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URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
December 10, 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 Illini Union Room A of the Illini Union with Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Andreas Cangellaris presiding and Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. serving as Parliamentarian.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

12/10/18-01 The minutes from November 12, 2018 were approved as distributed.

12/10/18-02 The following individuals were granted floor privileges without objection.

Rhonda McElroy, Executive Director of Graduate Programs, to speak about item EP.19.19 and Rob Barrett, Associate Head of English, to speak about item EP.19.26.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Bettina Francis (LAS), a faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), asked that everyone watch for students who might be struggling with stress as the end of the semester nears, and to refer them to the various counseling resources available.

Francis noted that this is the second meeting in a row that unfinished business has carried over from the previous meeting and encouraged all senators to stay until the meeting is adjourned.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Provost Cangellaris gave remarks in the Chancellor's absence. Cangellaris reiterated that it is important to be cognizant of your own wellbeing and your colleagues. And if a situation becomes too overwhelming, to reach out to the number of resources available on campus for faculty, staff, and students.

The Chancellor's Commission on Native American Imagery and Reconciliation has held its first meeting. The Commission will focus on making recommendations in four core areas: 1) How to provide closure, healing, and reconciliation; 2) How to facilitate the establishment of new traditions; 3) How to remember the history of the Chief; and 4) How to honor and partner with Native Americans.

Chancellor Jones and Provost Cangellaris are working to create a misconduct task force at the University level. The charge of the task force is being finalized and then Jones and Cangellaris will reach out to various stakeholder groups to serve on the task force. There is also a system level task force being chaired by Vice President Wilson. There must be consistent and fair conduct at this University.

Cangellaris noted that Governor-elect Pritzker has reached out to and is including several members of the University of Illinois community on his transition team. Some members include Vice President Wilson, UIC Chancellor Michael Amiridis, and Dean Kidwell from the College of ACES (Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences). Others include Former Governor Jim Edgar and Laura Frerichs from the Research Park.

QUESTIONS

Faculty senator Reznick (LAS) inquired about what is being done to prepare for the loss in tuition from the decline in enrollment of international students. Cangellaris replied that when he was the Dean of the College of Engineering there was planning that was being done by the administration at the University level, not at the college level. The majority of the international student population are in the Colleges of Business or Engineering so those two colleges have been the leaders in addressing the issue.

Faculty senator Rosenstock (LAS) noted that there has been a \$1.3 million insurance payment from the College of Business for one year to act as a stop-gap. Hopefully this will end after a year. Have the managers of our endowment been brought into this discussion? Cangellaris replied that this could be a one-year issue or an epidemic. The one-year stop-gap gives us time to develop a plan and prepare. Diversification is key to making us more resilient. The goal is to address some of the challenges by promoting what we do best. There is not a lot of flexibility in the endowment. There is an effort to grow a portion of the endowment in a way that can be more discretionary. There is a need to be more creative in the way we diversify.

Faculty senator Rosenstock (LAS) also noted that the state of Illinois passed a law in 2016 that is in direct conflict with Title IX. This not only affects the University of Illinois, but also other institutions in the state. Cangellaris acknowledged that this is being addressed at the system level.

OLD BUSINESS

12/10/18-03 Provost Cangellaris relinquished chairmanship of the meeting and appointed SEC Chair Francis chair *pro tempore* for debate on item RS.19.04.

12/10/18-04 RS.19.04* Resolution to Protect Faculty from Trolling, Harassment, and Stalking

Discussion of item RS.19.04 resumed with the motion on the floor to amend item RS.19.04 by replacing all instances of the word “faculty” with the phrase “university employees”.

Faculty senator Burbules (EDUC) made a motion to refer item RS.19.04 to the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GP) for revisions and return the item for consideration at an upcoming Senate meeting. The motion was seconded and there was no discussion of the motion.

12/10/18-05 By i-clicker and show of hands, the motion to refer the item to GP was approved with 109 in favor, 15 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

12/10/18-06 EP.19.19* Revision of Curriculum Requirements for the Concentration in Energy Systems for the degree of Master of Engineering in the College of Engineering and establishing an Online option

12/10/18-07 EP.19.22* Establish an undergraduate minor in Turkish Studies

12/10/18-08 EP.19.23* Revision to the BALAS in Philosophy

12/10/18-09 EP.19.24* Revisions to the curriculum of the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre; Renaming the concentration in Lighting Design

12/10/18-10 EP.19.25* Revise the undergraduate minor in Adult Development

12/10/18-11 EP.19.30* Combine the Agricultural Education (AGED) and Agricultural Communications (AGCM) Programs into a new Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications (ALEC) Program; move the current MS in Agricultural Education degree from AGED to the new ALEC program; terminate the undergraduate major in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education and its two concentrations; terminate the undergraduate major in Agricultural Communications and its two concentrations; and create a new major in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications with four concentrations, in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

PROPOSALS

12/10/18-12 EP.19.26* Revise the BALAS in English, including the Establishment of a New Concentration

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP), Chair Miller introduced and moved approval of item EP.19.26. Chair Miller invited English Associate Head Barrett to speak about the item. A short discussion followed.

- 12/10/18-13 By i-clicker and show of hands, item EP.19.26 was approved with 118 in favor, 11 opposed, and 4 abstention.
- 12/10/18-14 CC.19.15* Election of Members on Standing Committees of the Senate
On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees (CC), Chair O'Brien introduced and moved approval of item CC.19.15. There were no nominations from the floor.
- 12/10/18-15 By i-clicker and show of hands, item CC.19.15 was approved with 132 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstention.
- 12/10/18-16 EC.18.03* Revisions to the *Election Rules for the Student Electorate*
On behalf of the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials (EC), Chair Graber introduced and moved approval of item EC.18.03. No discussion.
- 12/10/18-17 By i-clicker and show of hands, item EC.18.03 was approved with 132 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.
- 12/10/18-18 HD.19.05* Nomination for Honorary Degree Award
On behalf of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees (HD), Chair Wheeler introduced and moved approval of the nomination of Michael T. Aiken for an honorary degree award. No discussion.
- 12/10/18-19 By i-clicker and show of hands, the nomination of Aiken was approved with 122 in favor, 3 opposed, and 6 abstentions.

SOLAR FARM EXPANSION PRESENTATION

Scott Willenbrock, Affiliate of the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE) presented information about the solar farm expansion.*

The current 20.8-acre solar farm is located along the south side of Windsor Road between First Street and the railroad tracks. The solar farm initiative is part of the pledge to be carbon neutral as soon as possible. The Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP) was developed to outline energy conservation and renewable energy goals including the use of solar power and renewable energy credits. The current solar farm provides 2% of the campus's energy.

The goal of the solar expansion is to provide 5% of the campus's energy. Creating our own energy also reduces costs by cutting out the delivery component. Delivery cost are 40% of the purchased electricity price.

In response to questions, Willenbrock noted that the energy created by the solar farm is directly put back into the grid and there are no batteries or plan to use batteries to store the energy. The new solar panels are more efficient with the newer technology. Capitol will not be used up front, but they will be purchased on a pay-as-you-go plan through a private solar farm developer just as was done with the first solar farm. The new solar farm will be 55 acres located just north of Curtis Road and west of First Street. This location is currently used for research and growing crops to feed the swine.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- 12/10/18-20 SC.19.09* Report on the November 15, 2018 Meeting of the Board of Trustees
- 12/10/18-21 EP.19.31* Report of Administrative Approvals through December 3, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 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>.