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COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY STUDENT LIFE
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SL.20.11 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on University Student Life

This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Committee on University Student Life (SL) during the 2019-2020 academic year. SL met on September 6, October 11, November 15, February 14, April 3, and May 1. More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

I. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

SL.20.01, Review of Bylaws, Part D.20 – Senate Committee on University Student Life
At the request of the Senate Executive Committee, SL examined its duties and membership in the Bylaws, Part D.20. The Bylaws have been revised and will be forwarded to the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures for review in Fall 2020.

SL.20.02, Reducing Food Insecurity at Illinois
Alana Harris, Assistant Director for Student Wellness, briefed SL about concerns that some students on campus were experiencing food insecurity and hunger. Harris outlined resources for food insecure students on our campus community.

SL.20.03, Student Financial Aid Update
Michelle Trame, Director of Financial Aid, shared a presentation with SL regarding financial aid, cost of attendance, unmet student need, changes to financial aid for the 2019-2020 academic year, and continuing challenges.

SL.20.04, Responding to Illinois Student Stress
Dr. Carla McCowan, Director of the Counseling Center, shared a presentation on two initiatives for promoting mental health.

SL.20.05, Committee on Faculty Sexual Misconduct Report and Recommendations, September 20, 2019
SL received the Committee on Faculty Sexual Misconduct Report and Recommendations and reviewed the sixty-five recommendations provided within the report. SL did not have discussion or any further comment relating to the comprehensive report.

SL.20.06, Consensual Relationship Task Force, Final Report, 2018-2019
SL received the Final Report of the Consensual Relationship Task Force. SL did not have any discussion or further comment relating to the comprehensive report.
SL.20.07, Student Success Initiative
Kathy Martensen, Assistant Provost for Educational Programs, shared the Student Success Initiative with SL. Martensen outlined that the campus is exploring what constitutes, supports and carries forward undergraduate student success by bringing working groups together from across the campus. The goal is to close the graduation gap to meet the goal of every qualified student to attain a degree. Martensen shared that more information about the initiative can be found at: go.illinois.edu/studentsuccess.

SL.20.08, University of Illinois System Task Force on Sexual Misconduct Prevention & Response
The Senate Executive Committee requested informal comments on the Committee on Faculty Sexual Misconduct Report and Recommendations as it was relevant to SL’s duties and responsibilities or whether the policies warranted longer term study or action by SL. Due to the timeline and the challenges of discussion due to COVID-19, SL members did not have further comment and the committee did not provide any further comments on the report.

SL.20.09, Campus Climate Survey Report and Campus Climate Survey Fact Sheet
Dr. Danita Brown Young, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, shared the Campus Climate Survey Report and Campus Climate Survey Fact Sheet. Young shared that working groups will look at the data that was obtained and see what changes need to be instituted.

SL.20.10, Kingfisher Resolution
Spencer Hulsey, a member of Illinois Student Government, presented a resolution regarding a proposed new mascot.