

Minutes
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting

March 28, 2011

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:15 p.m. on the 3^d floor of the Levis Faculty Center with Interim Chancellor Robert Easter presiding and Professor Emeritus Kenneth E. Andersen as Parliamentarian.

Approval of Minutes

03/28/11-01 The minutes of February 28 were approved.

Senate Executive Committee Report

Senator Joyce Tolliver (LAS), Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), announced that floor privileges have been requested for the following persons, to speak to EP.11.19, Proposal from the College of ACES to revise and rename the Agri-Finance concentration as the Finance in Agribusiness concentration in the B.S. in Agricultural and Consumer Economics: Dr. Paul Ellinger, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, and Ms. Anne Gilot, student in ACE. Senator Tolliver moved such privileges be granted; there was no objection.

Tellers for today's meeting are George Francis (LAS), H. F. Williamson (LAS), and Harry Hilton (ENGR).

Chair Tolliver then provided the following report.

Thanks to all of you for making time to participate in shared governance on the Monday after spring break.

I'll be making a few comments about the agenda of today's meeting in a moment, but first I would like to give you a brief update on what has happened in the realm of administrative restructuring since we last met a month ago.

I mentioned at our last meeting that leaders in shared governance were engaged in ongoing discussions regarding the restructuring of Information Technology; those discussions continue at the level of University Senates Conference, as we try to understand the details of centralization of IT. As you know, the *Statutes* make it clear that academic matters are the purview of the faculty of the individual campuses, so a central question is the extent to which the office of the Executive Chief Information Officer will deal with anything having to do with academics.

In brief, academic IT refers to any use of technology in your teaching or research. In order to understand how any plans to centralize IT would

articulate with our professional life, I have been in close touch with our colleague Roy Campbell, who chairs our Senate IT Committee. Roy is also the sole faculty representative on the University Technology Management Team, which advises the president and the Executive Chief Information Officer.

Another aspect of the ongoing conversation about IT and the new E-CIO position has to do with the principle of chain of command, a principle that the President and the Board have invoked as fundamental to the renovation of our University. We are trying to understand how the new E-CIO will interact with campus-level decision-making, and how the nature of the Chancellor as Chief Executive Officer of the campus is represented in the reporting structure. My understanding is that, with Roy's help, the University Senates Conference will be discussing these issues at its meeting tomorrow.

Another aspect of restructuring: at the meeting of the Board of Trustees last Wednesday, Chair Kennedy mentioned the establishment of an executive director of Enrollment Management. This is another area that your representatives on Senates Conference will likely be discussing with the President. As you all know, Admissions policies are determined by the campus admissions committees, and admissions decisions are up to the Colleges. We will of course want to be sure that any reconfiguration of enrollment procedures respects this Statutory responsibility.

I will let you know next month how those conversations progress.

In regard to the need for ongoing conversations about the future of our University, I hope many of you were able to attend the talk given at the Beckman Center by Chris Kennedy, Chair of the Board of Trustees. I am grateful to Chair Kennedy for having visited our campus and addressed the campus community on a topic that is of crucial importance right now: the role of the public university, and specifically the role played in our state by the University of Illinois. Many of us who did attend were very happy to hear Chair Kennedy argue that the public research University, far from being a burden to taxpayers, is actually an economic asset to the State. Chair Kennedy spoke cogently and compellingly of the need for the State of Illinois to recognize the central ways in which the public research university serves the state, not only in the intellectual preparation of its students, but also in the generation of research and creativity, which ultimately results in more jobs.

During the question/answer session, Chair Kennedy found the opportunity to reiterate his belief that the Presidency of our University should be strengthened, but he clarified that the Board's interest is in strengthening the President vis a vis the Board, as opposed to vis a vis the Chancellors; that the concern was to avoid overreaching Boards in the future. I am confident

that the Chair would agree with the Statement we made last month that strong chancellors are entirely compatible with a strong President.

Regarding that Statement, during the New Business section of the agenda, we will discuss a proposal to hold a summit meeting to discuss foundational principles that should guide decision-making about the administrative reconfiguration of our university. I believe it would be appropriate to interpret this proposal as a response to the support voiced by Chair Kennedy in his February 18 letter for a university-wide dialogue about how to structure our future. It is also entirely consistent with our Senate Statement on the Campus and the Chancellors. Finally, it draws on the findings of the Report of the Working Group on Integration of Multi-Campus Universities, which we will discuss in detail later today. The proposal is sponsored by Senator Nick Burbules, who is the liaison between Senate Executive Committee and University Senates Conference. I will be grateful to you for your careful consideration of this proposal today, and I hope we will agree to support it.

Also under New Business, faculty senators will vote on three faculty nominees for the search committee for a new Vice President of Academic Affairs, in the wake of the announcement that our current VPAA, Dr. Meena Rao, will be returning to the faculty in August.

On Tuesday, March 1, I received a message from the President's Chief of Staff, Lisa Troyer, informing me that the President was organizing a search committee to find a new VPAA, and requesting that our Senate nominate three faculty members to serve as soon as possible. I consulted with Senate leaders on other campuses, and, on March 7, once the announcement had been made of Dr. Rao's return to the faculty, the SEC determined that it would generate some nominees for the slate and that the Committee on Committees would generate some names. My understanding is that leaders of other constituent groups to be represented on the committee have also been contacted.

Regarding Dr. Rao's return to the faculty, I am sad to know that I will soon lose the pleasure of working with a superb Vice President, one who always maintained the perspective of a faculty member while working as an administrator. I would like to state for the record that Dr. Rao's deep dedication and stellar service to the campus and to the university over the past several years merits our deepest gratitude and greatest respect.

The centerpiece of our conversation today will be our discussion of the Report of the Working Group on Integration of Multicampus Universities.

I think this report is absolutely stellar, and I hope it will form the basis of the sort of conversation called for in Nick's proposal. I am very grateful to Paul

Diehl for having chaired this committee and to all the committee members who worked so hard to pull together the information presented here in such a cogent way. They are: Deb Bragg, from College of Education; Tina Gunsalus, Business; George Gollin, Engineering; Sarah Projansky, Media; Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko, Applied Health Sciences; and Matt Wheeler, ACES.

I also want to say just a brief word about the proposal on Aviation, which, as you have noticed, is not on today's agenda. Abbas will give us more details soon. For now, I just want to thank Abbas, as Chair of the Educational Policy Committee, as well as all the EP committee members for the many hours of careful consideration and hard work they have dedicated to considering this matter. I am also very grateful to our Chancellor and to our Provost for staying at the table and continuing to work on this matter; as well as to the sole senator in Aviation, Cole Goldenberg, who is a student senator.

Chancellor's Remarks

Chancellor Robert Easter provided updates on state consideration of pension issues, the admissions cycle for fall 2011, Board of Trustees' actions on tuition rates, and the continuing discussion of wind turbines south of campus.

Questions/Discussion

There were no questions.

Consent Agenda

Senator David Olsen (BUS) moved EP.11.19 to Proposals for Action. Hearing no objection, Dr. Easter pronounced that the remaining proposals were approved by unanimous consent:

- 03/28/11-02 EP.11.16*, Proposal from LAS to revise and rename the Interdisciplinary Minor in Gender and Women's Studies as the Minor in Gender and Women's Studies
- 03/28/11-03 EP.11.17*, Proposal from LAS to revise the Undergraduate Minor in LGBT/Queer Studies
- 03/28/11-04 EP.11.23*, Proposal from FAA to create two new concentrations, one in instrumental conducting-wind band and one in instrumental conducting-orchestra
- 03/28/11-05 EP.11.30*, Proposal from LAS to revise the Bachelor of Arts in LAS in Gender and Women's Studies

Proposals for Action

03/28/11-06 EP.11.19*, Proposal from the College of ACES to revise and rename the Agri-Finance concentration as the Finance in Agribusiness concentration in the B.S. in Agricultural and Consumer Economics. Professor Abbas Aminmansour (FAA), Educational Policy Committee Chair, moved its approval. Senator Olsen expressed concern about the title of this proposal and moved to amend it such that its title would not be considered part of the proposal. Professor Aminmansour pointed out this proposal is for a concentration and not a major, and that his committee talked with College of Business representatives, who expressed opposition.

Senator Nicholas Burbules (EDUC) moved to amend Senator Olsen's amendment and add the qualifier "Agricultural" to "Finance" in the new name of the concentration.

By voice vote, the amendment of Senator Burbules was defeated.

By voice vote, Senator Olsen's amendment was also defeated.

03/28/11-07 By voice vote, EP.11.19 was approved.

Proposed Revision to the *Senate Constitution*

03/28/11-08 Dr. Easter presented for action SP.11.05*, Proposed Revision to the *Senate Constitution*, Article II, Section 6 – Nomination Procedures. Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, member of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), explained that this measure is designed to rectify a discrepancy between the *Senate Constitution* and *Faculty Election Rules*. He moved its approval on behalf of USSP.

03/28/11-09 By voice vote, SP.11.05 was approved.

Proposed Revision to the *Senate Constitution*

03/28/11-10 The Presiding Officer presented for information and first reading SP.11.10*, Proposed Revision to the *Constitution*, Article IV, Section 5 – Student Senators Term of Office. Professor Friedman reminded senators that this proposal will return for second reading and action at the April 25 Senate meeting.

Committee of the Whole

The Senate approved a motion to enter a Committee of the Whole to discuss the report of the *ad hoc* Working Group on Integration of Multi-Campus Universities.

Senator Paul Diehl (LAS), Chair of the Working Group, summarized the work of his group including surveys, interviews, and previous reviews. He commented on the conceptual issues they faced, e.g., defining multi-campus v. multi-site universities, as well as administrative v. academic functions.

A number of senators acknowledged the efficiency of centralizing some “back-office” operations, but that the consolidation of all such business functions did not fit neatly within the running of a major research university.

The case study of the university system of the state of Virginia, where campuses function as successful independent units, was mentioned as one the University of Illinois may consider emulating.

The Senate rose and reported for purposes of exiting the Committee of the Whole.

By voice vote, the Senate approved a motion to add the following two items to the agenda.

New Business

03/28/11-11 Dr. Easter presented for action NB.11.01*, Call for a University-Wide Summit on Organization and Governance. Senator Burbules, sponsor of the measure, summarized its rationale and moved its approval.

03/28/11-12 By voice vote, NB.11.01 was approved without dissent. (The Senate also approved a motion to forward the document to the University Senates Conference.)

03/28/11-13 Chancellor Robert Easter presented for action SC.11.11*, Election of Faculty Members to the VPAA Search Committee. Tellers distributed ballots and reported the following results:

Lizanne DeStefano	30
Gregory Girolami	33
George Gollin	28
Nancy O’Brien	34
Alexander Scheeline	35

03/28/11-14 Professors Girolami, O'Brien, and Scheeline were declared elected. Their names will be forwarded to President Michael Hogan, who will select one.

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.