

**APPROVED BY SENATE**  
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**SENATE OF THE URBANA-CHAMPAIGN CAMPUS**

May 1, 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**

05/01/17-01 The minutes from April 3, 2017 were approved as distributed.

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Gay Miller (VMED), faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), reported on the following items.

Facilities and administrative (F&A) rates are added by all universities to grants and has now come under scrutiny. These funds support many integral functions of the university. F&A rates are negotiated and specific to our university. This issue needs to continue to be monitored at the national level.

There are still budgetary concerns over the funding of higher education in the state of Illinois. The state of Illinois is having a negative impact at the national level. Funding per student in higher education has decreased by 80%. Miller encouraged senators to contact legislators to tell them the importance of the University to the state of Illinois and higher education.

A recent AAUP (American Association of University Professors) report showed that as a whole full-time instructors earned an average of 2.6% more in the 2016-2017 academic year compared to the previous year. Salaries at Illinois were zero for these years with a 2% mid-year increase this year. Illinois will need to take this information into consideration to remain competitive in continuing to attract quality hires while not creating or furthering salary disparities.

Miller called attention to the fact that normally final examinations are not held on Saturdays, but an exception was previously approved by the Senate to hold final examinations on Saturday in fall 2017.

Miller wished everyone a productive and fulfilling summer.

05/01/17-02 Floor privileges were granted without objection to the following individual to speak to item EQ.17.03, Miyanna Smith-Stamps.

**CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Chancellor Robert Jones thanked Gay Miller for her service as SEC Chair and expressed his pleasure in working with her this past year. Jones also thanks SEC Vice-Chair Kim Graber for her work in the Senate. Jones also thanked senators for their service in the Senate and participation in shared governance.

There is a common thread in serving on an Academic Senate. Even in the best of years there will be contentious and sometimes down right unpleasant topics of conversation. Most of the Senate's work is done without a lot of fanfare and public acknowledgement, but this is necessary and important work. We can take the challenges and turn them into opportunities to move this great University forward.

Jones discussed the diversity review report. The report will be shared broadly and discussed broadly. The intention is to move this process forward with engaging the appropriate subcommittees of the Senate and also the university community. This is not a comprehensive document, but a first look at what needs to be done in the area of diversity. A deeper more

thorough examination will occur through the strategic planning process. One recommendation was to create a senior cabinet member to lead diversity at this university. The report makes it clear that there are some things that we should be doing or doing differently and Jones looks forward to having conversations about the report.

In this post-election season attention will be on diversity at a national level. Science and the humanities. Funding of long standing programs in the sciences and humanities have also come into questions. AAU (American Association of Universities) is a meeting of presidents and chancellors from distinguished universities across the United States. As a group, the AAU members decided to write a strong, comprehensive statement in support of funding science programs. The statement can be found on the AAU website: [www.aau.edu](http://www.aau.edu).

Jones announced this year's commencement speaker and alum, Nick Offerman. Jones invited those available to attend commencement.

Jones believes that cultivating a strong, trusting relationship between the academic Senate and university leadership and administration is essential to a successful university. Jones wants to work more effectively in the future with the academic Senate and shared governance to work collectively to move this university forward. Jones mentioned engaging in conversations early and often. Hopefully this will increase the speed and efficiency of processes. Jones commented that there is not always going to be agreement, but we should be able to work together.

#### **QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**

Faculty senator Beck (ENGR) commented positively on the recent Town Hall held to discuss the budget and budget reform. Beck noted that as everyone is learning to do more with less across the campus, we will have to think of creative ways to achieve our goals.

Faculty senator Somerville (LAS) asked about the recent AAUP (American Association of University Professors) visit and status of the censure. Jones responded that the AAUP responded positively to the strong statements that have been made about free speech and the list of changes made in the hiring process.

Somerville also inquired about American Indian Studies as an academic field. Jones replied that discussion on strengthening the program and faculty appointments are important and will be discussed during the budget and academic planning for next year.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 05/01/17-03 EP.17.62\* Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art Education Major from the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- 05/01/17-04 EP.17.73\* Proposal to Revise the Ph.D. in Slavic Languages and Literature from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 05/01/17-05 EP.17.77\* Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering from the College of Engineering
- 05/01/17-06 EP.17.80\* Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Science with the Major in Computer Science and Music from the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- 05/01/17-07 EP.17.83\* Proposal to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Railway Engineering from the College of Engineering
- 05/01/17-08 EP.17.84\* Proposal to Revise the Course Requirements for the Ph.D. in Statistics from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 05/01/17-09 EP.17.85\* Proposal to Eliminate the Master of Arts in Economics from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- 05/01/17-10 [EP.17.86\\*](#) Proposal to Establish a Master of Journalism Degree and a combined Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Master of Journalism Degree in the Department of Journalism from the College of Media
- 05/01/17-11 [EP.17.87\\*](#) Proposal to Establish the Bachelor of Science, Major in Secondary Education, with the Concentration in Mathematics from the College of Education
- 05/01/17-12 [EP.17.90\\*](#) Revision to Academic Calendars 2017-2018 through 2023-2024

**DIA – AN OVERVIEW OF MAJOR COLLEGE ATHLETICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

Athletic Director Josh Whitman gave background information about his time as an Illinois athlete and Bronze Tablet honoree. Whitman stated that DIA is not just about UI athletics, but the overall growth and development of our student athletes. Whitman is a true believer in the power of college athletics and the opportunity to enhance the undergrad experience.

Illinois is a member of the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and the founding member of the Big Ten Conference. There are currently 14 members of the Big Ten Conference.

DIA sponsors 21 sports with 10 men's sports and 11 women's sports. Athletics has approximately 300 full-time staff with about 250 of those in intercollegiate Athletics and about 50 at State Farm Center. They also employ about 2000 part-time hourly staff. The coaching staff consists of 17 head coaches and 56 full-time assistant coaches. This does not include volunteers, graduate assistants, or strength and conditioning coaches. Whitman noted that athletics is an extension of the educational experience and students grow personally and academically.

There are currently 483 student athletes with 291 men and 192 women. Student-athletes represent 32 states, 12 countries, and 77 majors in 11 different colleges. If a student is on three teams, s/he counts three times. Approximately 23% of the student-athlete population (~100) identifies as African-American and approximately 5% of African-American undergraduate students at Illinois are student-athletes. Approximately 18% of student-athlete population (~75) receives a Pell Grant. Whitman noted that the NCAA mandates the scholarships and DIA funds the equivalent of approximately 259 scholarships each year. This represents income on the tuition side of revenues.

DIA fully funds their scholarships and pay the full bill to the University. Tuition waivers were started in the 1970s to encourage female participation. The waiver program is being phased out and this will be the last year for the program. One of DIA's challenges is to grow scholarships to continue to fully fund them.

DIA is committed to academic excellence and offers a number of academic services including individualized academic advising, a tutor program, life skills, success seminars, a mentor program, community service, the Leadership Academy, and physical study spaces.

DIA has an 87% graduation success rate. Student-athlete cumulative GPA for spring 2016 was 3.16 with 13 of 19 teams over a 3.0 and 8 teams over a 3.30. There are 296 (61%) student-athletes achieving a  $\geq 3.0$  GPA and 26 student-athletes achieving a 4.0 GPA.

Whitman shared a chart showing total revenues of \$91.6 million. The \$91.6 million is comprised of the following: \$35.1 Big Ten Conference distributions, \$15.2 gate receipts, \$21.2 donations and endowment income, \$7.5 premium seating, \$5.9 sponsorship and licensing, \$3.1 student fees, \$2.7 retail operations and camps, \$0.5 campus support (tuition waivers), and \$0.4 other.

The Big Ten Conference distributions include a number of different media outlets, bowl game revenues, and conference championships. The distributions are expected to grow. The NCAA

just increased media outlets and revenues are projected to be near \$50 million in the next couple of years. Across the Big Ten, Illinois is ranked 9 out of 14 in total revenue generation.

Another chart showed total expenses of \$97.8 million which is comprised of the following: \$31.2 facilities, \$29.5 sports operations, \$12.1 scholarships, \$9.0 administration, \$7.0 revenue production, \$6.0 student-athlete support services, and \$3.0 retail operation and camps. Illinois is also ranked 9 out of 14 in total expenses across the Big Ten.

DIA has a substantial amount of debt which includes renovations on Memorial Stadium and State Farm Center. Debt service is around \$20 million per year. Sports operations includes team travel and staff salaries. There are 20,000 empty seats for football and 5,000 empty seats for men's basketball. Whitman would like to see more of the empty seats sold.

In response to comments on the stereotypical Native American music played during athletic events, Whitman responded that DIA is committed to establishing an inclusive community and conversations about the stereotypical music are continuing, but an outcome has not been reached yet.

Whitman also responded to discussions about the possibility of a new mascot. Whitman said he has a strong understanding of the sensitivity of this issue. The question should be how to bring people together in pride. It needs to be framed in a broader context with an overarching goal of unification. There are probably more important issues, but there is not a more delicate and more divisive issue. Whitman would like to see a more unified approach.

#### **PROPOSALS**

05/01/17-13 SP.17.08: Revisions to the *Standing Rules* – Voting by electronic clickers

On behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), committee member Gilmore introduced and moved approval of proposal SP.17.08.

05/01/17-14 By i>clicker, proposal SP.17.08 was approved with 86 in favor and 3 opposed.

05/01/17-15 SP.17.09: Proposed Revisions to the *Bylaws*, Part B.5. Senate Committees – Eligibility of academic professional positions

On behalf of the USSP, committee member Gilmore introduced and moved approval of proposal SP.17.09. As a member of the USSP committee, Friedman gave additional information on the Council of Academic Professionals (CAP). CAP is comprised of 11 districts, seven districts are considered to have a teaching and/or research role. The other remaining districts include administrative only units. All members of the Academic Professional (AP) electorate are members of CAP, but this does not mean that all CAP members are members of the AP electorate. The proposed clarification is consistent with the way faculty and student seats on committees are eligible to be filled by members of their respective electorate.

05/01/17-16 By i>clicker, proposal SP.17.09 was approved with 84 in favor and 5 opposed.

05/01/17-17 SC.17.13: 2017-2018 Senate and Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Calendar

On behalf of the SEC, Chair Miller introduced and moved approval of proposal SC.17.13.

05/01/17-18 By i>clicker, proposal SC.17.13 was approved with 85 in favor and 2 opposed.

05/01/17-19 EQ.17.03: Resolution Promoting Black and African American Student Enrollment Goals

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion (EQ), Chair Oberdeck introduced and moved approval of EQ.17.03. Discussion followed.

Several senators spoke in support of the resolution and some also spoke in support of the related but different initiative, Project 1000. A clarification was made that the resolution is not

an endorsement of Project 1000, but rather the resolution overlaps on certain points with Project 1000.

05/01/17-20 By i>clicker, proposal EQ.17.03 was approved with 68 in favor and 9 opposed.

**CALL FOR HONORARY DEGREE AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Matthew Wheeler, Chair of Honorary Degrees

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

05/01/17-21 EP.17.89\* Report on the Campus Student Learning Outcomes

05/01/17-22 EP.17.91\* EPC Administrative Approvals through April 24, 2017

05/01/17-23 SC.17.14\* Report on the March 15, 2017 Meeting of the Board of Trustees

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 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>