

Minutes
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting
February 16, 2015

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:10 pm in the Ballroom at the Illini Union with Provost Ilesanmi Adesida presiding with Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. as Parliamentarian.

Senate Executive Committee Report

Kim Graber (AHS), faculty senator and Vice Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) welcomed everyone. Vice Chair Graber stated that in this time of disagreement respect should be given to each other on the floor and everyone should have a chance to speak.

02/16/15-01 Tellers for the meeting were faculty senators Gay Miller (VMED) and John Hart (ENGR), and student senator Kendall Hellman (AHS).

Chancellor's Remarks

Provost Ilesanmi Adesida thanked everyone for the participation and positive response in approving the College of Medicine proposal at the February 16 Senate meeting.

Questions/Discussion

None

Proposals

02/16/15-02 RS.15.06 Recommendations about Shared Governance and Academic Freedom

Faculty senator McCall (LAS) noted that resolution RS.15.06 is a forward looking resolution that aims to prevent a case similar to the Salaita case. Administration made decisions that were not made in the usual manor. Recommendation 1 is to clarify Provost Communications #2, #3, and #9 on the authority of the President, Chancellor, and Provost in hiring decisions.

Recommendation 2 is to have the provost's office develop explicit procedures for consultation with unit administrators, and with relevant faculty committees, to be followed during reviews by the Chancellor. These procedures should be reviewed by relevant campus governance bodies. Recommendation 3 is to review the *Statutes* and *General Rules* to ensure that they are clear on academic freedom and freedom of speech.

02/16/15-03 Faculty senator McCall moved approval of RS.15.06, and Faculty senator Burbules seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

02/16/15-04 Faculty senator LeRoy (LER) made a motion to amend the resolution by striking the last sentence of paragraph one: "The Senate is equally concerned about the potential for threats to academic freedom created by public statements made by the administration during this time." And replacing the last sentence with the following text: "The Senate also reaffirms its commitment to academic freedom, including controversial ideas or positions within legitimate scholarly debates."

The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Faculty senator McCall added that this resolution is in place of a previous resolution (RS.15.04) that was postponed last semester. That resolution (RS.15.04) was withdrawn and replaced by RS.15.06. Faculty senator McCall urged against approval of the amendment.

02/16/15-05 By voice, the amendment failed.

02/16/15-06 Faculty senator Ribot (LAS) made a motion to amend the resolution by adding the following text at the end of paragraph two of Recommendation 2: "Prior to finalization of any decision

such a detailed statement should be made public, debated in an open forum, and presented to the Senate for approval.” The amendment was seconded, and discussion followed.

- 02/16/15-07 Faculty senator Burbules (EDUC) made a motion to amend the amendment by substituting the word “review” for “approval” at the end of the sentence and also striking the phrase “debated in an open forum”. The motion to amend the amendment was seconded and discussion followed.

With proposed text in brackets and proposed deleted language struck through, the amended amendment would read:

“Prior to finalization of any decision such a detailed statement should be made public, ~~debated in an open forum,~~ and presented to the Senate for approval [review].”

- 02/16/15-08 Hearing no objections the amendment to the amendment was approved by unanimous consent.

- 02/16/15-09 By voice, the amended amendment failed.

Faculty senator Burbules clarified that the committee would be created as an *ad hoc* one-time committee.

Faculty senator Steinberg (LAS) questioned the lack of an action item for SC.15.08: Hiring Policies and Procedures Review Committee Report. Vice Chair Graber responded that the Hiring Policies and Procedures Review Committee Report would be a discussion item at the March 9 Senate meeting.

- 02/16/15-10 Faculty senator Sanders (LAS) moved the following amendment. In Recommendation 3, the phrase “in accord with the AAUP’s 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure, as well as” should be inserted after “...the language in which they are expressed, are clear, consistent, and”. The word “other” should be inserted after the phrase “informed by”. With the proposed text in brackets, Recommendation 3 would read:

The *Statutes* and *General Rules* should be reviewed by a university-wide committee to ensure that our policies on academic freedom and extramural speech, and the language in which they are expressed, are clear, consistent, and [in accord with the AAUP’s 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure, as well as] informed by [other] relevant AAUP policy statements on the subject.

- 02/16/15-11 The amendment was seconded and discussion followed.

- 02/16/15-12 By voice, the amendment passed.

SEC member Tolliver noted that *Statutes* and *General Rules* are not campus documents. Anyone offering amendments to the Statutes and/or General Rules, must to go through all three campus Senates via the University Senates Conference (USC).

- 02/16/15-13 Faculty senator Sanders (LAS) moved the following amendment. In the last sentence of paragraph three, strike the phrase “In the absence of such allegations,” capitalize the “I” in “Lack”, and insert the word “itself” after the word “civility”.

With proposed text in brackets and proposed deleted language struck through, the amendment would read:

~~In the absence of such allegations,~~ Lack of civility [itself] should not be considered legitimate grounds for dismissal of a faculty member.

- 02/16/15-14 The motion was seconded and hearing no objections, the motion to amend the proposal was approved.
- 02/16/15-15 Faculty senator Steinberg (LAS) moved the following amendment. Insert the text “, with representatives of each campus’s Academic Freedom and Tenure Committees,” after “The Statutes and General Rules should be reviewed by a university wide committee”.
- With proposed text in brackets, the amendment would read:
RECOMMENDATION 3: The *Statutes* and *General Rules* should be reviewed by a university-wide committee, [with representatives of each campus’s Academic Freedom and Tenure Committees,] to ensure that our policies on academic freedom and extramural speech, and the language in which they are expressed, are clear, consistent, and in accord with the AAUP’s 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure, as well as informed by other, relevant AAUP policy statements on the subject.
- 02/16/15-16 The motion to amend was seconded and approved.
- 02/16/15-17 The amended proposal RS.15.06 was approved by a show of hands 60 yea/24 nay.
- 02/16/15-18 Student senator Seymour (GRAD) called for a quorum count and it was determined that a quorum was no longer present.
- 02/16/15-19 Vice Chair Graber (AHS) made a motion to postpone any remaining business until the regularly schedule Senate meeting on March 9, 2015. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.
- 02/16/15-20 The motion passed and all unfinished business will be postponed until the March 9, 2015 regularly scheduled Senate meeting.

Adjournment

Due to the lack of quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

The following agenda items will appear on the agenda of the regular Senate meeting on Monday, March 9, 2015.

Proposals

RS.15.07 Concerns about Shared Governance and Academic Freedom

Reports

EP.15.39 Administrative Approvals – January 26, 2015

EP.15.40 Administrative Approvals – February 2, 2015

HE.15.04 FAC/IBHE Report – December 12, 2014

HE.15.05 FAC/IBHE Report – January 16, 2015

SC.15.07 BOT Observer Report – January 15, 2015

SC.15.08 Hiring Policies and Procedures Review Committee Report

UC.15.05 USC Report – December 12, 2014

UC.15.06 USC Report – January 22, 2015

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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