

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021

ZOOM WEBINAR

MINUTES

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:10 pm with Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Chair Rob Kar (LAW) presiding and Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. serving as Parliamentarian.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

04/26/21-01

Without objection, the minutes of the April 5, 2021 meetings were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No requests received.

**IV. APPROVAL OF FLOOR PRIVILEGES**

No requests received.

**V. SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Chair Kar stated that he is proud of the work the University of a whole has done over the past year during the pandemic. Not only did everyone adapt to a complex situation, but it was done in a way that made us all better than the sum of our parts.

Kar encouraged everyone to get the COVID-19 vaccination. He also encouraged senators to submit their willingness to serve on Senate committees.

**VI. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Chancellor Robert Jones stated that the University of Illinois has learned so much on how to handle a pandemic and will be much more prepared if something like this occurs again. Jones commended the Senate and Senate leaders on their unwavering efforts to ensure that our shared governance model was not only preserved but thrived during this pandemic that has disrupted almost everything in work and personal lives. Thank you for serving in the Senate, for your patience, resilience, and compassion.

All faculty, staff, and students that are sixteen years of age or older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. The Champaign-Urbana Public Health Department (CUPHD) website has a listing of locations that vaccinations are being administered. Champaign County has a very good vaccination rate, although only about half of those eligible are fully vaccinated.

The SHEILD CU family testing is now available for household members of faculty and staff that are eight years of age or older. This testing is available at the State Farm Center. You must download the Safer Illinois app.

Course registration for fall 2021 has opened and many courses will be offered in-person. Face-to-face instruction will not be held for courses that have more than 200 students enrolled.

Jones encourage everyone to join him at noon tomorrow when he will hold his annual conversation with his senior leadership team. Questions from the campus will be answered. This discussion will be virtual due to the pandemic. A wide array of topics will be covered, especially planning for the fall 2021 semester.

## **VII. QUESTIONS**

Faculty senator Cromley (EDUC) noted that some students seem mystified why some courses are offered in-person, and some are offered online. Cromley suggested additional communication on how modality decisions are made for courses. Jones replied that these decisions are not taken lightly and are framed around state and local health department guidelines. Cangellaris added that classroom size and density of individuals in a classroom is also taken into consideration. There are many factors that have been considered when deciding course modality.

Faculty senator Wilson (LAS) expressed concern that students and faculty may have reservations about returning to in-person learning and asked if there will be contingency planning for those that are not comfortable returning to in-person learning. Cangellaris commented that local and state health department guidelines are being followed. If the pandemic worsens, there are provisions in place to return to online learning. The health and safety of our campus is of utmost importance.

[The video/audio recording was corrupted and is not available for the remaining portion of the meeting.]

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 04/26/21-02 EP.21.102\* Materials Science & Engineering, BS and Materials Science & Engineering, MS: -- The Department wishes to eliminate the program
- 04/26/21-03 EP.21.103\* Library & Information Science: Digital Libraries, CAS -- Eliminate the Digital Libraries (CAS-DL) Concentration within The Certificate of Advanced Study
- 04/26/21-04 EP.21.104\* Computer Science + Education, BS -- Proposal to Establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science + Education within the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education
- 04/26/21-05 EP.21.105\* Computing Fundamentals, CERT -- Establish a Campus Graduate Certificate in Computer Science

- 04/26/21-06 EP.21.106\* Community Health, BS & Epidemiology, MPH -- Establish the Joint Program in Community Health, BS & Epidemiology, MPH
- 04/26/21-07 EP.21.107\* Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, BS & Epidemiology, MPH -- Establish the Joint Program in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences, BS & Epidemiology, MPH
- 04/26/21-08 EP.21.108\* Kinesiology, BS & Epidemiology, MPH -- Establish the Joint Program in Kinesiology, BS & Epidemiology, MPH
- 04/26/21-09 EP.21.109\* Electrical Engineering, BS and Electrical & Computer Engineering, MEng -- Phase Down/Elimination of the BS-MEng Joint Program in Electrical Engineering, BS and Electrical & Computer Engineering, MEng
- 04/26/21-10 EP.21.110\* Computer Engineering, BS and Electrical & Computer Engineering, MEng -- Phase Down/Elimination of the BS-MEng Joint Program in Computer Engineering, BS and Electrical & Computer Engineering, MEng
- 04/26/21-11 EP.21.111\* Request and Report to Suspend Admission to a Degree, Major, Concentration, or Minor - Suspension of Admission to Joint Degree Program - JD/MS in Chemistry
- 04/26/21-12 EP.21.112\* Health Administration, MHA -- Revise the Degree Associated with the Health Administration Major
- 04/26/21-13 EP.21.113\* Astronomy + Data Science, BSLAS -- Establish the BSLAS in Astronomy + Data Science in the Department of Astronomy within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- 04/26/21-14 EP.21.114\* Astrophysics, BSLAS -- Establish Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts & Sciences in Astrophysics in the Department of Astronomy within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- 04/26/21-15 EP.21.116\* MHA - Master of Health Administration -- Establish a New Degree, the Master's in Health Administration
- 04/26/21-16 EP.21.117\* Resolution Formally Recognizing University Efforts and Accomplishments during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- 04/26/21-17 EP.21.122\* Library & Information Science, MS (on campus & online) -- Update to reflect the new course numbers as of Fall 2020
- 04/26/21-18 EP.21.124\* Accountancy + Data Science, BS: -- A proposal to create an Accountancy plus Data Science degree program ("ACCY+DS Degree") as part of the University-wide "X+DS Degree" initiative

- 04/26/21-19 EP.21.125\* CyberGIS and Geospatial Data Science, MS: -- Establish a Master of Science degree in CyberGIS and Geospatial Data Science non-thesis - online within the Department of Geography and Geographic Information Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- 04/26/21-20 EP.21.126\* Finance + Data Science, BS: -- A proposal to create a Finance plus Data Science degree program ("FIN+DS Degree") as part of the University-wide "X+DS Degree" initiative
- 04/26/21-21 EP.21.127\* Predictive Analytics and Risk Management, MS: -- Creation of a Master of Science degree in Predictive Analytics and Risk Management and corresponding concentrations within the Department of Mathematics in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- 04/26/21-22 EP.21.128\* Predictive Analytics and Risk Management: Enterprise Risk Management, MS -- Creation of Enterprise Risk Management Concentration within the MS in Predictive Analytics and Risk Management
- 04/26/21-23 EP.21.129\* Predictive Analytics and Risk Management: Financial and Insurance Analytics, MS -- Creation of Financial and Insurance Analytics concentration within the MS in Predictive Analytics and Risk Management
- 04/26/21-24 EP.21.130\* Information Sciences + Data Sciences, BS -- Establish the Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences + Data Sciences (IS + DS)
- 04/26/21-25 SC.21.10\* 2021-2022 Senate and Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting Schedule

**IX. PROPOSALS**

- 04/26/21-26 EC.21.05\* Revision to the *Election Rules for the Academic Professional Electorate*, Section 5 – Conducting Elections
- On behalf of the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials (EC), chair Graber introduced and moved approval of proposal EC.21.05. Graber responded to a couple of questions by making clarifying remarks regarding the proposal.
- 04/26/21-27 Through the online voting system Poll Everywhere, proposal EC.21.05 was approved with 124 in favor, 1 opposed, and 5 abstentions.

**X. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DISCUSSION**

- 04/26/21-28 A motion was made to move into a committee of the whole discussion. The motion was seconded and there were no objections.

04/26/21-29 SP.21.10\* Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.1.c - Senate Executive Committee, Membership

On behalf of SP, Chair Gilmore introduced the topic of the composition of SEC and described the current membership structure. Senator comments included the following suggestions:

- Make the chairs of the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (AF) and the Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion automatic members of the SEC.
- Increase the number of students from three to four.
- Allow the automatic chairs to send a designee on behalf of the committee.

Vice Chair Dallesasse presided over the following COTW discussion.

04/26/21-30 SP.21.11\* Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part A.1 - Meetings (Speaker of the Senate)

On behalf of SP, Chair Gilmore introduced the topic of the chairperson of Senate meetings. Senator and SP committee member comments included the following suggestions:

- Have the Chair preside over the Senate meetings and the Vice-Chair preside over the SEC meetings.
- Apply the same logic to a Speaker of the Senate like the Parliamentarians – must be a member of the Senate electorate, but not necessarily a senator. The Speaker would not be able to participate in discussions or vote so if the Speaker was a senator from a single-seat unit, that unit would not have any representation at a Senate meeting.
- Change the SEC Chair and Vice-Chair to the Senate Chair and Vice-Chair.
- Call the presiding officer “Presiding Officer of the Senate” instead of Speaker of the Senate.

04/26/21-31 A motion was made to move out of the committee of the whole discussion and rise and report.

#### **XI. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

04/26/21-32 Verbal, Report on the Sustainability General Education Requirement  
Student sponsors spoke in favor of adding a general education requirement to include a sustainability course.

04/26/21-33 EP.21.072\* Classroom Materials Costs Task Force Report

04/26/21-34 EP.21.101\* Report of Administrative Approvals through April 12, 2021

04/26/21-35 EP.21.115\* Report of Administrative Approvals through April 12, 2021

04/26/21-36 EP.21.123\* Summary of Graduate College Policy Changes for Academic Year 2021-2022

04/26/21-37 EP.21.131\* Report of Administrative Approvals through April 19, 2021

04/26/21-38 EP.21.132\* Academic Standing Planning Meeting (April 7, 2021)

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 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>.

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**REFERENCE IN MINUTES**

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<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>04/26/21-27</b>
Rummana	Alam	yes
Pierre	Albin	yes
Amanda	Alt	yes
Amanda	Bales	yes
Anne	Barger	yes
John	Barnard	yes
Lynn	Barnett	yes
Masooda	Bashir	yes
Luke	Batten	yes
Mattox	Beckman	yes
Ander	Beristain	yes
James	Brennan	yes
Quinn	Brewster	yes
Bryan	Buckley	yes
Jodi	Byrd	yes
Sydney	Cameron	yes
Kent	Choquette	yes
Peter	Christensen	yes
Laura	Christianson	yes
Adam	Clark-Joseph	abstain
Jessica	Conroy	yes
JENNIFER	CROMLEY	yes
Steve	Culpepper	yes
JOHN	DALLESASSE	yes
Juanmahel	Davila	yes
Mark	Davis	yes
John	Dee	yes
Jaime	Derringer	yes
Jane	Desmond	yes
Lee	DeVille	yes
Angela	Di Fulvio	yes
James	Drackley	yes
Peter	Dragic	yes
John	Dudek	yes
Iwan	Duursma	yes
Ahmed	Elbanna	abstain
Elif	Ertekin	yes
Wade	Fagen-Ulmschneider	yes
Brian	Farber	yes
Amy	Fischer-Brown	yes
Cynthia	Fisher	abstain

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Mitch	Fisher	yes
Abigael	Fogarty	yes
Charles	Fogelman	abstain
David	Forsyth	yes
Donna	Gallo	yes
Jenny	Garner	yes
Rachel	Garthe	yes
Rex	Gaskins	yes
Matt	Goodman	yes
Neha	Gothe	yes
Mutha	Gunasekera	yes
Rudolf	Haken	yes
Steven	Hall	yes
Kiruba	Haran	yes
Kelli	Harris	yes
Jingrui	He	yes
Jay	Hernandez	yes
Sara	Holder	yes
Matthew	Hutchens	yes
Raluca	Ilie	yes
Cindy	Ingold	yes
Makoto	Inoue	yes
Tiffany	Jamann	yes
Jill	Jegerski	yes
Jeffrey Eric	Jenkins	yes
Yvette	Johnson-Walker	yes
Dana	Kiku	yes
Prasanta	Kalita	yes
Brett	Kaufman	yes
Ari	Kelo	yes
Robert	Knox	yes
Susan	Koerner	yes
Aleksander	Ksiazkiewicz	no
Andrei	Kuzminov	yes
Thomas	Kwapil	yes
Michelle	Layser	yes
William	Maher	yes
Matthew	Marcinkowski	yes
Alexander	Mayer	yes
Randy	McCarthy	yes
Karen	McLaughlin	yes



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<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>04/26/21-27</b>
Zachariah	McVicker	yes
Anthony	Messina	yes
John	Meyers	yes
Karla	Moller	yes
Brian	Monson	yes
DAVID	MORRIS	yes
John	Murphy	yes
Stephen	Nesbitt	yes
Jessica	Nicholson	yes
Carl	Niekerk	yes
David	O'Brien	yes
Madhusudan	Parthasarathy	abstain
Stephen	Peters	yes
Simon	Restubog	yes
Bruce	Reznick	yes
Kevin	Richards	yes
Dean	Riechers	yes
David	Rivier	yes
Charles	Roseman	yes
Bruce	Rosenstock	yes
Collin	Ruud	yes
Lili	Sahakyan	yes
Robert	Sanford	yes
Christopher	Schmitz	yes
Elaine	Schulte	yes
Yue	Shen	yes
James	Shriner	yes
Peter	Silhan	yes
Sanjiv	Sinha	yes
Sharde	Smith	yes
Catherine	Stahl	yes
Matthew	Stasiewicz	yes
Mark	Steinberg	yes
Dan	Steward	yes
Yan	Tang	yes
Nicole	Turner	yes
Gregory	Underhill	yes
Angharad	Valdivia	yes
Helga	Varden	yes
Kate	Wegmann	yes
Karen	Wickett	yes

