

Minutes
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting
March 9, 2015

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:13 pm in the Ballroom at the Illini Union with Chancellor Phyllis Wise presiding with Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. as Parliamentarian.

Approval of Minutes

03/09/15-01 The minutes from February 9, 2015 were approved as amended.

03/09/15-02 The minutes from February 16, 2015 were approved as written.

Senate Executive Committee Report

Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Chair and faculty senator Roy Campbell (ENGR) reported that he and the other authors of the response letter to the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (AFT) Report met with representatives from the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) at the request of the AAUP. The subcommittee of the AAUP felt that Salaita should have been considered an employee.

The Vice Chancellor for Research Peter Schiffer, on the advice of the SEC, created an *ad hoc* committee to review the proposed University policy on classified research. The proposed policy statement follows:

The University of Illinois (Chicago, Springfield, and Urbana-Champaign) can accept a classified contract, after approval of the appropriate campus Vice Chancellor for Research and a review by the Security Management Office of the Vice President for Research, provided that the classified contract can be performed without compromising the University's pursuit of its educational mission.

Chair Campbell also informed the Senate that the University Senates Conference (USC) endorsed the proposed College of Medicine at their last meeting. The budget cut proposed by the governor is of concern. The Senate Committee on the Budget plans to give expert opinion to the Senate when more information has been dispersed. At the Chicago campus, the State Universities Civil Service System (SUCSS) has reclassified over 500 academic professional employees as civil service employees.

03/09/15-03 Tellers for the meeting were faculty senators Nicholas Burbules (EDUC and Calvin Lear (GRAD).

Chancellor's Remarks

Chancellor Wise reported that she traveled to Washington DC to accept the Draper Prize on behalf of Professor Nick Holonyak, Jr. for his work in pioneering LED light technology. Two of Holonyak's former students were also awarded the Prize. The Draper Prize is one of the world's preeminent awards for engineering achievement. Wise noted efforts to work with the other campuses on the proposed budget cuts prior to going before the Illinois Appropriations Board. Wise felt it is critical to demonstrate the value that the University of Illinois produces for the state. The Board of Trustees (BOT) will vote on the proposed College of Medicine this week. President Easter also plans to present a resolution regarding the proposed College of Medicine.

Questions/Discussion

When questioned about the SUCSS initiative to reclassify academic professional employees as civil service, Chair Campbell replied that it may just be a trend. Wise added that civil service employees must be Illinois residents and this severely compromises our ability to remain competitive and to attract employees nationally and internationally.

In a response to a question about Wise's decision not to remand the Salaita decision to the College of Liberal Arts and Science (LAS), Chancellor Wise stated that she did take the vote of the Senate under consideration before making her decision.

Old Business

Proposals

- 03/09/15-04 [RS.15.07](#)* Concerns about Shared Governance and Academic Freedom
- 03/09/15-05 McCall (LAS) summarized the reasoning for withdrawing the previous resolution RS.15.04, and the emergence of resolutions RS.15.06 and RS.15.07. McCall moved approval of RS.15.07, the motion was seconded, and a robust discussion followed.
- Several senators supported the proposed resolution and agreed with the authors that Chancellor Wise should clarify or correct her statement on civility. Other senators felt that amends had already been made by Wise and did not support the resolution.
- 03/09/15-06 Chair Campbell made a motion to close debate. The motion was seconded and debate was closed.
- 03/09/15-07 By voice vote, resolution RS.15.07 was approved.

Reports

- 03/09/15-08 [EP.15.39](#)* Administrative Approvals – January 26, 2015
- 03/09/15-09 [EP.15.40](#)* Administrative Approvals – February 2, 2015
- 03/09/15-10 [HE.15.04](#)* FAC/IBHE Report – December 12, 2014
- 03/09/15-11 [HE.15.05](#)* FAC/IBHE Report – January 16, 2015
- 03/09/15-12 [SC.15.07](#)* BOT Observer Report – January 15, 2015
- 03/09/15-13 [UC.15.05](#)* USC Report – December 12, 2014
- 03/09/15-14 [UC.15.06](#)* USC Report – January 22, 2015
- 03/09/15-15 [SC.15.08](#)* Hiring Policies and Procedures Review Committee Report

Consent Agenda

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

- 03/09/15-16 [EP.15.29](#)* Proposal from the College of Education to establish a concentration in Digital Environments for Learning, Teaching & Agency in the B.S. in Learning & Education Studies
- 03/09/15-17 [EP.15.31](#)* Proposal from the College of Engineering to Establish a Major in Electrical and Computer Engineering in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering for the Degree of Masters of Engineering
- 03/09/15-18 [EP.15.32](#)* Proposal from the College of Engineering to Establish a Combined Bachelor of Science - Master of Engineering Degree in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- 03/09/15-19 [EP.15.34](#)* Proposal from the College of Business to add the Graduate Concentration in Business Data Analytics in the Department of Business Administration
- 03/09/15-20 [EP.15.41](#)* Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to Rename and Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Urban Planning
- 03/09/15-21 [EP.15.43](#)* Proposal from the College of Engineering and the Graduate College to Terminate Two Options, the Online MS and the Non-Thesis Option, in the Master's in Electrical and Computer Engineering
- 03/09/15-22 [EP.15.45](#)* Proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES) to Terminate the Bachelor of Science in Horticulture

Proposals

- 03/09/15-23 RS.15.08* Resolution Endorsing the Final Report of the Hiring Policies and Procedures Review Committee
- Steinberg (LAS) acknowledged the great work the Hiring Policies and Procedures Review Committee had done on the report and turned the three recommendations into an action item. Steinberg noted that SEC suggested that the resolution be amended to include the following language at the end of the resolution:
- AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) be charged with determining what amendments to the University Statutes would be necessary to implement the recommendations of the Hiring Policies and Procedures Review Committee and that the USSP also be charged with bringing those amendments back to the Senate for its consideration, consistent with the existing Article XIII, Section 8, A process for amending the Statutes.*
- 03/09/15-24 Steinberg (LAS) moved approval of resolution RS.15.08 with the added text. The motion was seconded, and discussion followed.
- 03/09/15-25 Tolliver (LAS) made a motion to amend the resolution by adding a second resolve clause as follows:
- Therefore, be it resolved that the Senate encourages the Board to publically affirm their commitment to a policy of active restraint.*
- 03/09/15-26 The proposed amendment was seconded and discussion continued. Discussion included opinions that approving this resolution would create assurance that future hiring decisions would follow the current and historical hiring practices. Others felt that there might be ambiguity about the BOT's power. A senator pointed out that the BOT delegating authority is different from the BOT abdicating authority, and this resolution uses the term delegate.
- 03/09/15-27 Roberts-Lieb (AP District 9) moved to close debate. The motion was seconded and approved by voice. Debate was closed.
- 03/09/15-28 By voice, the motion made by Tolliver (LAS) to amend the resolution failed. Further discussion on the main motion continued.
- Some senators supported the view that this resolution would express the opinion of the Senate and the laws that would stand in the way do not matter. Others felt parts of the resolution were not actionable because of current state law.
- 03/09/15-29 Campbell (ENGR) made a motion to close debate. The motion was seconded and debate was closed.
- 03/09/15-30 By voice, the motion to approve RS.15.08 passed.
- Mallory ask for the privilege of the floor and apologized for her rude behavior towards the Chancellor and Parliamentarian at the previous Senate meeting.
- 03/09/15-31 CC.15.07* Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees
- On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Chair Kalita moved approval of the slate of nominees on proposal CC.15.07. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.
- 03/09/15-32 By voice, the motion to approve the slate of nominees on CC.15.07 passed without opposition.

03/09/15-33 CC.15.08* Nominations to the Athletic Board

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Chair Kalita moved approval of the candidates on proposal CC.15.08.

03/09/15-34 Faculty senator LeRoy (LER) nominated Michael Raycraft. Raycraft submitted his willingness to serve.*

03/09/15-35 Nominations were declared closed. Ballots were collected and tellers reported the following vote totals:

Kelly Bost	ACES	69
JJ Pionke	LIBR	46
Michael Raycraft	AHS	72
Jay Rosenstein	MDA	54
F. William Simmons	ACES	46

03/09/15-36 A run-off election was held to break the tie between Pionke and Simmons.

03/09/15-37 By voice, Simmons will be included in the names forwarded to the Chancellor.

03/09/15-38 Faculty nominees Bost, Raycraft, Rosenstein, and Simmons will be forwarded to the Chancellor to fill the two faculty vacancies on the Athletic Board.

03/09/15-39 Student nominees Hochman, Klinge, and Taylor will be forwarded to the Chancellor to fill the two student vacancies on the Athletic Board.

03/09/15-40 CC.15.09* Nominations for Membership on the University Senates Conference

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Chair Kalita moved approval of the candidate on proposal CC.15.09. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.

03/09/15-41 By voice, the motion to approve the candidate on proposal CC.15.09 passed without opposition.

03/09/15-42 SP.15.14* General Revisions to the *Statutes* - Motion #3

On behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures, Chair Maher gave a brief summary of the proposal and moved approval of proposal SP.15.14.

Burbules as chair of the University Senates Conference (USC) Statutes and Governance Committee noted that the main thrust of this revision would be to include the non-tenure track faculty if the tenure system faculty grant them rights.

03/09/15-43 By voice, the motion to approve SP.15.14 passed without opposition.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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