

Minutes
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting
April 26, 2010

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 Interim Chancellor/Provost Robert Easter presiding.

Approval of Minutes

04/26/10-01 The minutes of March 29 were approved as written.

Senate Executive Committee Report

Senator Joyce Tolliver (LAS), Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), thanked SEC and committee members and the Senate Office staff for their hard work this year. The Senate responded with a round of applause.

We received a request to move EP.10.34, Establish a New Master of Arts (M.A) in Religion, in the Department of Religion, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, from the Consent Agenda to Proposals for Action. Dr. Robert McKim, Head, Department of Religion, among others, is on hand to answer any questions. The *Senate Constitution* provides for floor privileges for unit heads on matters of direct concern to their units, so floor privileges need not be requested for Dr. McKim.

EP.10.47, Proposal from the Senate Educational Policy Committee to make changes in Final Exam Policies was moved from Consent Agenda to Proposals for Action upon request of a senator. A motion to re-order the agenda to take up business under VI before V was also approved.

Tellers for today's meeting are Senators Janet Reis (MED), John Prussing (ENGR), and Henrique Reis (ENGR).

Chancellor's Remarks

Chancellor Robert Easter thanked Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard Wheeler and Vice-Provost Barbara Wilson for their invaluable assistance during 2009-2010.

The Chancellor reported that the Campus Research Board (CRB) is thriving and that the Research Compliance Advisory Committee, chaired by Neal Merchen, Professor and Head of the Department of Animal Sciences, is expected to issue its report next month.

Chancellor Easter then turned the podium over to Dr. Ravi Iyer, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR), to discuss units and programs within his bailiwick. Dr. Iyer's presentation touched upon recent research highlights such as substantial grants and fellowships, as well as activities of units reporting to him, i.e., research institutes, research compliance, research services, and the Campus Research Board. (For additional information about the workings of the VCR's office, please visit research.illinois.edu)

Questions/Discussion

There were no substantive questions.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Easter announced that since there was no objection from any senator, the following proposals were approved by unanimous consent:

- 04/26/10-02 EP.10.37*, Proposed Reorganization of the Departments of Educational Organization and Leadership, Educational Policy Studies, and Human Resource Education into one Department with the new name of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership; College of Education
- 04/26/10-03 EP.10.38*, Revision and title change of the BSLAS in Earth Systems, Environment and Society; School of Earth, Society and the Environment; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 04/26/10-04 EP.10.39*, Restructuring the Existing MA in Asian Studies Program into Two Distinct MA Programs: MA in East Asian Studies and MA in South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 04/26/10-05 EP.10.40*, Revision to the BS Degree in Industrial Engineering, Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering (IESE); College of Engineering
- 04/26/10-06 EP.10.41*, Revisions to the BS Degree in General Engineering, Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering (IESE); College of Engineering
- 04/26/10-07 EP.10.42*, Creation of a Minor in Earth, Society, and Environment; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 04/26/10-08 EP.10.45*, Establish an MS in Health Communication; Graduate College and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 04/26/10-09 SC.10.08*, 2010-2011 Senate and Senate Executive Committee Calendar

Proposals for Action

- 04/26/10-10 The Chancellor presented for action FB.10.01*, Resolution on the Need to Protect the Quality of Higher Education in the State of Illinois. Senator Bettina Francis (LAS), member of the Committee on Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits, summarized the committee's thinking behind this resolution and moved its approval.
- 04/26/10-11 By voice vote, FB.10.01 was approved.
- 04/26/10-12 The Presiding Officer presented for action EQ.10.01*, Resolution on Diversity and Equity Initiatives. Senator Kim Shinew (AHS), Chair of the Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion, moved its approval.

- 04/26/10-13 By voice vote, EQ.10.01 was approved.
- 04/26/10-14 Presented for action was SC.10.11*, Response to ISS Unity Resolution. Senator Tolliver provided background on this resolution and moved its approval.
- 04/26/10-15 By voice vote, SC.10.11 was approved.
- 04/26/10-16 Chancellor Robert Easter presented for action EP.10.34*, Establish a New Master of Arts (M.A.) in Religion, in the Department of Religion, LAS. Professor Abbas Aminmansour (FAA), Chair of the Educational Policy Committee (EP), reported that resource questions that arose during EP deliberations have been addressed by the department, the college, and the Provost's office - he then moved approval of the proposal. Some senators objected to the relatively low projected enrollment for this new program. Dr. Robert McKim, Head of the Department of Religion, responded that the number of projected students was not insignificant.
- A motion to close debate was approved by voice vote.
- 04/26/10-17 By voice vote, EP.10.34 was approved.
- 04/26/10-18 Dr. Easter presented for action EP.10.47*, Proposal from the Senate Educational Policy Committee to make changes in Final Exam Policies. Professor Aminmansour explained the Committee's reasoning behind this measure - he then moved its approval. Questions were raised about the increased likelihood that final examinations will not be given under provisions of this proposal.
- 04/26/10-19 Motion to refer EP.10.47 to Educational Policy was approved by voice vote.

Proposed Revisions to the *Senate Bylaws*

- 04/26/10-20 The Chancellor presented for action SP.10.07*, Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part E. 1 (c) - Athletic Board, Membership. Senator William Maher (LIBR), Chair of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures, after summarizing the background of this proposal, moved its approval.
- 04/26/10-21 By voice vote, SP.10.07 was approved.

Reports for Information

- 04/26/10-22 HE.10.08* April 6 FAC/IBHE
04/26/10-23 SUR.10.03* April 6 SURSMAC

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Robert C. Damrau, Senate Clerk

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