

**Senate of the Urbana-Champaign Campus**

April 4, 2016

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:10 pm in Illini Room A of the Illini Union with Interim Chancellor Barbara Wilson presiding and Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. serving as Parliamentarian.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

04/04/16-01 The minutes from March 7, 2016 were approved as distributed.

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Gay Miller (VMED), faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), reported that she recently attended a CIC (Committee on Institutional Cooperation) Faculty Governance Conference at the University of Michigan. Conference topics included faculty purview, due process, academic freedom, and Title IX. It appeared that many of the institutions in attendance were facing similar issues as those faced by our own University.

Chair Miller noted that the budget continues to be a topic of concern. Interim Provost Feser hosted a budget session at three different campus locations. Feser plans to make the budget presentation information available online.

Chair Miller mentioned an online post from College of Engineering Dean Cangellaris stating that student growth in Engineering has greatly surpassed the faculty growth in Engineering which reduces the amount of research faculty can do. The budget impasse makes it difficult to plan and invest. Engineering will continue to work on growing endowments. Even the premier programs at Illinois are being hurt by the budget impasse.

The outlook for some Illinois institutions is bleak. The Illinois Institute of Technology has asked its student to pay back MAP (Monetary Award Program) grant credits. Students can pay back the funds in cash, take out a loan, or have a hold put on their student account. Chicago State University employees have been asked to turn in their keys. Chair Miller urged individuals to be actively engaged as citizens and contact legislators about their thoughts on the budget.

04/04/16-02 Floor privileges were granted without objection to Tyler Rotche to speak to item RS.16.06.

04/04/16-03 Tellers for the meeting were faculty senators Tyson (LAS) and Williamson (LAS), and student senator Butkus (FAA).

**CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Interim Chancellor Barbara Wilson reported that she did not have much to add to Chair Miller's previous remarks on the State budget impasse, but the administration continues to engage the legislature on the issue. Additional budget information will be posted online as it becomes available.

Wilson reported that the campus is in the height of the student recruitment effort. Applications have reached almost 38,000 for 7,500 slots, which is an 11% increase. Yield (percentage of students who accept an offer of admission) has increased compared to this same time last year.

The College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS) search committee has invited Dean Candidates to campus. Outstanding candidates have been identified in the new College of Medicine Dean search, and the search will move into the final stages soon. The College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES) Dean search is still in progress and moving forward.

Commencement is May 14 at Memorial Stadium. Jeff Huber, an Illinois Computer Science graduate, will be the Commencement Speaker. Huber previously worked at Google on Google

Maps and Gmail, and his current company, Grail, is now working to develop a revolutionary blood test to detect early stage cancer. Huber credits much of his success to his Illinois education.

Students are exploring the creation of the first ever mascot. They are holding several meetings and talking to a number of stakeholders. The Chief was a symbol, not a mascot. Wilson is very supportive of the mascot initiative.

#### **QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**

At the previous Senate meeting Barnes (LAS) requested the names of the members of the Hiring Risk Assessment Committee. Benmamoun shared this list with Barnes (LAS). Barnes (LAS) read the list of members: Stacy Dymond, Larry Firkins, Sandra Kopels, Michael LeRoy, Curtis Perry, Jamelle Sharpe, Bill Stewart and Amelia Woods. LeRoy, Sharpe and Woods are members that were nominated by the Senate. Wilson noted that not every faculty member is involved in each case. Faculty members available serve when called.

Rosenstein (MDA) announced that the Search Committee to Assist the President in the Selection of a Chancellor is now accepting nominations for Chancellor. There is an online portal to submit nominations.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

04/04/16-04 EP.16.54\* Proposal to Revise the Professional Science Masters in Geographic Information Science, LAS and Graduate College

04/04/16-05 EP.16.56\* Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Asian American Studies, LAS

#### **PROPOSALS**

04/04/16-06 SP.15.21\* Revisions to the *Statutes* to Implement the Recommendations of the Hiring Policies and Procedures Review Committee

As Chair and on behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), Maher introduced and noted this proposal is presented as a first reading for discussion. The proposal was first brought forward for a first reading at the November 16, 2015 Senate meeting, but with significant changes USSP is presenting SP.15.21 as a first reading again. USSP Chair Maher noted that a vote will be taken at a subsequent Senate meeting. Maher continued by explaining the process for *Statutes* amendments.

This proposal is the product of a resolution that came from the Hiring Policies and Procedures Review Committee report. This topic is complicated and it has taken the USSP committee some time to thoroughly review the topic and provide the proposed amendments to the *Statutes*.

In response to a senator's question about contacting the Office of University Counsel, Chair Maher noted that USSP has asked for University Counsel representation on the USSP Committee. University Counsel provided a liaison to informally attend USSP Committee meetings, but this person does not provide formal consultation or legal advice.

Discussion continued on the use of the word "delegate" and possible ambiguity. Tolliver (LAS) stated that she believed that delegate is the right word, but do not think the definition is clear. In response, Maher emphasized that delegation would convey appointment authority but remove the ultimate authority from the Board. Burbules (EDUC) seconded Maher's statement and emphasized that delegating authority does not abdicate responsibility.

USSP Chair Maher (LIBR) ended the discussion by noting he would bring concerns stated today to the full USSP committee for further discussion and anticipates a final version of the proposal to be presented for action at the next regular Senate meeting.

04/04/16-07 SP.16.10\* Revisions to the *Bylaws*, Part F, Section 1 – State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee (SURSMAC)

As Chair and on behalf of the USSP Committee, Maher (LIBR) introduced and moved approval of proposal SP.16.10. Maher noted that the minor changes would bring the Bylaws into alignment with the revised SURSMAC governing documents.

04/04/16-08 By voice, the motion to adopt SP.16.10 was approved.

#### **ILLINOIS CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (iCAP)**

Ben McCall, Associate Director for Campus Sustainability presented the 2015 Illinois Climate Action Plan.

Some of the topics McCall presented are the achievements since the 2010 iCAP and the new sustainability procedure. McCall discussed the six SWATeams (Sustainability Working Advisory Teams) areas: 1.) Energy Conservation and Building Standards; 2.) Energy Generation, Purchasing, and Distribution; 3.) Transportation; 4.) Purchasing, Waste, and Recycling; 5.) Water and Storm water; and 6.) Agriculture, Land Use, Food, and Sequestration. The SWATeams make recommendations on what the campus should be doing in each of the areas.

McCall discussed the carbon neutrality date, 2050, important energy conservation objectives, energy generation objectives, and a possible energy emissions trajectory.

The iCAP PowerPoint presentation\* is available online:

<http://www.senate.illinois.edu/20160404iCAP2015.pdf>

#### **PROPOSALS**

04/04/16-09 CO.16.01\* Resolution in Support of the Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP)

As Chair and on behalf of the Senate Committee on Campus Operations, O'Brien (LIBR) moved approval of Resolution CO.16.01. Discussion followed.

04/04/16-10 Wong (LAS) moved to amend the resolution by inserting the phrase "in energy costs in FY14 alone" before the word "and" at the end of the seventh whereas clause. The motion was seconded.

04/04/16-11 By voice the motion to amend the resolution by inserting the phrase "in energy costs in FY14 alone" before the word "and" at the end of the seventh whereas clause was approved.

In response to a question, McCall noted that the current carbon emissions that are tracked include on campus emissions from direct combustion, electricity that is purchased, emissions from the university fleet, agricultural operations on campus, commuting of faculty and staff, and directly financed air travel.

O'Brien (LIBR) responded to a concern about the net zero square foot policy. O'Brien noted that the net zero square foot policy had already been approved. A unit within the university can request a variance. There would need to be a significant amount of data and support behind the request. McCall added that Illinois is among the lowest ranked in the efficiency of space usage. McCall stated that there is room to grow excellence without growing in square footage.

04/04/16-12 Ando (ACES) made a motion to further amend the resolution by striking the last whereas clause: "WHEREAS further steps toward carbon neutrality will require campus-wide support of significant new or additional efforts coordinated across the campus community," The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

Several senators spoke against the motion to strike the last whereas clause from the resolution.

- 04/04/16-13 By voice, the motion to amend the proposal by striking the last whereas clause failed.
- 04/04/16-14 Lear (GRAD) made a motion to amend the proposal by striking the phrase “while maintaining.....teaching institution.” in the final be it further resolved clause. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.
- Campus Operations Chair O’Brien noted that resolution supports funding the 2015 Illinois Climate Action Plan as a top priority, but not the top priority.
- 04/04/16-15 By voice, the motion to amend the proposal by striking the phrase “while maintaining.....teaching institution.” in the final be it further resolved clause failed.
- 04/04/16-16 By voice, the amended resolution was approved unanimously.
- 04/04/16-17 RS.16.06\* Campus Senate Recommendation to University of Illinois Regarding Coal Divestment
- Montgomery (GRAD) noted that the resolution is not directed at the University of Illinois Foundation investments made for the University, but the campus level investments that are made by Treasury Operations. Montgomery (GRAD) spoke in support of the resolution.
- Scanlan (ACES) reported that the Illinois Student Senate (ISS) has voted twice to divest from coal. Scanlan (ACES) also spoke in support of the resolution along with Mosely III (GRAD), and Tyler Rotche, a founding member of Beyond Coal.
- 04/04/16-18 After a lengthy discussion, Kindt (BUS) moved to close debate. The motion was seconded.
- 04/04/16-19 By voice, the motion to close debate was approved and debate ended.
- 04/04/16-20 By voice, the motion to adopt resolution RS.16.06 was approved.
- 04/04/16-21 BG.16.01\* Resolution Calling for the State of Illinois to Enact a Budget
- As Chair and on behalf of the Senate Committee on the Budget, Sandretto moved approval of Resolution BG.16.01. Sandretto noted that University Legal Counsel had been contacted and was advised that this resolution is not considered lobbying.
- Kindt (BUS) gave anecdotes about the negative impact on employee benefits due to the lack of a state budget for the University.
- Chair Miller noted if the resolution is approved, it will be sent to member of the legislature and to the Governor.
- 04/04/16-22 By voice, the motion to adopt resolution BG.16.01 was approved unanimously.
- REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**
- 04/04/16-23 EP.16.67\* Expected Enrollment Increase for the Online Masters of Computer Science (MCS) Degree Focusing on Data Sciences
- 04/04/16-24 SC.16.28\* BOT Observer Report – March 16, 2016
- 04/04/16-25 UC.16.01\* Report on the 2015-16 Meetings of the University Senates Conference
- NEW BUSINESS**  
None.
- ADJOURNMENT**  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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

A video recording of these proceedings can be found at <https://go.illinois.edu/senate>