

MINUTES
Senate of the Urbana-Champaign Campus
 September 21, 2015
 Minutes

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:15 pm in Illini Room C at the Illini Union with Interim Chancellor Barbara Wilson presiding and Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. and Lecturer Sara Benson serving as Parliamentarians.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

09/21/15-01 The minutes from April 20, 2015 were approved as distributed. The minutes from May 4, 2015 were approved as distributed.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Gay Miller (VMED), faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) welcomed all senators and guests to the first Senate meeting of the academic year and introduced herself. Miller stated that she will try her best to represent the Senate, to keep the work of SEC focused on what is important for the broad campus, but more importantly, to make sure our senators have an opportunity to have input in our shared governance process.

Chair Miller reminded senators that the Senate and Senate committees are subject to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA). OMA rules state that all members of a public body must complete the OMA electronic training, and that senators and committee members should have received an email from the Office of the Senate with a link to the online OMA training.

Over the summer, the SEC acted on behalf of the Senate to endorse the name "Carle Illinois College of Medicine". Efforts to seek additional donors will continue and if a passionate donor is named, the renaming of the College of Medicine will come back to the full Senate.

The SEC had not received a letter from President Killeen asking the SEC to begin the process associated with forming a Chancellor's search committee in time for the first SEC meeting on August 24, 2015. When the letter was received Chair Miller called an additional SEC meeting to finalize the process document for selecting a search committee. The SEC further amended the process document at a regular meeting of the SEC on September 14, 2015.

09/21/15-02 Tellers for the meeting were faculty senator Joyce Tolliver (LAS), and student senators Matthew Hill (LAS) and James Butkus (FAA).

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Interim Chancellor Barbara Wilson stated that she cares deeply for this campus and that was part of her reason for accepting the position of Interim Chancellor. Wilson still holds her deanship in the College of Liberal Arts and Science (LAS) and will return to the LAS deanship once a new Chancellor is hired. Wilson will work hard to restore trust and in a consultative manor. Wilson will listen, consult, and be as transparent as possible along with communicating often about what is happening on campus.

Wilson announced that Ed Feser was appointed as Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Feser has a tremendous knowledge of budgets and a depth of knowledge about this campus.

Wilson noted some positive statistics on the freshman class. There are 7,565 new freshmen and is the second-largest freshman class ever; Illinois residents have increased; all categories of underrepresented students have increased; one in five students are the first in their family to attend college. This year's freshman class is bigger, more diverse, and includes more Illinois residents.

Wilson also announced that 120 new tenure system faculty were hired. The new College of Medicine (COM) is moving forward. The search committee for the COM Dean will be announced soon.

There is still no state budget. President Killeen met with other presidents of institution of higher education in Illinois and is trying to promote discussion on the huge value of higher education.

Wilson wants to lift the AAUP (American Association of University Professors) censure and will work with the AAUP and others on campus on this issue.

The World News and Report rankings were released. Illinois is in a five-way tie at spot 41. A big portion of rankings is reputation. Wilson described a new college scorecard that the White House has launched. The scorecard is meant to assist students and parents when making decisions about which institution to attend. Illinois is listed on the homepage under "15 public four-year colleges with high graduation leading to high incomes". Wilson is proud that Illinois is in the top 15.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

Faculty senator Levine (LAS) welcomed Chancellor Wilson's commitment on restoring trust. Levine asked what Wilson and other administrators plan to do about the action resolutions passed last year. Wilson replied that she will need to review those resolutions since she was not actively involved with the Senate last year. Wilson stated that it is not up to her to decide on the employment of Steven Salaita and the case is still in litigation. Wilson is committed to lifting the AAUP censure.

09/21/15-03 Faculty senator Tolliver (LAS) made a motion to have the information in item SC.16.14 presented before resolution RS.16.02 is presented. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

09/21/15-04 The motion to have SC.16.14 presented prior to RS.16.02 failed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 09/21/15-05 EP.16.01* Proposal to Revise the Environmental Fellows Program into the Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Fellows Program, and to transfer the administration of the program from the School of Earth, Society, and Environmental, College of LAS to the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment
- 09/21/15-06 EP.16.03* Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Concentration in Hospitality Management leading to the Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition in the College of ACES
- 09/21/15-07 EP.16.06* Proposal to Revise the PhD Program in Economics, Department of Economics, College of LAS
- 09/21/15-08 EP.16.07* Proposal to Establish a joint degree program between the existing Master of Architecture (M. Arch) and Master of Science in Architectural Studies (MS in AS) degrees offered through the School of Architecture
- 09/21/15-09 EP.16.08* Proposal to Create a 5-Year Program leading to a BALAS in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) and an MA in European Union Studies (MAEUS)
- 09/21/15-10 EP.16.10* Proposal to Change the department level requirements for the M.S. degree and the Ph.D. degree in Atmospheric Sciences
- 09/21/15-11 EP.16.12* Proposal to Change Unit Name from International Programs and Studies (IPS) to Illinois International Programs (IIP)

- 09/21/15-12 EP.16.13* Proposal to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Computational Engineering within the Major in Engineering in the Master of Engineering Degree in the College of Engineering
- 09/21/15-13 EP.16.17* Proposal to Establish a New Bachelor's of Science in Middle Grades Education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction with Concentrations in: 1) Literacy; 2) Mathematics; 3) Science; and 4) Social Science
- 09/21/15-14 EP.16.18* Proposal to Transfer the Center for Prevention Research and Development (CPRD) in the Institute for Government and Public Affairs to the School of Social Work

PROPOSALS

- 09/21/15-15 SC.16.03* Procedures for Selecting a Search Committee to Advise the President on the Selection of a Chancellor

On behalf of the SEC, Chair Miller moved adoption of SC.16.03 with the following corrections.

Senate *Constitution*, Article VI, Section 11:

When the Senate selects members of a search committee, faculty senators shall nominate and elect faculty members of the committee, Other Academic Staff senators shall nominate and elect Other Academic Staff members of the committee, and student senators shall nominate and elect student members of the committee in separate votes.

and

Academic Professional (1): The Council of Academic Professionals will nominate two members. ~~The full Senate~~ Other Academic Staff will elect one.

Chair Miller invited President Timothy Killeen to speak about his ideas on the composition of the search committee to select a chancellor and how a search firm might play a role.

Killeen is hopeful to find a team player that will propel the institution forward. He spoke of a consultative process where all voices would be heard. Killeen also commented that it is important to find the right search firm that will work with the search committee. An RFP (request for proposals) has been issued for a search firm. Killeen was not open to limiting the role of the search firm.

Senators requested that the top candidates for chancellor be announced and possibly give presentations. Killeen was open to this request.

Faculty senator McDuffie (LAS) read a statement of concern written on behalf of 22 faculty across campus. The statement was titled "Statement of Principles for the Appointment of a Permanent Chancellor and Provost". McDuffie had previously sent this document to President Killen.

- 09/21/15-16 Faculty senator Rosenstein (MDA) moved to amend the document by striking "by electronic means" from the second sentence in the final paragraph and by inserting "Only the names of the nominees will be presented to the full Senate at the beginning of the open nomination period. All biographical sketches for all the candidates will be presented to the full Senate by electronic means at one time." after the second sentence in the final paragraph. The motion to amend was seconded.
- 09/21/15-17 The motion to amend was approved by voice.
- 09/21/15-18 Proposal SC.16.03 was approved as amended by voice.
- 09/21/15-19 SP.15.16* Proposed Revisions to the *Bylaws*, Part D.1 – Senate Executive Committee, Membership

On behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes & Senate Procedures (USSP), Chair Maher introduced and moved adoption of SP.15.16. Bohlmann, academic professional member of the SEC, asked for support of the proposal.

09/21/15-20 Proposal SP.15.16 was approved by voice.

09/21/15-21 RS.16.01* Resolution Concerning the Formation of an ad hoc Committee Concerning Senators' in use of Non-Official Communications to Advise Campus Administrators

Steinberg (LAS) introduced and moved adoption of resolution RS.16.01. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

09/21/15-22 Tolliver moved to refer resolution RS.16.01 to the USSP committee. Her motion is as follows:

WHEREAS, RS 16.01 cites no basis of authority in the University Statutes, or in the Urbana Senate Constitution, Bylaws, or Standing Rules for the investigation it proposes;

WHEREAS, the only accusation in the Resolution, that some unnamed senators used "non-official communications as a means of offering private advice to the chancellor and other administrators on important university matters" refers to a practice that is entirely consistent with state law and with Senate, campus, and university rules;

WHEREAS, neither of the documents quoted in RS 16.01 (Provost's Communication 27 and the USC White Paper) refers to "non-official communications" or "private advice" as inimical to the practice of shared governance;

WHEREAS, the Resolution specifies for the proposed committee no guidelines of procedure or evidence to rely on in its proposed investigation;

WHEREAS, specifically, the Resolution does not specify what are the "Senate procedures, ethical norms, or best practices of shared governance" against which the actions of senators are to be judged – and where such Senate norms and procedures are codified;

Whose actions are to be investigated by this committee, and what charges of misconduct are being alleged;

What rules of evidence pertain to this investigation, and whether the committee would rely only on currently publicly available information, or whether it would seek the power to demand additional documentary evidence and/or personal testimony;

Whether the unnamed subjects of this investigation are to be considered jointly or individually;

Whether any subjects of this investigation would be informed of any alleged violations of which they might be accused, and provided an opportunity to provide evidence on their own behalf;

Whether any draft report or findings would be shared with those subjects for a response before being made public;

To whom the stipulation applies that "faculty actively involved in these private e-mail exchanges concerning University matters may not be members of the ad hoc committee" (since these faculty are nowhere identified), and whether "to ensure the integrity of the process" there should be other such exclusions for eligibility to the committee – for example, people who have already publicly expressed opinions on the emails and/or the conduct of fellow senators in this matter (including the sponsors of RS.16.01);

What is the range of potential consequences or penalties for any allegations of violation that the committee might make, and on what basis of authority those penalties would be founded; therefore

I MOVE: that the Senate refers the proposal outlined in RS 16.01 to establish an ad hoc investigative committee to the Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) to clarify first of all whether the establishment of such an investigation falls within the authority of the Senate; and

That if the USSP judges that such an ad hoc investigation does fall within the authority of the Senate, that the USSP determine the proper scope of authority, procedures, and rules of

evidence for any such investigative committee, including, among other considerations, responses to all the questions posed above; and

That, in order to ensure that any such process is consistent with state law and with University rules, the USSP submit any revised proposal for an investigative committee's charge and procedures to the Office of University Counsel and to the University Ethics and Compliance Office for their review and approval; and

That the USSP report back to the Senate with any proposed revision of the committee charge and procedures, accompanied by a summary of the advice of the Office of University Counsel and the Ethics and Compliance Office, before the committee is considered for approval.

The motion to amend was seconded and a robust discussion followed.

- 09/21/15-23 Student senator Villanueva made a motion close debate. The motion was seconded and there was two thirds in the affirmative. Debate was closed.
- 09/21/15-24 The motion to refer the resolution to the USSP committee failed by i>Clicker. There were 48 affirmative votes and 95 negative votes.
- 09/21/15-25 The motion to adopt resolution RS.16.01 failed by i>Clicker. There were 66 affirmative votes and 80 negative votes.
- 09/21/15-26 RS.16.02* Resolution on the Postponement of the Criminal Background Check Policy
Faculty senator Barnes (LAS) spoke passionately about the postponement of the University Policy on Background Checks. Barnes (LAS) moved adoption of resolution RS.16.02. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.
- 09/21/15-27 Faculty senator Hilton (ENGR) moved to amend the resolution by inserting the clause "Be it also resolved that the SEC will refer the policy to the appropriate Senate Committees." at the end of the resolution.
- 09/21/15-28 The amendment was seconded and approved by i>Clicker. There were 87 affirmative votes and 30 negative votes. Further discussion followed regarding implementation of the policy on the Urbana campus. Benmamoun thanked the Senate members for their comments and advice.
- 09/21/15-29 Faculty senator Weech (LISC) moved to close debate and the motion was seconded. There were two thirds in the affirmative and debate was closed.
- 09/21/15-30 The motion to adopt the amended RS.16.02 was approved by i>Clicker. There were 100 affirmative votes and 18 negative votes.
- 09/21/15-31 CC.16.03* Nominations for Membership on Standing and ad hoc Committees of the Senate, the Military Education Council, and the General Education Board
On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Chair Kalita moved adoption of the slate of nominees on proposal CC.16.03.
- 09/21/15-32 The motion to adopt CC.16.03 was approved by voice.
- 09/21/15-33 CC.16.04* Nominations to the Athletic Board
On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Chair Kalita moved adoption of the slate of nominees on proposal CC.16.04.
- 09/21/15-34 The motion to adopt CC.16.04 was approved by voice.
- 09/21/15-35 CC.16.05* Nominations to the Research Policy Committee
On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Chair Kalita moved adoption of the slate of nominees on proposal CC.16.05.

09/21/15-36 The motion to adopt CC.16.05 was approved by voice.

09/21/15-37 SP.15.04* Proposed Revisions to the *Bylaws*, Part D.6 (b) – Committee on Committees, Membership

On behalf of the USSP committee, Chair Maher introduced and moved adoption of SP.15.04. Maher stated that this proposed change clarifies past practice.

09/21/15-38 The motion to adopt SP.15.04 was approved by voice.

09/21/15-39 SP.15.10* Revisions to the *Senate Bylaws*, Part C, Section 4 to Conform with Student Election Practices

On behalf of the USSP committee, Chair Maher introduced and moved adoption of SP.15.10.

09/21/15-40 The motion to adopt SP.15.10 was approved by voice.

CURRENT BENEFITS ISSUES

John Kindt, Chair of Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits reported that the Illinois Supreme Court's May ruling finding the state's 2013 pension reform law (commonly referred to as SB1) unconstitutional will not be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Kindt also stressed the importance that all employees be diligent in submitting documents for the dependent verification process. If dependents are not verified, they will lose coverage.

REPORTS

09/21/15-41 EP.16.14* EPC Administrative Approvals through August 24, 2015

09/21/15-42 UC.15.09* USC Report – May 26, 2015

09/21/15-43 UC.15.10* USC Report – June 25, 2015

09/21/15-44 SC.15.16* BOT Observer Report – July 23, 2015

09/21/15-45 SC.16.13* BOT Observer Report – September 10, 2015

09/21/15-46 SC.16.14* University Policy on Background Checks

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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