

**Minutes**  
**Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting**  
December 8, 2014

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:10 pm in the Illini Room A at the Illini Union with Chancellor Phyllis Wise presiding with Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. and Professor Brian Gaines as Parliamentarians.

**Approval of Minutes**

12/08/14-01 The minutes from November 17, 2014 were approved as written.

**Senate Executive Committee Report**

Roy Campbell (ENGR), faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) reported that in addition to the University *Statutes* changes on today's agenda, further changes to the *Statutes* will be presented at upcoming Senate meetings. Chair Campbell also noted that pension discussions continue.

12/08/14-02 Floor privileges were granted as requested without objection.

12/08/14-03 Tellers for the meeting were faculty senators Stephen Cartwright (FAA) and Kim Graber (AHS), and student senator Matthew Hill (LAS).

**Chancellor's Remarks**

Chancellor Wise reported that the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure is working on a report regarding academic freedom issues. Wise and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Ilesanmi Adesida have continued to meet with departments and engage in discussions surrounding academic freedom and freedom of speech.

**Questions/Discussion**

Faculty senator Riedel (LAS) communicated her concern with Provost Communication #25 in that specialized faculty do not have the same time allotted as tenure system faculty to work towards promotion. Wise deferred the question to Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Policies Elabbas Benmamoun.

**Consent Agenda**

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

12/08/14-04 EP.15.22\* Proposal from the College of Education to revise the requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

12/08/14-05 EP.15.25\* Revision of Certificate in Accountancy program, College of Business

**Proposals (enclosed)**

12/08/14-06 SP.15.06\* General Revisions to the *Statutes*: Motions #1 and #2

Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) member Friedman introduced proposal SP.15.06 noting the proposed changes to the University *Statutes* originated from the Board of Trustees (BOT), were reviewed and reworked by the University Senates Conference (USC), and then disseminated to the three campus senates. Friedman reported that USSP reviewed a draft of the proposed *Statutes* changes over the summer and shared comments with the USC. USSP's comments were considered by the USC prior to distribution of the proposed *Statutes* changes to the three campuses. The USC advised the three campus senates to divide the proposed *Statutes* changes into eight motions and today, USSP presents motions #1 and #2 to the Senate.

Friedman moved adoption of the resolution (SS.15.01)\* distributed at the beginning of the meeting. The resolution resolved that the “Senate will consider and vote on the several separate Motions of advice on separate parts of the posed amendment to the *Statutes*, while reserving the right to reconsider or supplement that advice when considering later Motions dealing with later parts of the *Statutes* if interactions are discovered which impact previously approved parts of the amendments to the *Statutes*.”

- 12/08/14-07 Friedman’s motion to adopt the distributed resolution was seconded and approved by voice.
- 12/08/14-08 On behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), committee member Freidman moved approval of Recommendation One of proposal SP.15.06. Part one of Recommendation One was accepted as presented. Discussion regarding the requirement of the president to be a member of the faculty in part two of Recommendation One was further debated.
- 12/08/14-09 Burbules moved to amend the motion to approve Recommendation One by retaining the president as a member of the faculty, but not part of every department and college. The motion to amend Recommendation One was seconded and additional discussion followed.
- 12/08/14-10 The motion to amend Recommendation One was approved by voice. Recommendation One of SP.15.06 will go forward with the amended language: “The president is the chief executive officer of the University and a member of the faculty.”
- 12/08/14-11 By voice vote, the motion to approve the amended Recommendation One of proposal SP.15.06 was approved.
- 12/08/14-12 On behalf of USSP, Freidman moved approval of Recommendation Two of proposal SP.15.06. The recommendation by USSP to change “faculty” to “campus” on line 148 was divided from the recommendation by USSP to change “the” to “an” on line 149. Discussion of both proposed changes followed.
- 12/08/14-13 Burbules made a motion to amend Recommendation Two by replacing USSP’s suggested “campus” in line 148 with “elected representatives of the faculty, students, and academic professional staff”. The motion was seconded.
- Discussion of proposed changes to both line 148 and line 149 continued.
- 12/08/14-14 The motion to amend Recommendation Two by replacing USSP’s suggested “campus” in line 148 with “elected representatives of the faculty, students, and academic professional staff” was approved by voice.
- 12/08/14-15 USSP’s recommendation to replace “the” with “an” on line 149 failed by a show of hands. The amendment will go forward with “the” as originally proposed by the BOT.
- Discussion continued with part two of Recommendation Two. Friedman noted that the USC currently has no bylaws. Until the USC has bylaws and there are procedures for amending those bylaws, USSP recommends in part two of Recommendation Two to postpone discussion of this entire section until USC has established bylaws. Wise clarified that lines 193-223 were under discussion.
- Discussion followed whether to postpone recommendations on the entire section from lines 193-223, or to approve some lines within the section from lines 193-223.

- 12/08/14-16 In response to Senate discussion, Friedman moved to amend part two of Recommendation Two to approve lines 216, 217, 243 and 247, but to defer lines 207-213 and line 246. Friedman's motion to amend Recommendation Two was seconded.
- 12/08/14-17 The motion to amend part two of Recommendation Two to approve lines 216, 217, 243 and 247, but to defer lines 207-213 and line 246 was approved by voice.
- 12/08/14-18 By voice vote, the motion to approve the amended Recommendation Two of proposal SP.15.06 was approved.
- 12/08/14-19 The amended SP.15.06 proposal was approved by voice.
- 12/08/14-20 HD.15.01\* Nomination for Honorary Degree  
On behalf of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees, Chair Tyson moved approval of awarding honorary degrees to those listed on HD.15.01; Cicerone, Lavizzo-Mourey, and Nugent. Tyson gave a brief overview of the proposed awardees qualifications.
- 12/08/14-21 By voice, the motion to award an honorary degree to Cicerone was approved.
- 12/08/14-22 By voice, the motion to award an honorary degree to Lavizzo-Mourey was approved
- 12/08/14-23 By voice, the motion to award an honorary degree to Nugent was approved.

#### **Current Benefits Issues**

John Kindt, Chair of Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits, noted that there is a permanent injunction in place against Senate Bill 1. Kindt also directed attention to the SURSMAC (State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee) report. The State University Annuity Association website <http://suaa.org/>, the State University Retirement System website <http://surs.com/>, and Nessie <https://nessie.uihr.uillinois.edu/cf/index.cfm> are all resources for staying informed about current benefits issues.

#### **Reports**

- 12/08/14-24 EP.15.30 Report of Administrative Approvals through Dec 1, 2014
- 12/08/14-25 HE.15.03 FAC/ IBHE Report – November 21, 2014
- 12/08/14-26 SC.15.06 BOT Observer Report – November 13, 2014
- 12/08/14-27 SUR.15.01 SURSMAC Report – November 18, 2014

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 pm.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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