

Minutes
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting
October 8, 2012

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:11 pm on the 3rd floor of the Levis Center with Provost Ilesanmi Adesida presiding and Professor Emeritus Kenneth E. Andersen as Parliamentarian.

Approval of Minutes

10/08/12-01 The minutes from September 10, 2012 were approved as amended.

Senate Executive Committee Report

Faculty Senator Matthew Wheeler (ACES) and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requested floor privileges for Professor Jose Hualde from Spanish Italian and Portuguese to speak to EP.13.01, Piper Hodson from Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) to speak to EP.13.03, EP.13.04, EP.13.05, and EP.13.06, Professor Emeritus Peter Loeb to speak to SP.12.06, and Glenda Morgan from CITES to speak to GP.12.10.

10/08/12-02 Floor privileges were granted as requested.

Faculty senators John Hart (ENGR) and H.F. (Bill) Williamson (LAS), and student senator Brock Gebhardt (LAS) served as tellers for the meeting.

Wheeler reported that the SEC discussed the format of Senate agendas and have made some changes in response to suggestions SEC received over the past few months.

There were three recent items in the news that appear on today's agenda; 1) The Academic Professional issue, 2) Amendment 49 which John Kindt will address in his report, and 3) enrollment management which Stacey Kostell will address in her presentation.

The Chancellor's Town Hall meeting on October 1 was mentioned and any additional comments can be sent directly to Chancellor Wise.

Wheeler reminded all faculty members that the Annual Meeting of the Faculty would be held on Monday, October 29 at 3:10 on the third floor of Levis Center with a reception immediately following on the second floor. He also urged faculty members to encourage colleagues to attend this important meeting.

Chair Wheeler reported that he had been advised that the oral presentation that was given on the Coursera recommendation at the September Senate meeting complied with the Bylaws provision that actions taken by SEC on behalf of the Senate during the summer be reported to the full Senate at the first meeting of the academic year. He added that he had produced a written summary of that report which was now available.

Chancellor's Remarks

Provost Ilesanmi "Ade" Adesida gave remarks in the Chancellor's absence. Ade has been on the Urbana campus for many years, but is new to the Provost position. His passion is excellence and he indicated that this campus has passion. His vision is to work together to partner to achieve excellence. Change is difficult, but this campus needs to look at how the greatest impact can be made. The world is moving rapidly and there is a need to respond just as quickly; this University should be leading the change in higher education. Whatever the campus chooses to undertake, we need to do it well. The Chancellor's Visioning Excellence initiative is moving forward to the next stage.

Questions/Discussion

Concern was expressed regarding the way in which the SEC handled the reporting of actions taken on behalf of the full Senate over the summer regarding Coursera. It was noted that the *Bylaws* state that the SEC should seek the advice of those senators present on campus when acting on behalf of the full Senate on urgent matters, and the question what steps were taken to consult with those senators that were on campus over the summer was asked.

Chair Wheeler noted that the SEC formed a task force that included SEC members and other faculty members. H. George Freidman, member of the University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) Committee added that the authority of the Senate Executive Committee to act on behalf of the full Senate during the summer months is invoked rarely and he felt that the spirit of the Bylaws was followed.

Clarification was requested regarding taking action on any items on the agenda with the exception of new business and what is considered new business.

Parliamentarian Andersen gave his opinion that action can be taken on any item on the agenda, but that it must be germane and related to the item. Action taken should be within the constraints set-up within the proposal/agenda item and to be careful not to exceed the parameters of the item brought forward. The background statement sets these parameters. Anderson added that he was not a lawyer and his opinion was not legal advice.

Consent Agenda

Hearing no objections, the following proposals were pronounced approved by unanimous consent.

- 10/08/12-03 EP.13.01* Proposal to establish a Graduate Concentration in Romance Linguistics in the Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese, the Department of French, and the Department of Linguistics, School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 10/08/12-04 EP.13.03* Proposal to Revise the NRES (Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences) Concentration Requirements: Resource Conservation and Restoration Ecology Concentration
- 10/08/12-05 EP.13.04* Proposal to Revise the NRES (Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences) Concentration Requirements: Global Change & Landscape Dynamics Concentration
- 10/08/12-06 EP.13.05* Proposal to Revise the NRES (Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences) Concentration Requirements: Fish and Wildlife Conservation Concentration
- 10/08/12-07 EP.13.06* Proposal to Revise the NRES (Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences) Concentration Requirements: Human Dimensions of the Environment Concentration

Proposals (enclosed)

- 10/08/12-08 CC.13.04* Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees of the Senate and the Military Education Council

on behalf of the Committee on Committees, the Chair Prasanta Kalita, moved approval of the slate of nominees on CC.13.04. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.

- 10/08/12-09 By voice vote, the slate of nominees on CC.13.04 was approved.

- 10/08/12-10 GP.12.10* Policy Governing Electronic Surveys and Questionnaires
General University Policy (GUP) Chair Nicholas Burbules reintroduced the proposal to regulate the use of the campus network to broadly send out surveys. DMI (Division of Management Information) grants permission on a case by case basis. This is the third version of this proposal. Burbules noted that there is a current process in place and approval is handled by the DMI Associate Provost. The previous DMI Associate Provost, Carol Livingstone did not feel that a single individual should be the only person reviewing and giving permission to use the campus network in this manner. This proposal is setting up a more formal process including a representative review panel. Previous concerns included the number of follow-ups allowed, and this has now been addressed in this version of the proposal.
- 10/08/12-11 On behalf of the GUP Committee, Chair Nicholas Burbules moved approval of GP.12.10.
A robust discussion followed which included concern from some senators who regularly use surveys. The concern was that this policy would restrict the way research is done. Apprehension was also expressed in regards to limiting the number of follow-ups allowed. It was noted that this proposal only establishes review and approval of surveys, and the use of the University network. This policy does not limit the number of surveys sent, it only replaces a current practice with a policy on surveys, and it does not restrict the research done by using surveys that do not use campus-wide email.
- 10/08/12-12 A motion was made to amend the proposal omitting all references to follow-ups. The motion was seconded.
- 10/08/12-13 By voice vote, the motion to amend passed.
- 10/08/12-14 It was moved to call for the question, and seconded. By show of hands, debate was closed.
- 10/08/12-15 By show of hands, 41 yes, 37 no, 0 abstentions, GP.12.10 passed as amended.
- 10/08/12-16 SP.12.06* Revisions to the *Constitution* and the *Bylaws* Regarding Conduct of Senate Meetings and Formulation of Meeting Agendas
University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) Chair William Maher moved separation of the *Constitution* change from the *Bylaws* change for individual approval. Provost Adesida agreed to separate.
- 10/08/12-17 Maher moved approval of the amendment to the *Constitution* reducing quorum from 100 to 75.
- 10/08/12-18 Without objection, the amendment to the *Constitution* passed by unanimous consent.
Maher moved approval of the amendment to the *Bylaws* to reduce the number of required members present and voting from at least two-thirds to a simple majority in order to introduce items not on the agenda, with a note that action cannot be taken on these added items.
- 10/08/12-19 A motion was made to divide. Provost Adesida agreed to divide.
- 10/08/12-20 A motion was made to discuss the second portion before speaking to the reduction of two-thirds to a simple majority. Provost Adesida agreed.
Freidman noted that the second portion of the *Bylaws* change does not include the phrase “new business”. It states that “Such matters may not be acted upon at the meeting in which they are introduced, according to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act”. This is a state law that the Senate must follow and the inclusion or striking of this sentence does not affect the Open Meetings Act requirements.

It was also clarified that reports listed on the agenda can be acted on at the meeting. The only items that the Senate cannot take action on are items not listed on the agenda.

- 10/08/12-21 The motion to include the last sentence, "Such matters may not be acted upon at the meeting in which they are introduced, according to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act", passed by voice vote.
- 10/08/12-22 USSP Chair Maher moved to amend the *Bylaws* reducing the requirement to add items not listed on the agenda from two-thirds to a simple majority.
- 10/08/12-23 By voice vote, the amendment to the *Bylaws* reducing the requirement to add items not listed on the agenda from two-thirds to a simple majority passed.
- 10/08/12-24 SC.13.04* SEC Statement on Faculty Representation and Shared Governance
Wheeler moved on behalf of SEC for the full Senate to endorse the SEC statement SC.13.04.
- 10/08/12-25 Without objection, SC.13.04 was approved by unanimous consent.
- 10/08/12-26 SC.13.06* Reaffirmation of SC.11.14, SEC support for Council of Academic Professionals Resolution
Wheeler moved approval of reaffirming SC.11.14 by approving SC.13.06.
SEC Professional Advisory Committee Representative Konstantinos Yfantis noted that there is a possibility of revoking the exemption authority that gives us the ability to determine which positions are AP (academic professional) and which are civil service. This proposal is in support of retaining the exemption authority.
- 10/08/12-27 Without objection, SC.13.06 was approved by unanimous consent.

Current Benefits Issues

Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits Chair John Kindt reported that benefits issues, including information on Constitutional Amendment 49, were being communicated by interested parties within parameters provided by regular guidelines not to use state resources or time and per a recent memo provided by the Office of Legal Counsel.

Presentation: 2013 Admissions Goals and Enrollment Management Goals

Director of Undergraduate Admissions Stacey Kostell gave the following presentation. The PowerPoint slides are available at: http://www.senate.illinois.edu/121008_admissions.pdf

The Office of Admissions includes Financial Aid and other departments. This presentation has been presented to several bodies to inform groups about enrollment management. Some of the language skill requirements have been changed for incoming international students which caused the admissions rate to slightly decrease.

Residency is counted based on the tuition rate that is paid and also by citizenship, but either way the numbers do not significantly change. Chicago Public Schools is a large school district that is targeted for recruitment and helps diversity numbers. Branding is directed towards 16-17 year olds. There is also an effort to diversify within the international pool and to identify other countries to attract international students from, but not an effort to attract more international students.

A cohesive brand is important so prospective students are consistently receiving the same message with the same look and feel. College Confidential is the largest place to view information on colleges and a presence there is important.

A dynamic check-list instead of the current static list is being developed. There is also an effort to move to a new admissions application instead of using Banner in order to create more flexibility.

Yields have been decreasing and it is related completely to cost. When the cost to attend goes up, the yield goes down. There has been a really great applicant pool, but there is still a need to admit more students to get the desired yield. Room and board rates here are high compared to peer institutions. Illinois really is the highest cost public institution in the US. When the decline survey was reviewed this year, 60% replied the reason for declining was cost. Resources gathered for financial aid was approximately \$12 million. Awards were increased from \$1000 to \$5000.

Admissions Chair Michael Biehl noted that the Admissions Committee is working with Kostell and the Admissions and Recruitment Office to achieve easy accessibility between students and applicants.

Reports

10/08/12-28	AD.13.01*	2013 Enrollment Management Goals and Office of Undergraduate Admissions Goals
10/08/12-29	SC.13.07*	BOT Observer Report – September 14, 2012
10/08/12-30	HE.13.01*	FAC/ IBHE Report – September 21, 2012
10/08/12-31	UC.13.02*	USC Report – September 18, 2012
10/08/12-32	FAC.12.01*	FAC 2011-2012 Annual Report

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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