

**SENATE OF THE URBANA-CHAMPAIGN CAMPUS**

September 18, 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**

09/18/17-01 The minutes from April 17, 2017 were approved as distributed.

09/18/17-02 The minutes from May 1, 2017 were approved as amended.

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Bettina Francis (LAS), faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), welcomed everyone to the first Senate meeting of the academic year.

Chair Francis noted that participation in the Senate is senators' voice in shared governance. Francis reminded senators that they are constituents to their units and as such should be sure to give those represented a voice. Another important duty as a senator is to inform your unit of the proceedings of each Senate meeting.

Francis also appealed to senators for participation in Senate committees. There are many different committees with varying charges. If your first choice of a committee is not available, try out something new. Vacancies come up throughout the year and Committee on Committees is always looking for nominees.

**CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Chancellor Robert Jones thanked everyone for their willingness to serve in the Senate and looks forward to working with the Senate.

Jones noted that again, Illinois has the largest, most diverse freshman class in the history of the University. About 20% of the class come from underrepresented groups and about 22% are first in their generation to attend college. International enrollment is up slightly with students from 31 nations.

According to the US News and World Report, Illinois has declined in ranking from last year. With a slight decline in alumni giving and a larger freshman class, the four-way tie that Illinois was part of for the last few years was broken. This is not a significant shift, but it does not take a substantial change to break a four-way tie. Given the recent financial issues, our focus has been on protecting the Illinois student experience and success. Graduation and freshman retention rates both held steady or improved.

Jones reported that last week the four Provost finalists were announced. Each candidate will speak during a public forum which will also be streaming live if you are unable to physically attend. Jones is very pleased with the pool of diverse candidates including one internal candidate. Jones also thanked Interim Provost John Wilkin for his willingness to serve in the capacity of interim and to continue moving the University forward in this role. (Round of applause)

Jones introduced Nancy "Rusty" Barceló as the recently hired Visiting Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Diversity. Barceló was chair of the External Diversity Review Team and plans to assist Illinois in moving forward with the recommendations in the Review Team's report. (Round of applause)

Jones also introduced Dr. Danita Brown Young as the new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. She is regarded as one of the top in her field.

The Interim Vice Chancellor for Research will be announced soon. It has taken slightly longer than expected to find the right person from such a talented group of people.

Jones invited everyone to the State of the University Address planned for November 2, 2017 at noon in the Illini Union Ballroom.

#### **QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**

Faculty senator Somerville (LAS) noted that there appears to be an emphasis on scientists and engineers in the pool of nominees for searches and asked how the University plans to represent all disciplines. Jones replied that there is not an intentional emphasis on any discipline. When a committee is charged, the Chancellor takes the recommendations of the search committee unless he really feels someone was overlooked.

In response to a question on rankings and admissions, Jones noted that he takes pride in the rigorous admissions standards of this University. We are adamant about attracting the best and brightest students. We also want to attract students that would succeed further if given more resources. There are broader admissions criteria than just attracting the top 10% of high school classes.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 09/18/17-03 EP.18.02\* Proposal to Revise the Curriculum of the Master of Music, Instrumental Conducting – Wind Band Concentration from the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- 09/18/17-04 EP.17.73\* Proposal to Revise the Curriculum of the Doctor of Musical Arts, Instrumental Conducting – Wind Band Concentration, in the School of Music from the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- 09/18/17-05 EP.17.77\* Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in History from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

#### **PROPOSALS**

- 09/18/17-06 CC.18.03: Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees of the Senate and Other Bodies with Senate Representation
- On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, chair O'Brien introduced and moved approval of proposal CC.18.03. There were no nominations from the floor.
- 09/18/17-07 By i>clicker, proposal CC.18.03 was approved with 139 in favor and 4 opposed.
- 09/18/17-08 CC.18.05: Nomination to the State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee (SURSMAC)
- On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, chair O'Brien introduced and moved approval of proposal CC.18.05. There were no nominations from the floor.
- 09/18/17-09 By i>clicker, Williamson will serve as the SURSMAC representative with 149 in favor and 5 opposed.
- 09/18/17-10 SC.18.03: Election of a University Senates Conference (USC) Member to Serve on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC)
- On behalf of the SEC, Chair Francis introduced proposal SC.18.04. There were no nominations from the floor.
- 09/18/17-11 By i>clicker, Maher will serve as the USC representative to the SEC with 147 in favor and 6 opposed.

- 09/18/17-12 SC.18.04: Election of a Faculty Member to the Committee on Committees  
On behalf of the SEC, Chair Francis introduced proposal SC.18.05. There were no nominations from the floor.
- 09/18/17-13 The following vote totals were reported.  
Jennifer Monson (FAA) 87  
Christopher Span (EDUC) 57
- 09/18/17-14 By i>clicker, Monson was elected to the Committee on Committees.
- 09/18/17-15 EP.17.74: Proposed Revisions to the Guidelines for General Education Courses (GB.91.02)  
On behalf of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC), Chair Miller introduced and moved approval of EP.17.74 with the following amendment. Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~.  
Line 62 "...as is determined to be the minimal amount of time feasible for careful  
Line 63 reviews by the General Education Board ~~members~~."
- Previous General Education Board (GEB) Chair Zilles noted that this proposal is not a change of policy, but rather putting practice into policy. There appears to be a reduction in the required number of hours for Natural Science & Technology, Humanities & the Arts, and Social & Behavioral Science, but the requirements from EP.89.09 were never put into practice so there is no actual reduction. No further discussion.
- 09/18/17-16 By i>clicker, proposal EP.17.74 was approved with 135 in favor and 13 opposed.
- 09/18/17-17 EQ.18.01: Resolution on Planned Termination of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Policy  
On behalf of the Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion (EQ), Chair Oberdeck introduced and moved approval of EQ.18.01.
- 09/18/17-18 By i>clicker, proposal EQ.18.01 was approved with 136 in favor and 8 opposed.
- CALL FOR HONORARY DEGREE AWARD NOMINATIONS**  
Matthew Wheeler, Chair of Honorary Degrees was not present to make an appeal for honorary degree nominations, but submission information was presented to senators in the meeting packet.
- REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**
- 09/18/17-19 SC.17.15\* Report on the May 11, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees  
09/18/17-20 SC.17.16\* Report on the July 13, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees  
09/18/17-21 EP.18.06\* EPC Report of Administrative Approvals through August 24, 2017  
09/18/17-22 EP.18.07\* EPC Report of Administrative Approvals through September 11, 2017
- NEW BUSINESS**  
None.
- ADJOURNMENT**  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 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>