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MINUTES
Senate of the Urbana-Champaign Campus
February 8, 2016
Minutes

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:12 pm in Foellinger Auditorium with Interim Chancellor Barbara Wilson presiding and Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. and Lecturer Sara Benson serving as Parliamentarians.

Approval of Minutes

02/08/16-01 The minutes from December 7, 2015 were approved as distributed.

Senate Executive Committee Report

Gay Miller (VMED), faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), reported that the budget continues to be a topic of discussion and concern. The President will continue to be actively engaged with the legislature on the budget impasse. Students are now more aware of the lack of funding, particularly for MAP (Monetary Award Program) grants, and are engaged in assisting the campus to share concern with the legislature. Miller was appreciative of the student support.

Application numbers are up overall for the Urbana campus by 11% for fall 2016. Questions have been raised over the economic downturn in China and if it will influence student attendance or housing on the Urbana campus.

Chair Miller discussed what it means to be a leader or team member on this campus. At times we are leaders and at times we are followers. Leaders are individuals working with others to create positive change. There are four key elements that followers need from leaders: trust, compassion, stability, and hope. We should work with leaders to ensure these key elements are provided.

Chair Miller also noted that senators will be receiving information about serving on Senate committees soon.

02/08/16-02 Tellers for the meeting were faculty senators Prasanta Kalita (ACES) and Rolando Romero (LAS), and student senator Calvin Lear (GRAD).

Chancellor's Remarks

Interim Chancellor Barbara Wilson stated that the state continues to be at a standstill in regards to a budget. President Killeen continues to talk to the legislature about the importance of higher education in our state and is planning to propose a three year compact. The compact would provide a more stable budget for three years instead of going through the budget process on a yearly basis. President Killeen has been working on the compact with the Illinois caucus. Wilson encouraged senators to advocate the importance of higher education.

Wilson invited Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Edward Feser to comment further on the budget process. Feser commented that normally a current budget for FY16 budget would be in place and work would begin on a FY17 budget. The budget plan this year will encompass the short-term and long-term budget plan. The 3%, 5%, and 7 % reduction exercises are a short-term solution. There also must be a plan to proactively think about how the campus needs to adjust over the long-term with continued reduced state support. The reduction percentages are not across the board reductions. Everyone is asked to plan in this manner, but action is not being taken at the time. This approach is to give everyone time to develop a plan.

This year the CBATF (Campus Budget Advisory Task Force) has been formed and CBOC (Campus Budget Oversight Committee) will not be constituted. A modified budget process will be used for this year and the CBATF has been asked to make recommendations on changes to the budget model and process. Budget Sessions are also planned in March. Additional information will be

distributed to the campus when dates and times are confirmed for the Budget Sessions. Wilson thanked Feser for the additional budget information.

Wilson reported that Notice of Admissions letters were recently sent to applicants. Applications have now passed 37,000 including an increase in Latino/a and African American applications. A lot of hard work has been done on recruitment and increased recruitment efforts will continue.

Wilson shared that the search for the College of Medicine Dean is underway and anticipates that a dean will be named by summer. The curriculum committee is hard at work along with a chief planner in order to meet the goal of admitting the first class of students in 2018.

Wilson thanked Matthew Wheeler for chairing the Athletic Director search committee. The committee is making great progress and attention has been attracted from some really good candidates.

The search for a Vice Chancellor for Diversity will begin soon. This position was previously held by Menah Pratt-Clarke. Wilson continues to meet with students to discuss diversity issues and inclusion in a more expansive way.

Questions/Discussion

Faculty senator Weech (LISC) requested the Senate be more actively involved in the budget process. Wilson noted that there is Senate representation on the CBATF. Feser added that once a draft budget plan has been created, the next step would be meeting with the Dean's Budget Committee. There will be several groups reviewing and commenting on the proposed budget plan. Feser stated that the Senate and SEC will continue to be informed about the budget process.

Student senator Mosely (GRAD) asked for more detailed information on underrepresented student applicants and the majors those students were applying to. Wilson replied that the requested data was available, but did not have that level of detailed data on-hand at today's meeting.

Consent Agenda

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

- 02/08/16-03 EP.16.38* Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance (BFA in Dance)
- 02/08/16-04 EP.16.40* Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Art and Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts
- 02/08/16-05 EP.16.43* Proposal to Revise the Teacher Education Minor in Secondary School Teaching in the College of Education
- 02/08/16-06 EP.16.45* Proposal to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Computational Science and Engineering
- 02/08/16-07 EP.16.47* Proposal to Revise the Requirements for the Master of Music Education Degree
- 02/08/16-08 EP.16.49* Proposal to Revise the Computer Science B.S. Degree in the College of Engineering

Proposals

- 02/08/16-09 CC.16.09* Nomination to the State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee (SURSMAC)

As Chair and on behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Kalita moved approval of Professor Emeritus John Kindt to serve on SURSMAC. There were no nominations from the floor and nominations were declared closed.

- 02/08/16-10 By voice, Professor Emeritus Kindt was approved as a SURSMAC representative.

- 02/08/16-11 SP.16.04* Student Electorate Apportionment and the Election Procedures
As Chair and on behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), Maher introduced and moved approval of the student apportionment plan in proposal SP.16.04. Maher noted that the Senate is tasked with regularly reviewing the apportionment of senators. No discussion followed.
- 02/08/16-12 By voice, the motion to adopt proposal SP.16.04 was approved.
- 02/08/16-13 SP.16.07* Recommendations in Response to Proposed Revisions to the Non-Discrimination Statement
As Chair and on behalf of the USSP, Maher introduced proposal SP.16.07. Maher noted that Proposal 1 is offered for final approval at today's meeting.
- 02/08/16-14 By voice, the motion to adopt Proposal 1 of SP.16.07 was approved.
USSP Chair Maher introduced Proposal 2 and noted Proposal 2 is offered for a first reading at today's meeting with a second reading and final approval at the March 7, 2016 Senate meeting. The floor was opened for discussion.
USSP Chair Maher was asked to describe the process for proposing additional amendments to the Nondiscrimination Statement (NDS). USSP Chair Maher responded that all *Statutes* changes require two readings. As long as changes made to the proposal after the first reading are not of a substantive nature, the proposed amendment to the *Statutes* can be acted upon at its second reading during the subsequent Senate meeting.
Faculty senator Oberdeck (LAS) requested criminal background checks also be added to the NDS. The USSP will take the advice of the Senate into consideration when preparing the proposal for a second reading.
- Current Benefits Issues**
John Kindt, Chair of Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits, reminded those present that employees can contact representatives, but University resources cannot be used in support of any political activities and any political activities must not interfere with employment obligations to the University.
Kindt noted the following resources for additional information on employee and retiree benefits and pension issues: 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>.
Illinois Senate Bill 2043 is currently being considered by the legislature. SB 2043 would provide funding for universities, community colleges, and grants for low-income students.
Form 1095c showing employer-provided health insurance is not currently required to file taxes.
- Reports**
- 02/08/16-15 EP.16.50* EPC Administrative Approvals through January 25, 2016
- New Business**
None.
- Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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