million per year for 5 years. Funding is used to compensate faculty to travel to ZJU, and the department to assist with recruiting and interviewing.

The Academic Programs consist of 3 Illinois Departments: Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mechanical Science and Engineering, and Civil and Environmental Engineering. There are four BS degree programs: Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Civil Engineering. All programs follow their respective Illinois curriculum, and satisfy all requirements for these existing degrees. The programs are developed with input and oversight from Illinois Departments and a ZJUI Curriculum Committee comprised of Illinois faculty. Courses are taught in English by Illinois faculty, ZJU faculty, and JI faculty.

Curriculum: If students successfully complete a total of 128 credit hours, satisfying all degree requirements, an Illinois BS degree is awarded. At least 60 credits, 21 of which are at or above 300 level, must be taught by Illinois faculty in order for an Illinois BS degree to be awarded. Students work towards a second BS awarded by ZJU, based on at least an additional 30 credit hours of courses not included in the Illinois degree. This ZIU degree is awarded after the Illinois degree and is not a second Illinois degree.

Faculty: Illinois faculty may volunteer to exchange to ZJUI to teach Illinois courses. Interested faculty are identified by individual departments. Assignments are made by agreement between the faculty, their department, and the College. Choosing to participate in one semester does not commit faculty to future participation. Faculty who choose to exchange are provided with a dislocation allowance, housing on the International Campus, and two round-trip tickets to cover travel. Each faculty member’s personal circumstances are unique, and ZJUI and Illinois work to make appropriate accommodations to facilitate a smooth exchange process. The home department of faculty who choose to exchange receives financial support for the semester of exchange.

JI Faculty. ZJUI plans to hire > 60 faculty in the next five years. JI faculty are hired by ZJUI with input from Illinois. Illinois departments participate in all stages of the faculty hiring process for ZJUI faculty candidates from initial screening, to in person interviews (many held on the Urbana campus), to recommendations for hiring. All offers must be approved by the Joint Management Committee. Three of six committee members are from Illinois: Andreas Cangellaris, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Tamer Basar, Interim Dean of Engineering; and Martin Wong, Executive Associate Dean of Engineering. Junior JI faculty hired are trained on the Urbana campus. Training includes: Illinois faculty mentorship to develop a strong research foundation; Participation in the Collins Scholars Program run by the Academy of Excellence in Engineering Education; Observing several courses in the UIUC curricula while studying the overall curricula; and Observing Departmental committees to accelerate the development of faculty governance at ZJUI.

Students. Admissions is highly selective and student quality is very high. The capacity at ZJUI is separate from the capacity in Urbana. ZJUI reaches a different set of highly-qualified and motivated students. Cohort size is controlled with input from Illinois: First cohort (Fall 2016): 30 students (17
CompE; 13 EE); Second cohort (Fall 2017): 144 students (46 CompE; 37 EE; 31 MechSE; 30 CEE). It is expected that the third cohort will be fewer than 200 students.

Program Summary. The Illinois engineering curriculum is replicated at ZJUI; highly qualified students in a truly international environment. This is a great study-abroad destination for Illinois engineering students, and an excellent opportunity for growing closer and stronger research collaborations between UIUC and ZJU faculty members. Quality assurance is of utmost importance: Illinois and ZJU recruit and train Joint Institute (JI) faculty using Illinois’ high standards. Promotion and tenure system for faculty at the Joint Institute will be guided by UIUC Provost Communication 9.

Illinois’ engineering programs and curricula are in very high demand, and we have a proud history of being a destination for talent from all over the world. Sharing in learning and building global connections is key to a sustainable and prosperous future for everyone. This partnership allows Illinois to reach a student population that it would not otherwise reach without reducing capacity for domestic students on the Urbana campus. The ZJU-UIUC Institute and ZJU International Campus offer a unique study-abroad experience through which Illinois students will receive access to world-class coursework outside their discipline, while enrolling in the exact same engineering classes they would in Urbana. Courses offered on the international campus are taught in English, lowering the barrier for Illinois students to take advantage of this opportunity. This partnership presents a substantial new research funding source for our faculty and gives them a special perspective on the geopolitical and socioeconomic realities of Asia. Given Illinois’ strong entrepreneurial culture, this partnership provides our people with possibilities for new ventures and with access to new markets. China is the world’s 2nd largest and fastest growing economy. Thousands of new ventures will start in China in the coming years, and they will have impact around the world. We want to influence that growth. A global presence is essential for the world’s leading universities in the 21st century.

Miller thanked Wong for the presentation and suggested that the presentation could be included on the April 30 Senate agenda. Concerns about Chinese politics were raised. Wong made it clear that this is a Chinese university and not an Illinois campus. ZJU wants to borrow Illinois’ model, but it is still a Chinese university. The partnership will be reviewed in two years and at that point Illinois will decide if the partnership will continue.

6. Announcements/Verbal Reports for Information
   
   A. Conflicts of Commitment and Interest (COCI) Policy Review
      The COCI policy was referred to GUP. GUP Chair Burbules noted that GUP did not have an issue with the policy overall, but did have a few suggestions to consider. The suggestions will go to the April 30 Senate meeting as a report.

   B. USSP Chair Gilmore reported that USSP has been trying to work with the President’s Office on proposed changes to the academic freedom and tenure language in the University Statutes. This has been going on for a long time. USSP and AFT (Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure) met with members from the President’s Office and the Office of University Counsel, but this item has not moved forward. All three Senates passed the suggested changes, but the changes have never made it to the Board of Trustees for approval.

7. Adjournment
   The meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Jenny Roether
Clerk of the Senate

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