

Minutes
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting
October 3, 2011

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:13 pm on the 3rd floor of the Levis Faculty Center with Chancellor Phyllis Wise presiding and Professor Emeritus Kenneth E. Andersen as Parliamentarian.

Approval of Minutes

10/3/11-01 The minutes from September 12 were approved as amended.

Senate Executive Committee Report

Senator Nicholas Burbules gave the Senate Executive Committee Report in the absence of Chair Matthew Wheeler.

It was noted that the Chancellor presides over meetings to ensure that the Chancellor comes before the faculty. This is important so that the Chancellor gets a regular meeting with the faculty to answer questions and is a symbol of shared governance.

Senator Burbules continued by indicating the importance of being a Senator and bringing issues from campus Units to Senate and vice versa. There are numerous Senate Committees and Senator Burbules encouraged Senators to contact the relevant Senate Committee on items of concern. Most work of the Senate is done in the committees and then brought before the entire Senate.

Senator Burbules reminded Senators that during Executive Session all discussion is confidential and does not leave the room. All materials must be left at the door at the end of the meeting.

Floor privileges were requested to speak to correcting the historical record of the EP.11.09 title – Establish the Agricultural Education Program in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences – for Professor David Rosch. Such privileges were granted with no objection.

Tellers for the meeting were Damani Bolden (ACES), Bettina Francis (LAS), and Michael Murphy (ACES).

Chancellor's Remarks

Chancellor Wise remarked that she truly believes the future of this country depends on higher education. These are critical times for public research institutions. The state has reduced support and this trend is likely to continue. The University needs to find alternative funding models that do not rely on the state. It is difficult to better a University that is already a leader in innovation in teaching and research. Chancellor Wise announced her plan to go on a "listening and learning tour" in the next 100 days in various venues around campus. Chancellor Wise invited faculty to share what they feel is important to the future of this University and looks forward to working with the faculty.

Questions/Discussion

John Toenjes (FAA) asked Chancellor Wise if it was possible to schedule a stop with his college on the Listening and Learning Tour. Chancellor Wise indicated that if anyone would like to be included in the 100 day Tour to contact Phyllis Mischo in the Office of the Chancellor.

Consent Agenda

Hearing no objections, Chancellor Wise pronounced that the following proposals approved by unanimous consent:

- 10/03/11-02 EP.12.01* - Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the BSLAS in Atmospheric Sciences
- 10/03/11-03 EP.12.02* - Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to change the name of the Department of Geography to the Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science
- 10/03/11-04 EP.12.03* - Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to change the name of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Geography to Geography and Geographic Information Science and revise portions of the major
- 10/03/11-05 EP.12.04* - Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts & Sciences in Psychology
- 10/03/11-06 EP.12.06* - Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to create a Senior Art History "Distinction" Program for students in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art History
- 10/03/11-07 EP.12.07* - Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Business to establish a graduate minor in Accountancy
- 10/03/11-08 EP.12.09* - Proposal from the Council on Teacher Education and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the Social Science: History Teaching concentration
- 10/03/11-09 EP.12.10* - Proposal from the Council on Teacher Education and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the BALAS in English: English concentration and English Teaching concentration

Proposals for Action

- 10/3/11-10 CC.12.04* Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees of the Senate and the Military Education Council. Senator Bettina Francis (LAS), Chair of the Committee on Committees, moved approval of the nominations on CC.12.04. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.
- 10/3/11-11 By voice vote, the slate of candidates on CC.12.04 was approved.
- 10/3/11-12 SP.11.08* Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.7 (d) – Conference on Conduct Governance, Membership. William Maher, Chair of University Statutes and Senate Procedures, moved approval of the *Bylaws* revision on SP.11.08.
- 10/3/11-13 By voice vote, SP.11.08 passed.
- 10/3/11-14 EP.11.09* Establish the Agricultural Education Program in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. Senator Gay Miller (VMED), Chair of the Senate Committee on Education Policy moved approval of correcting the historical record of the EP.11.09 title in the Senate agenda and minutes.
- 10/3/11-15 By voice vote, the historical record correction of the EP.11.09 title passed.

Reports for Information

The following reports were presented for information:

- 10/3/11-15 SC.12.07* - September 9 BOT Observer Report –N. Burbules
- 10/3/11-16 HE.12.01* - September 16 FAC/IBHE – A. Aminmansour

New Business

Professor Ron Toby, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, expressed his concern with the current email upgrade and felt that it is an inefficient use of campus resources. He continued by requesting that the appropriate Senate committee be part of the decisions when changes to University information technology (IT) are made, and that the value of faculty time should be a required factor in considering proposals.

Chair of the Senate Committee on IT, Roy Campbell, indicated that if anyone has questions or comments about the new IT changes to contact the IT Committee.

Professor Toby also noted that it appears the University has disregarded updates that occurred in the past four years and that numerous items have been disposed of or eliminated. As departments have been asked to cut budgets, Professor Toby feels the University has wasted money in this area.

Executive Session

The Senate moved into Executive Session at 3:40 pm to consider the nominations for honorary degrees from the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees.

10/3/11-17 By voice vote, the slate of nominees was approved.

The Senate moved out of executive session and adjourned at 3:51 pm.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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