

## SENATE OF THE URBANA-CHAMPAIGN CAMPUS

February 6, 2017

Minutes

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

02/06/17-01 The minutes from December 5, 2016 were approved as distributed.

### SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Gay Miller (VMED), faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), noted the national situation in regard to President Trump's executive order on immigration. Chair Miller encouraged those present to share their opinions with legislators. Miller also mentioned the recent communications sent by President Killeen and Chancellor Jones, stating that both communications were in support of students, but University leaders do not use the term "sanctuary campus" because the language is considered to be too indeterminate.

Miller expressed concern about the negative consequences for our academic community resulting from President Trump's recent Executive Order on immigration. The administration is working to understand the implications and protect the members in our academic community who could be affected, including faculty, staff and students. The administration also asks that you join them in standing with those who are affected by the executive order.

Miller reported that the SEC received a briefing on Emergency Preparedness from Chief of Police Jeff Christiansen and Lt. Todd Short. Miller noted the Run-Hide-Fight flyer that was distributed at the beginning of the meeting and added that more flyers would be available when exiting the meeting. Chief Christensen and Lt. Short are scheduled to provide a briefing to the Senate at the March Senate meeting. Chancellor Jones will also be speaking today about the Run-Hide-Fight campaign and the survey results on the Run-Hide-Fight campaign.

Illinois continues to have good enrollment numbers, but there are ongoing enrollment concerns. The State of Illinois has a large migration of students going to other states to attend college. This exports talent, and these students are also less likely to return to work in the State of Illinois. With the ability to attract a record number of applicants, cost is still cited as the number one reason for admitted student not to choose Illinois. The University's commitment to keeping Illinois education affordable is shown by the continued tuition freeze.

Miller also directed attention to the January Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting report that includes background checks.

02/06/17-02 The following floor privilege requests were approved as requested. To speak to EP.17.39, Germán Bollero, Prof. Crop Sciences; Frederic Kolb, Prof. Crop Sciences; Lenny Pitt, Prof. & Associate Head Computer Science; Rob Rutenbar, Prof. Computer Science.

### CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Chancellor Robert Jones invited Parliamentarian Friedman to speak about Senate meeting procedures. Friedman stated that the Senate is a representative body and not

an open forum for the entire campus. If non-senators would like the Senate to discuss an issue, Friedman encouraged non-senators to seek out their Senate representative. If non-senators want to address the Senate, the non-senator must request floor privileges in advance of the meeting. Friedman also encouraged anyone speaking to limit their remarks and to remember to address remarks or questions to the meeting chair, and not to other individuals. Applause is not necessary and can be intimidating or disruptive.

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) is reviewing general Senate meeting procedures such as the use of i>Clickers and time limits. New standing rules might be proposed to clarify these procedures.

Chancellor Jones reported that the Presidential executive order on immigration has been given much time and attention at many campus levels. There has been concern and confusion about the scope and implications of the executive order. The situation will continue to be monitored. There are individuals on this campus that have been affected by the order. We are working to get resources to those that are affected. Provost Feser and Chancellor Jones have tried to make their position very clear, along with President and other Chancellors. We will continue to work against policies and practices that are detrimental to our value system and will continue to advocate on the behalf of those affected. A website, <http://illinois.edu/openillinois2>, has been created to provide answers to many of the questions. A working group has also been established under Vice Provost Benmamoun. Privacy is of great concern, especially to those that are directly affected. Be very careful of using names of individuals. We do not want to violate or expose these individuals any more than they have already been impacted. We want to help these individuals, but we need to be careful.

Jones gave his support of the Run-Hide-Fight campaign. As the Chancellor, Jones feels he has an obligation to help keep everyone in this community safe. Faculty and students were surveyed about the distribution of and timing of the distribution of Run-Hide-Fight materials and information. More than 1100 undergraduate students responded to the survey. About 63% indicated they received the information. And 75% of the students said they were concerned about an active shooter on this campus.

Almost 460 faculty responded to the survey. Jones was disheartened by the faculty that specifically chose not to provide this information to their students. Jones added that the Run-Hide-Fight strategy may not be the response for all situations, but felt strongly that this approach is a good starting point. Jones thanked all of those that participated in this critically important work.

Jones stated that he plans to announce the new Interim Provost before the end of the week. A search firm will be used in the search for a permanent Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost. Later in the meeting a process document will be presented on the formation of a search committee to advise Jones on the selection of a permanent Provost. Jones was optimistic that a new Provost would be selected by this fall.

The University of Illinois Foundation has a new Vice Chancellor for Advancement pending BOT approval. Barry Benson comes to Illinois from the University of Arizona and will begin on March 16. Jones thanked Ed Ewald for serving as Interim Vice Chancellor for Advancement during the lengthy search process.

An external review of diversity will be conducted on this campus February 19-21. The intention of the review is to assess our diversity issues and see where improvements can be made and how to do things more effectively and efficiently.

Jones invited everyone to celebrate 150 years of the University of Illinois by attending the sesquicentennial kick-off event on February 18.

Jones concluded his remarks by thanking Ed Feser for his service as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost.

#### **QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**

None.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 02/06/17-03 EP.17.31\* Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Psychological Science and eliminate the Master of Arts in Psychology from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 02/06/17-04 EP.17.33\* Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Musical Arts in Lyric Theatre from the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- 02/06/17-05 EP.17.39\* Proposal to Establish a New Major in Computer Science and Crop Sciences for the Bachelor of Science in the Department of Crop Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences
- 02/06/17-06 EP.17.43\* Proposal to Eliminate the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine
- 02/06/17-07 EP.17.45\* Proposal to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Journalism from the College of Media
- 02/06/17-08 EP.17.49\* Proposal to Modify the Undergraduate Minor in Arabic Studies, College of LAS

#### **PROPOSALS**

- 02/06/17-09 SC.17.10\* Procedures for Selecting a Search Committee to Advise the Chancellor on the Selection of a Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- On behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, Chair Miller introduced and moved approval of the procedures outlined in proposal SC.17.10.
- 02/06/17-10 By i>Clicker, proposal SC.17.10 was approved with 122 in favor and 3 opposed.
- 02/06/17-11 CC.17.11\*Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees of the Senate
- On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Chair Monda-Amaya moved approval of the slate of nominees listed in proposal CC.17.11. There were no nominations from the floor and nominations were declared closed.
- 02/06/17-12 By i>Clicker, proposal CC.17.11 was approved with 121 in favor and 4 opposed.
- 02/06/17-13 CC.17.12\* Nominations to the Athletic Board
- On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Chair Monda-Amaya moved approval of the slate of nominees listed in proposal CC.17.12. There were no nominations from the floor and nominations were declared closed.

Faculty senator Rosenstein (MDA) noted that the Senate *Bylaws* Part E.1.a.11 states that the Athletic Board will “Report to the Senate at least twice each year, with at least yearly input from the Athletic Director”. The Athletic Board has not submitted a report to the Senate at this time so Rosenstein made a motion to suspend the approval of Athletic Board nominations until the Senate receives a report from the Athletic Board. The motion was ruled out of order.

02/06/17-14 By i>Clicker, proposal CC.17.12 was approved with 73 in favor and 56 opposed.

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

02/06/17-15 SC.17.09\* Report of the Board of Trustees Meeting on January 19, 2017

Faculty senator Barnes (LAS) requested more detailed information regarding the individuals that were not hired based on the results returned from background checks. Miller suggested that Benmamoun might be able to address background check concerns.

02/06/17-16 EP.17.50\* Report of Administrative Approvals through January 23, 2017

02/06/17-17 EP.17.52\* Report of Administrative Approvals through January 30, 2017

02/06/17-18 EP.17.54\* Report of the Naming of the Siebel Center for Design Building

02/06/17-19 SUR.17.01\* Report of the SURSMAC Meeting on October 26, 2016

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 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>