

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

March 5, 2018

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 Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Bill Bernhard presiding and Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. serving as Parliamentarian.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

03/05/18-01 The minutes from February 5, 2018 were approved as distributed.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Senate Committee on Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits Chair John Kindt, Bettina Francis (LAS), a faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), reminded employees to become familiar with the <https://www.benefits.gov> website.

At the recent University Senates Conference (USC) meeting, a revision of the *University Statutes* to change the nomenclature of one university with three campuses to one system with three universities was discussed. This is not a clear process in which one can simply perform a find and replace command to update the *Statutes*. The USC will continue to discuss this issue.

USC is scheduled to give a presentation before the University Board of Trustees (BOT). This is one of the few ways the faculty can interact with the BOT. In the past, members of the BOT attended USC meetings, but this is no longer in practice. The presentation will reiterate that this University and other public institutions matter to the state.

Francis was invited to a the 50 year anniversary of a film on campus unrest at various campuses in the US and focused on this campus. It included not just local students, faculty, and community members, but also faculty and students from other universities across the US. Some of the people attending the meeting were at the original meeting 50 years ago. There is tension on campus again 50 years later, but one of the changes is the increase in diversity of attendees. Another change was the number of people smoking. In 1968 almost everyone was smoking. There was a heated discussion that focused on current campus tensions. A short film will again be made on the current campus unrest discussion.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Vice Provost Bernhard conveyed regrets from Chancellor Jones and Provost Cangelaris and noted that he will discuss the Graduate Employees Organization (GEO) negotiation progress, Chief Illiniwek, budget reform and strategic planning.

GEO negotiations. Bernhard stated that the important role graduate students play in the education of our students is valued. The GEO began its strike last week and continues this week. The number of classes cancelled or relocated has varied depending on the day of the week. Each unit is responsible for covering classes. Negotiations will continue with another session scheduled for this Wednesday. Tuition waivers, compensation, and insurance costs are at the top of the list of negotiation points.

Chief Illiniwek and Native American imagery. The investigation into the actions of Professor Rosenstein has ended and his non-disciplinary paid administrative leave has ended. There seems to be gaps between the law and University policies and procedures which will be reviewed.

The allegations that the person wearing the Chief Illiniwek costume was given a security detail have been investigated and found to be untrue. All State Farm Center employees are to give the same level of security to all patrons.

At the men's basketball game on February 22, an outside group encouraged fans to wear Chief Illiniwek attire. Others were in attendance to protest such apparel. The main goal of the additional security was to have a safe event. Both sides responded peacefully. Facilities policies are being reviewed to be clearer about what is and is not permitted at events.

The Chancellor's Critical Conversations series will begin with a conversation on Native American imagery on April 10. Another conversation on issues of free speech will be on April 17 at the Krannert Center for Performing Arts at noon.

Strategic planning and budget reform. Bernhard encouraged attendees to review the task force reports on the Office of the Provost website for both strategic planning and budget reform. The commitment to the strategic planning process remains. The budget model is a value and integrated budget model and a white paper is available on the Provost budget webpage. A Town Hall will be held on March 13 at the Business Instructional Facility (BIF) and on March 28 at the NCSA auditorium. The budget model is not finished. The white paper creates a framework and input from the campus is welcome.

Bernhard thanked the SEC for working with the administration on processes around naming of programs involving donors. The conversation started with the Gies College of Business, but any changes to policy or procedures will be for donor naming in general.

The *status quo* is still in place for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). We will support our students if there are any changes to DACA.

Unofficial St. Patrick's Day. Bernhard reported that this was the quietest and most peaceful event to date. There has been no change in our stance that we do not endorse or support this event in anyway and think it should end.

The Illini Success Survey shows the first post-graduation positions for our students. Of those surveyed, 89% said that they secured employment within the first 6 months after graduation. The average starting salary was over \$59,000. Illinois graduates are in demand.

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

Several student senators including Raju (ENGR), Rodriquez (LAS), Lindwall (LAS), Zheng (DGS), Mladenik (ACES), and LeRoy(BUS) spoke in support of the GEO. Non-senator Marcelo Kuyumjian, DMA Candidate in the School of Music also expressed his support of the GEO. In addition, there were a number of faculty senators that voiced their support of the GEO. Those faculty senators included Steinberg (LAS), Rosenstock (LAS), Barnes (LAS), Belmont (LAS), McDuffee (LAS), Emmert (LAS), Somerville (LAS), Goodman (ENGR), Zilles (ENGR) and Bokamba (LAS).

At one point in the discussion, Chair Francis made a motion to close debate. The motion was seconded and Parliamentarian Friedman noted that a two-thirds majority is needed to close debate. By i-clicker, 65 votes were cast in favor of closing debate and 56 votes were cast to continue debate. The motion to close debate failed and the discussion continued.

Community member Breelyn Fay spoke in support of reinstating Chief Illiniwek.

Bernhardt noted that he will share comments made today with Provost Cangelaris.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 03/05/18-02 [EP.18.39](#)* Proposal to Establish a Joint Master of Arts in History and Master of Science in Information Sciences from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Information Sciences
- 03/05/18-03 [EP.18.43](#)* 2024-2025 Academic Calendar
- 03/05/18-04 [EP.18.44](#)* 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

03/05/18-05 EP.18.45* 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

03/05/18-06 EP.18.46* 2027-2028 Academic Calendar

03/05/18-07 EP.18.49* Proposal to Eliminate the Center for Digital Inclusion from the School of Information Sciences

PROPOSALS

03/05/18-08 CC.18.14: Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees of the Senate

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, committee member Campbell introduced and moved approval of proposal CC.18.14. There were no nominations from the floor.

03/05/18-09 By i-clicker, proposal CC.18.14 was approved with 96 in favor and 1 opposed.

03/05/18-10 C.18.13: Faculty Nominations to the Athletic Board

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, committee member Campbell introduced and moved approval of proposal CC.18.13. There were no nominations from the floor.

03/05/18-11 By i-clicker, proposal CC.18.13 was approved with 94 in favor and 6 opposed.

03/05/18-12 SP.18.07: Proposed Revision to the *Constitution*, Article II – Faculty Representation

On behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), Chair Gilmore introduced and moved approval of proposal SP.18.07.

03/05/18-13 By i-clicker, proposal SP.18.07 was approved by the required two-thirds majority with 88 in favor and 12 opposed.

03/05/18-14 SP.14.06: Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8 – to Authorize the University Senates Conference to Initiate Revisions to the *Statutes*

On behalf of the USSP, Chair Gilmore presented SP.14.06 for a first reading. As a first reading, no vote was taken.

03/05/18-15 SC.18.08: Statement on the Land Grant Mission and the Public Contract

03/05/18-16 On behalf of the SEC, Chair Francis introduced and moved approval of proposal SC.18.08.

03/05/18-17 By i-clicker, proposal SC.18.08 was approved with 82 in favor and 5 opposed.

03/05/18-18 RS.18.01: Resolution on the Use of “Administrative Leave” in the Context of Faculty Sanction

Faculty senator Rosenstock (LAS) introduced and moved approval of proposal RS.18.01. The motion was seconded and a short discussion followed with a few senators advocating for approval of the resolution.

03/05/18-19 By i-clicker, resolution RS.18.01 was approved with 64 in favor and 15 opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 and will reconvene on the following Monday, March 12, to conclude the remainder of business on the unfinished agenda.

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>