

**Minutes**  
**Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting**  
November 17, 2014

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:11 pm in the Illini Room A at the Illini Union with Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs Abbas Benmamoun presiding and Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. as Parliamentarian.

**Approval of Minutes**

11/17/14-01 The minutes from October 20, 2014 were approved as written.

**Senate Executive Committee Report**

Roy Campbell (ENGR), faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) welcomed all present. Chair Campbell made several announcements. Christopher Kennedy, Chair of the Board of Trustees (BOT) will not be continuing on the Board. The Chicago State University Senate has been reinstated. And, Several Senate committees are thoroughly reviewing the College of Medicine proposal.

11/17/14-02 Tellers for the meeting were faculty senators H.F. (Bill) Williamson (LAS), John Hart (ENGR), and student senator Calvin Lear (GRAD).

**Chancellor's Remarks**

None

**Questions/Discussion**

None

**Consent Agenda**

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

11/17/14-03 EP.15.15\* Proposal to Revise the Biochemistry Specialized Curriculum

11/17/14-04 EP.15.16\* Revision to the Major in the Science and Letters Curriculum: BALAS Creative Writing, Department of English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

11/17/14-05 EP.15.18\* Proposal to Rename the Center for Biophysics and Computational Biology & Rename MS and PhD

11/17/14-06 EP.15.23\* Proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to eliminate the Food Industry and Business concentration in the Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition

11/17/14-07 EP.15.24\* Proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to establish a minor in Adult Development

**Proposals (enclosed)**

11/17/14-08 CC.15.06\* Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees of the Senate

11/17/14-09 On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Chair Kalita moved approval of the slate of nominees on proposal CC.15.06. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.

11/17/14-10 By voice vote, the motion to approve the slate of nominees on proposal CC.15.06 was approved.

11/17/14-11 SP.15.07\* Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 2 – Academic Freedom (Final; Action)

On behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), Chair Maher moved approval of proposal SP.15.07. Maher noted that this is the second reading of this

proposal that was originally discussed at the October 20, 2014 Senate meeting. Maher gave a summary of the proposal background. Associated Provost Galvin responded to a question stating that the term faculty is used broadly in the revised version of the *Statutes*.

11/17/14-12 By voice vote, the motion to approve the proposal SP.15.07 passed.

**Current Benefits Issues**

John Kindt, Chair of Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits, mentioned that Senate Bill 1, Pension Reform, litigation is scheduled this week. Kindt noted the following resources for additional information on employee and retiree benefits issues including updates on Senate Bill 1 litigation: the State University Annuitants Association website <http://suaa.org/>, the State University Retirement System website <http://surs.com/>, and Nessie <https://nessie.uihr.uillinois.edu/cf/index.cfm>.

**Reports**

11/17/14-13 FAC/ IBHE Report – October 2014

11/17/14-14 USC Report – October 8, 2014

11/17/14-15 New Provost Communications

*Communication #26*: Promotion to Teaching, Research or Clinical Associate or Full Professor Titles

*Communication #27*: Shared Governance for Academic Units

Galvin noted that Provost Communication #26 is the same promotional process outlined for non-tenure track faculty that is currently included in Communication #9. Communication #9 will remain as written so those units that have a current process in place can continue with their current process. Eventually Communication #9 will be revised to remove the promotional process outlined for non-tenure track faculty since the promotional process is now in Communication #26. Galvin added that the promotional process itself is not new.

Galvin noted that Communication #27 compiles best practices about shared governance in academic units into one document. Benmamoun added that inclusiveness is encouraged and the intention is to include all non-tenure track faculty. The new Provost Communications are now posted on the Office of the Provost website.

Maher noted that Communication #26 makes reference to public engagement. Maher gave his opinion that Communication #9 does not handle public engagement very well. Maher felt that public engagement efforts should be taken into consideration when promotion and tenure is discussed, and as an important part of what faculty members do, public engagement should count it in a critical way.

**New Business**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 pm.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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