

Minutes
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting
April 25, 2011

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 Provost and VCAA Richard Wheeler presiding and Senator Kenneth E. Andersen as parliamentarian.

Approval of Minutes

04/25/11-01 The minutes of March 28 were approved as amended.

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.11.15/EP.11.32, Recommendations Relative to the Institute of Aviation: Terry Von Thaden, Assistant Professor in Psychology, Laura Gerhold, academic advisor in Aviation, and Terry Ladage, Emeritus Professor in Aviation.

- GP.11.04, Proposal to Establish the Center for Professional Responsibility in Business and Society: Gretchen Winter, Executive Director of the Center, and Sandy Carroll, Director, Assessment and Special Projects, College of Business.

- SC.11.14, SEC Support for CAP Resolution: Rick Atterberry, Chair of the Council of Academic Professionals (CAP).

Senator Tolliver moved such privileges be granted; there was no objection.

Tellers for today's meeting are David Olsen (BUS), Chris Pudelek (LAS), Kevin Hamilton (FAA), and H. F. Williamson (LAS).

Senator Tolliver moved to amend the agenda by redistributing EP.11.15/EP.11.32, Recommendations Relative to the Institute of Aviation, to the last business item prior to adjournment. By voice vote, this motion was defeated.

She referred to the materials distributed at the door, saying she expects the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Resolution on Information Technology (IT) Reorganization will be added to the agenda under New Business (there was no objection to this addition).

Senator Tolliver gave a brief update via a powerpoint presentation focused on IT issues, specifically the resignation of Urbana campus Chief Information Officer (CIO) Sally Jackson. The centralization of IT reporting lines at Illinois and Dr. Jackson's resignation have received national attention. Concern about these and related matters are the basis for the SEC Resolution noted above.

Chancellor's Remarks

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard Wheeler presented Senator Joyce Tolliver with a resolution of appreciation for her leadership of the Senate Executive Committee during an especially trying time for the campus and the University. The Senate responded with a standing ovation.

Questions/Discussion

There were no questions.

Consent Agenda

Hearing no objection, Dr. Wheeler pronounced that these proposals were approved by unanimous consent:

- 04/25/11-02 EP.11.14*, Revision of the Requirements for the BALAS in Religion
- 04/25/11-03 EP.11.29*, Revision of the Dual Credit Policy
- 04/25/11-04 EP.11.34*, Terminate the M.A. Degree in Mathematics
- 04/25/11-05 EP.11.35*, Proposal from LAS to revise and rename the BSLAS in Earth, Society, and Environment as Earth, Society and Environmental Sustainability
- 04/25/11-06 EP.11.36*, Revise Minor in Business for Non-Business Majors
- 04/25/11-07 SC.11.13*, 2011-2012 Senate/SEC Calendar

Proposals for Action

(SEC Chair Tolliver presided over consideration of this item.)

A motion to limit debate to one hour on EP.11.15/EP.11.32 did not garner the necessary two-thirds vote (60-33) and therefore was defeated.

- 04/25/11-08 EP.11.15*/EP.11.32*, Recommendations Relative to the Institute of Aviation. Professor Abbas Aminmansour (FAA), Educational Policy Committee Chair, moved its approval and made the following prepared remarks:

The Senate Educational Policy Committee or EPC is mandated by Senate Standing Rule 13 to conduct review of re-organization proposals following certain steps. Re-organization proposals are those having to do with formation, termination, separation, transfer, merger or change in status of academic units. The determining factor in invoking Rule 13 is impact on tenure-system faculty and their tenure home units. These procedures include holding a public hearing, conducting a vote of the faculty in the impacted units and colleges and reporting the outcome of those activities to the Senate.

Our committee received two proposals having to do with the Institute of Aviation. EP.11.15 - - proposal from the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to eliminate the BS in Aviation Human Factors, the Professional Pilot Curriculum, and the MS in Human Factors in the Institute of Aviation and EP.11.32 - - proposal by Chancellor Easter and Provost Wheeler to close the Institute of Aviation.

I would like to take a few minutes to go over the committee's adherence to the procedures mandated by Senate Rule 13 in its review of these two proposals. My colleague and EPC member, Professor Lori Newcomb, will go over some of the discussions that took place at our committee meetings on this subject.

One of our earlier steps was to conduct a vote of the faculty in the Institute of Aviation on the proposed closure of the unit. Per procedures recommended by the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), we conducted a blind vote of the faculty using written ballots. According to the bylaws of the Institute, the President, the Chancellor and the Provost are voting members of the Institute. Nine individuals were eligible to vote including the five faculty members formerly in the Human Factors Division of the Institute, the President, the Chancellor, the Provost and the Director of the Institute. The votes were: two in favor of closing the Institute, four against with three abstentions. I note that, per Senate Rules, this vote is advisory to the committee and the Senate.

Our practice over the last several years has been to publicize the public hearing on re-organization proposals for about one month. Publicizing the hearing includes mass email to faculty, staff and students in the impacted units and colleges and posting the relevant information at their web sites as well as posting of flyers in buildings where faculty, staff and students in the impacted units and colleges are housed or hold classes. In addition, we ask that advertisements announcing the event be placed in the Daily Illini for at least two days including the day of the public hearing.

In this case, the public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday March 8th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM in room 100, Noyes Lab. The room has a capacity of 342 people and was nearly full. Many people wanted to speak, but time was limited. Therefore, the hearing was extended by over an hour to allow everyone who wished to speak to do so. Proposal sponsors Chancellor Easter and Provost Wheeler as well as Institute of Aviation Director, Tom Emanuel, gave presentations at the beginning of the hearing and responded to questions and comments from the audience. Texts of remarks made by these colleagues as well as minutes of the hearing are posted at our web site. The nine voting aviation faculty members were invited to attend the hearing.

The material distributed to announce the public hearing also stated that members of the community can send in written comments to the Committee by noon Thursday March 10, 2011. We offered people to submit confidential and/or anonymous input. Again, we extended that deadline and accepted comments received after this deadline. In all, we received 107 letters and emails which were shared with the committee and have been posted at our web site.

The two Institute of Aviation proposals were the subject of discussions at five EPC meetings this academic year. Professor Tom Emanuel, Director of the Institute was present at every one of those meetings. Chancellor Easter and Provost Wheeler, sponsors of the proposals, were present at some but not all of those meetings. Professor Joyce Tolliver, Senate Executive Committee Chair, attended three of the meetings. In addition, Professor George Friedman, Senate Parliamentarian, attended our March 28 meeting at which the committee decided to revisit its previous recommendations. A number of the faculty formerly in the Human Factors Division of the Institute attended some of those meetings as well. All nine faculty members eligible to vote on Aviation matters per its bylaws received an invitation to attend our initial meeting discussing the closure of the Institute. Minutes of these meetings are posted at our web site. As I have communicated to you before, the committee did not have any meetings in addition to those posted at our web site well in advance.

In keeping with the goal of the committee acting in a clear and transparent way, a special web page was developed with an unprecedented amount of information on these two proposals. You all received the URL for this page through a number of related email messages to the Senate Listserv.

I am grateful to Chancellor Easter, Provost Wheeler and Director Emanuel who worked closely with our committee during its deliberations on these proposals. Many others who spoke at the public hearing or wrote to us with their thoughts deserve thanks for their passion and care. And last, but certainly not least, the Senate Educational Policy Committee members deserve admiration for their dedication, care and sensitivity in reviewing these proposals. The time and effort the committee put in its review of these proposals are incredible. This has been a very difficult process and the committee deserves many thanks for its professionalism in handling these proposals.

Although I am a member of the committee, I decided from the beginning to refrain from expressing my opinions on the proposals or to in any way influence the direction of the committee discussions and deliberations. I limited my

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role to facilitating meetings and other activities of the committee. In keeping with that practice, I will be happy to respond to questions on the steps the committee took in its review of these proposals. A number of committee members are present here today and I trust that they will participate in the discussion on the committee's recommendations.

The committee decided several weeks ago to send its rationale to the Senate along with its recommendations, whatever those recommendations may be. My good friend and fellow EPC member, Professor Lori Newcomb, has worked tirelessly to summarize the committee's discussions in making its recommendations in a document for your consideration. However, due to the evolving nature of the situation and lack of time, this statement did not have a chance to be fully vetted and voted on by the committee. Therefore, a copy of that statement is posted at our web site as a draft. I should note that a number of members of the committee with differing views on the proposals contributed to this draft document and offered input. I am very grateful to Professor Newcomb and other fellow EPC members who did their best in preparing this draft. Now, I will turn the floor over to Professor Newcomb who will share with you a summary of that document. Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve you.

Senator Lori Newcomb (LAS), Educational Policy Committee member and coordinator of the draft statement team, summarized the complexities of issues with which the Educational Policy Committee (EPC) had to contend. The draft statement was prepared to serve the Senate broadly regarding the processes used by EPC, and it had two goals: 1) to retrace the roots of EPC discussions, hearings, and votes on this issue, and 2) to call on the Senate to work with the administration to continue to effect transparency for all future matters of this ilk.

Senator David Olsen (BUS) moved to request the use of paper ballots. The parliamentarian ruled this motion required a simple majority to pass. By voice vote, this motion was approved.

Senator Mark Roszkowski (BUS) favored the retention of the Institute because its core academic mission does not differ markedly from any other major. Senator Steve Michael (BUS) disagreed, calling Aviation not central to the campus core mission.

Senator Cole Goldenberg (AVIA) stated that the two different votes by the Educational Policy Committee (EPC) - one in favor of closure and one opposed - indicated uncertainty on the part of the Committee. Senator Lori Newcomb (LAS), member of the EPC, explained that EPC's position changed because of new information received by the Committee.

Tom Emanuel, Interim Director of the Institute, cited the circular argument calling for the Institute's closure - faculty can't fix the situation because they have all been reassigned to units outside the Institute.

At 5:00pm, a motion to suspend Senate Standing Rule 1 for purposes of extending today's meeting beyond 5:30pm was defeated by voice vote.

A motion to close debate was approved by voice vote.

04/25/11-09 By paper ballot (54-57), EP.11.15/EP.11.32 was defeated.

(VCAA Wheeler returned as Presiding Officer.)

04/25/11-10 Presented for action was GP.11.04*, Proposal to Establish Center for Professional Responsibility in Business and Society. Senator Mary Mallory (LIBR), Chair of General University Policy (GUP), moved its approval.

04/25/11-11 By voice vote, GP.11.04 was approved.

04/25/11-12 Next presented for action was LB.11.01*, Resolution: Open Access to Scholarly Articles. Professor Alexander Scheeline (LAS), Chair of the Library Committee, moved its approval.

04/25/11-13 After senators objected to some provisions in the resolution, LB.11.01 was referred back to the Library Committee by voice vote.

Because the time was 5:15pm, and in accord with Senate Standing Rule 1, the meeting was declared adjourned. It was announced that a reconvened meeting to complete today's agenda will be held on Monday, May 2, beginning at 3:10pm, on the third floor of the Levis Faculty Center.

Robert C. Damrau, Senate Clerk

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