

Minutes
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting
October 5, 2009

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:15 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Levis Faculty Center with Chancellor Richard Herman presiding.

Approval of Minutes

10/05/09-01 The minutes of April 20 and August 31 were approved as written. The minutes of April 27 and September 14 were approved with minor editorial changes.

Senate Executive Committee Report

Senator Joyce Tolliver (LAS), Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), provided the following report.

There is a small correction to the Notation for Item V, Consent Agenda.: The notation says, "If a senator wishes to move an item from the Consent Agenda to Proposals for Action, they must notify the Senate Office at least two business days before the meeting." In fact, any senator can ask for any Consent Agenda item to be moved to Proposals for Action at any time, up to the moment the meeting chair declares the Consent Agenda adopted. What requires a couple of days' advance notice is a request that paper copies of an item be brought to the meeting.

The Senate discussion listserv is up and running again. Bob will send out the address shortly. This is your list. Please use it as you see fit in order to bring up any topics of relevance to the Senate community. If you would like your name/address to be removed from the list, send an email message to Bob at damrau@illinois.edu

The Annual Meeting of the Faculty will be held on October 26. Please come, and encourage your colleagues to do so as well.

As you probably know by now, this past Saturday, the Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of President White, to become effective on December 31. The Board also approved the structure for a search committee for a new permanent President, and chose a search firm to lead the search.

Of the 19 members of the Presidential search committee, 8 will be faculty members. Three of those faculty members will be from our campus. (Three will be from UIC, and the remaining two will be from UIS.) Please be on the lookout for a formal call for nominations of colleagues to serve on this crucial committee.

From the nominations made across campus, the Committee on Committees will be drawing up a slate of candidates, and we will ask Senators to cast votes online for search committee members. The final slate will be forwarded to University Senates Conference, who will transmit the names from which the Board will choose.

The search season is already under way, so the Trustees will want to move as quickly as possible in order to identify stellar candidates to head our University. That means we must be as efficient as possible in our nomination procedure, so I ask that you please start thinking now about great nominees for the search committee—and that you check your email in the days ahead for notices regarding nominations and balloting. If you would like to make a nomination, we will ask that you be sure to consult with the person you are nominating in order make sure she is willing to serve.

I want to thank all of you who responded so quickly last week to my request for input regarding the appointment of an Interim President. I relayed my summary of your comments to the Chair of the Board of Trustees, and he expressed his gratitude for the chance to receive input from a broad sector of our Senate. In those comments, Stanley Ikenberry was recommended repeatedly. I certainly am delighted that he accepted this position, and I know we will all work productively and easily with Dr. Ikenberry in the months ahead.

During today's meeting, we will be holding the first reading of the proposed revisions to the *Senate Constitution* to include Other Academic Staff in the Senate Electorate (Item VII on your agenda). In April, the Senate took a straw poll to determine the sense of the Senate regarding whether or not Academic Professionals should, in principle, be added to the Senate electorate. The majority opinion was Yes. The Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures has been working ever since then to develop a more specific proposal to revise the *Constitution* so that this change might take effect. We will not be voting on their proposal today, but Bill Maher, Chair of USSP, will answer your questions about it.

Looking ahead a bit, I want to give you a heads-up about a conversation I hope we will begin at our next meeting, dealing with the question of Open Access---making research freely available electronically. This is a hot topic across the nation now, and in fact is the focus of the discussions planned for the CIC conference on faculty governance which will take place next month.

In preparation for our campus conversations on this issue, I hope you can attend one event at the end of this month. The Center for Advanced Study is hosting a MillerCom lecture by Kenneth Crews, who is the Director of the Copyright Office at Columbia University. His talk is entitled, "Who Owns your Scholarship: Copyright, publication agreements, and good practice." It will be held on October 29 at 4:00pm in the Ballroom of the Alice Campbell Alumni Center.

Finally, I want to briefly address the item which the Senate Executive Committee would like to add to the agenda under New Business. It concerns the State of Illinois's sudden withdrawal of financial aid grants for our neediest students. By way of background, I will read part of a letter written by Carrie Hightman, the Chair of the Illinois Board of Higher Education:

College students in Illinois who can least afford it are bearing the brunt of a devastating cut in the state budget. The Illinois Monetary Award Program — called MAP — has been slashed in half and nearly 138,000 students have been abandoned mid-year since their grants for the spring semester have been eliminated. MAP is the major Illinois need-based college grant program. It provides educational opportunities to low-income citizens. A full 47 percent of MAP grant recipients come from families with an annual household income of less than \$20,000 and another 30 percent come from families with an annual household income of less than \$40,000. MAP helps reduce the educational attainment gap by encouraging more low-income Illinois residents to apply to and stay in Illinois colleges and universities. Cutting MAP sends the wrong message to the very students we need to support to stay in school.”: (Sept. 30 letter to the *State Journal Register*; my emphases).

As the Resolution states, the truncation in funding affects over 130,000 students across the state—and over six thousand on our campus alone. Many of these students will not be able to enroll in classes for this coming spring semester, with their MAP grants cut to zero. The Senate Executive Committee asks that the Senate adopt our Resolution to call on the Governor and the Legislature to restore MAP funding so that the University of Illinois can continue to fulfill its land-grant mission. In fact, throughout the month of October, our campus is celebrating the signing of the Morrill Act in 1862, which provided federal money to establish public universities to educate eligible students *regardless* of economic condition. I find this almost intolerably ironic in light of the appalling news about the MAP funds.

I hereby move that this resolution be added to today’s agenda under New Business (by voice vote, the Senate agreed to add this item to the agenda).

You were advised last week that EP.10.01, Proposal to Establish a Concentration in Korean in the B.S. in Elementary Education and the B.S. in Early Childhood, College of Education, has been removed from the consent agenda, as the final proposal was not available from the sponsor. It is expected that this item will be on the consent agenda at the next Senate meeting on November 9.

Dean John Unsworth of GSLIS has requested that EP.10.06, Proposal from the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences to Establish a B.S. in Informatics, be withdrawn from today’s agenda, with the expectation this item will be slated for Senate approval at the November 9 Senate meeting.

Floor privileges have been requested, to speak to: EP.10.05, Proposal to Establish a BALAS in Latina/Latino Studies, College of LAS, for Professor Isabel Molina, Director of the Latina/Latino Studies Program.

I move that such privileges be granted (there was no objection).

Tellers for today’s meeting are Senators Alexander Scheeline (LAS), Phil Geil (ENGR) and Harry Hilton (ENGR).

Chancellor's Remarks

Chancellor Herman provided reports on the following upcoming events: the accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the new book by Professor Richard Powers (previous MacArthur Award winner), Homecoming activities, and a campus visit from Governor Pat Quinn this week.

Questions/Discussion

There were none.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Herman announced that the following proposals were approved by unanimous consent:

- 10/05/09-02 EP.09.75* Proposal from the Graduate College and the Illinois Informatics Institute to Establish an Informatics Ph.D. Program
- 10/05/09-03 EP.10.02* Proposal to Establish M.S. in Technical Systems Management and an optional graduate Concentration in the Professional Science Master's Program, College of ACES and Graduate College
- 10/05/09-04 EP.10.03* Proposal to Eliminate the M.S. in the Teaching of Kinesiology in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, College of AHS and Graduate College
- 10/05/09-05 EP.10.04* Proposal to Eliminate Six Master of Teaching Degrees, College of LAS and Graduate College
- 10/05/09-06 EP.10.05* Proposal to Establish a BALAS in Latina/Latino Studies, College of LAS
- 10/05/09-07 EP.10.07* Proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences to Revise the Undergraduate Major in Speech and Hearing Science

Proposals for Action

- 10/05/09-08 The Chancellor presented for action CC.10.04*, Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees of the Senate. Senator Bettina Francis (LAS), member of the Committee on Committees, moved approval of the slate. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.
- 10/05/09-09 By voice vote, the slate was approved.

Proposed Revisions to the *Senate Constitution*

- 10/05/09-10 The Presiding Officer presented for information and first reading SP.09.03*, Proposed Amendments to the *Senate Constitution* to support the inclusion of Other Academic Staff in the Senate Electorate. Senator William Maher (LIBR) summarized the history of this proposal and reminded senators that revisions to the *Constitution* require two readings, so this measure should be expected to return for vote at the November 9 Senate meeting. After noting that this

proposal does not include implementing details that will belong in the *Senate Bylaws*, Senator Maher welcomed any questions or comments.

Senator Jennifer Follis (MDA), Lecturer in the Department of Journalism, said she feels she would be disenfranchised by this measure because Instructors would be included in those titles eligible for Senate service under the faculty umbrella and Lecturers would not.

Senator Maher indicated that USSP will probably need to take another look at that language to ensure that those currently eligible for Senate service will not be excluded.

Reports for Information

10/05/09-11	SC.09.11* May 21 BOT
10/05/09-12	HE.09.09* April 7 FAC/IBHE
10/05/09-13	HE.10.01* September 18 FAC/IBHE

New Business

10/05/09-14 Presented for action was NB.10.01*, Resolution on Restoring State Funding for Monetary Award Program (MAP) for Illinois Students. Senator Joyce Tolliver (LAS) recapitulated the background of this initiative and moved its approval.

10/05/09-15 By voice vote, the resolution was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Robert C. Damrau, Senate Clerk

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