

Minutes
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting
March 4, 2013

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:14 pm on the 3rd floor of the Levis Center with Chancellor Phyllis Wise presiding and Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. as Parliamentarian.

Approval of Minutes

03/04/13-01 The minutes from February 4, 2013 were approved as written.

Senate Executive Committee Report

Matthew Wheeler (ACES), Faculty Senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), reported that the Senate Office would be sending out an email requesting senators' committee preferences. He also noted that going forward ballots would need to have the name of the voter on each ballot.

Faculty senators William Maher (LIBR), H. F. Williamson (LAS), and Joyce Tolliver (LAS) served as tellers for the meeting.

Wheeler requested that senators remain for the duration of the meeting to discuss the important items on the agenda. These items included several Educational Policy proposals, the filling of Committee on Committees vacancies, and discussion on honorary degrees.

SEC has held one meeting on February 4 since the last Senate meeting. Issues discussed included a potential survey on department and colleges to assess the state of shared governance at the unit level, several Educational Policy committee issues and concerns, a potential Bylaws change to include sustainability in the scope of the Campus Operations committee, and John Kindt discussed current benefit issues. Several committees are looking into these issues in more depth and will report back to the SEC at the next meeting on April 8.

Chancellor's Remarks

Chancellor Wise announced that the second meetings to put action behind the Visioning Future Excellence were held. Very good conversations came out of the brainstorming about things faculty members felt were important to act upon. They were then asked to prioritize those items. There was a list of advice in terms of recommendations on what should be done in the future under each one of these themes. Wise's next step is to meet with the Provost, Vice Chancellor for Research, and Vice Chancellor for Advancement to discuss what Illinois can fund and a timetable for implementation.

The Provost and Chancellor had met with different groups of faculty; those faculty members in humanities, social science, science, and math to discuss the next steps for excellence, to increase visibility, respect, and impact.

A Town Hall meeting is planned before the end of April to outline what was learned, and then work during the summer with faculty members. Then hold another Town Hall meeting at the beginning of the fall when most of the faculty members return to discuss specific actions and implementing.

Unofficial St. Patrick's Day was held this past Friday. There were fewer reports of disruptions in the neighborhoods and no major classes cancelled. Wise felt the new law that holds the host of any party responsible for any underage guests that consume alcohol has helped. There has been incredible cooperation between campus police and the Champaign and Urbana police as well as several other administrators who are deeply involved. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Renee Romano, has been instrumental in making sure students are safe and responsible.

Questions/Discussion

No questions.

Consent Agenda

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

- 03/04/13-02 EP.13.13* Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the requirements for the M.A. and PhD in Linguistics
- 03/04/13-03 EP.13.17* Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Fine and Applied Arts to terminate the Ed.D. degree in Music Education
- 03/04/13-04 EP.13.18* Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Engineering to revise the Master of Computer Science (M.C.S.) in Computer Science
- 03/04/13-05 EP.13.22* Proposal from the College of Business to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Accountancy
- 03/04/13-06 EP.13.24* Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Establish a Concentration in Spanish Literatures and Cultures within the MA in Spanish in the Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese
- 03/04/13-07 EP.13.25* Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Terminate the Illinois PSM concentration in the MS in Plant Biology

Proposals (enclosed)

- 03/04/13-08 SC.13.11* Nominations to Fill a Faculty Vacancy on Committee on Committees

On behalf of SEC, committee Chair Matthew Wheeler introduced SC.13.11 and announced that Steven Michael had withdrawn his name prior to the meeting. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.

A preliminary election was held to reduce the number of faculty nominees to twice the number of positions to be filled. Preliminary ballots were collected and tellers reported the following vote totals:

Sara Benson	LAW	19
David O'Brien	FAA	24
Kevin Waspi	BUS	24

Tellers reported a tie on the final ballot. In a revote, tellers reported the following vote totals:

David O'Brien	FAA	35
Kevin Waspi	BUS	31

- 03/04/13-09 By ballot, Faculty Senator David O'Brien (FAA) was declared elected to Committee on Committees.

- 03/04/13-10 SC.13.12* Nominations to Fill a Student Vacancy to Committee on Committees

On behalf of SEC, committee Chair Matthew Wheeler introduced SC.13.12. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.

Ballots were collected and tellers reported the following vote totals:

Chris McCarthy	ENGR	40
Matt Paarlberg	AVIA	12

- 03/04/13-11 By ballot, Student Senator Chris McCarthy (ENGR) was declared elected to Committee on Committees.

03/04/13-12 CO.13.03* Resolution in Support of the Illinois Climate Action Plan

The Senate Committee on Campus Operations Chair Benjamin McCall introduced proposal CO.13.03. The purpose of this proposal is to emphasize the importance of climate change and to formally endorse the Illinois Climate Action Plan which was put into place by Interim Chancellor Easter in May 2010. For more information about the Plan, please visit the website: <http://icap.sustainability.illinois.edu>. It commits the campus to carbon neutrality by the year 2050.

Since implementation, the campus has reduced energy consumption and surpassed some goals. However, substantially more resources are needed to fill all of the other goals of the Plan on time. A supplemental letter* supporting this resolution was distributed at the door.

03/04/13-13 On behalf of Campus Operations, Chair McCall moved adoption of CO.13.03.

03/04/13-14 By voice vote, proposal CO.13.03 was approved.

Current Benefits Issues

John Kindt, Chair of Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits committee reminded those present that if an individual contacts a representative regarding an issue, University resources cannot be used in support of any political activities and any political activities must not interfere with employment obligations to the University. The pension reform issues will be discussed soon. Kindt noted that contacting representatives, on personal time, does have a noticeable impact.

Reports

03/04/13-15 HE.13.06* FAC/ IBHE Report – February 15, 2013

New Business

No new business.

Executive Session

03/04/13-16 A motion was made to move into executive session at 3:49 pm. The motion was seconded and approved by voice.

03/04/13-17 A motion was made to move out of executive session at 4:44 pm. The motion was seconded and approved by voice.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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