

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. Chair Kar then conducted a test vote of the Poll Everywhere system.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

09/20/21-01 Without objection, the minutes of the April 26, 2021 and May 3, 2021 meetings were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Faculty senator Ralph Mathisen (LAS) spoke about concerns regarding COVID and in-person teaching.

IV. APPROVAL OF FLOOR PRIVILEGES

09/20/21-02 The following individuals requested floor privileges during the Committee of the Whole discussion. Floor privileges were granted without objection by unanimous consent.

Awais Vaid (Deputy Administrator, Champaign-Urbana Public Health District)

Lisa Monda-Amaya (Interim Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education)

Bill Bernhard (Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs)

Becky Smith (SHIELD: Target, Test, Tell)

Chris Brooke (SHIELD: Target, Test, Tell)

Kraig Wagenecht (SHIELD: Target, Test, Tell)

V. SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Kar announced that the Senate would continue to meet via Zoom webinar if Governor Pritzker continues to issue disaster proclamations and it is determined not to be feasible to meet in person. It is also consistent with general education policy that classes over 200 are held remotely.

Kar thanked everyone for the strong vaccination rates and noted that Provost Cangelaris will discuss this topic further.

Chair Kar reported that a graduate student senator vacancy remains on the Senate Committee on Committees (CC). If a graduate student senator is interested in serving on CC, please contact the Office of the Senate. Also, the student members of the SEC have yet to be elected. Please watch your email this week for an email from Clerk of the Senate Roether for additional information on the nominating procedures.

VI. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Andreas Cangellaris gave remarks on behalf of Chancellor Robert Jones. Cangellaris thanked everyone for their participation in shared governance. Shared governance participation has been instrumental in the safe and successful navigation of the COVID pandemic.

Cangellaris stated that the 10-day numbers, which is when the official fall enrollment is based, show an all-time high enrollment for first year student, for graduate students, and the overall student body. These record numbers are not sustainable under current University infrastructure. Moving forward we must find creative solutions to the demand for higher education.

There is a downward trend in the number of positive COVID tests. The University continues to work closely with the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) on a multilayered mitigation strategy. High vaccination rates and high compliance with testing protocols has contributed to the downward trend in COVID cases. Additional information will be provided later in the meeting from SHIELD experts.

As of this morning, the following vaccination rates were reported: 90% undergraduate students, 93% graduate students, 87% faculty, 90% academic professional, and 71% civil service. This is about 30% higher than the county average and about 36% higher than the national average. CUPHD is the local legal authority for contact tracing.

VII. QUESTIONS

Faculty senator Benson (LIBR) inquired about relocating the reporting line of Disability Resources and Educational Services (DRES) from the College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS) and moving it under the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (VCDEI). Cangellaris noted that DRES is uniquely positioned to have a significant educational and research component, the thinking is to restructure the broader DRES umbrella in such a way that all the academic and research activities stay with the units. This means not only AHS, but also all the other contributing units. This will also assist with meeting the compliance requirements especially related to ADA (American Disabilities Act) requirements and provide a more centralized oversight structure.

Faculty senator Rosenstock (LAS) asked about the University's cooperation with CUPHD. At the September SEC meeting, Cangellaris noted that CUPHD works in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs and McKinley Health Center on contact tracing. Rosenstock asked if McKinley would be able to provide data such as classroom rosters and how many of students in each classroom are vaccinated. Dr. Awais Vaid previously provided a response to this question in writing. Vaid reiterated that CUPHD is following the guidance that has been put forward by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health (ILDPH).

VIII. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

H. George Friedman, Jr., Parliamentarian, reviewed basic parliamentary procedure and directed senators to the quick guide that was in the meeting packet. The quick guide is also available on the Senate website. Friedman gave various examples of motions and how those motions can be used effectively and appropriately. He also provided additional information that applies during remote meetings.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Without objection, the following items were approved by unanimous consent.

- 09/20/21-03 EP.21.095* Hospitality Management Minor, UG: -- Establish a BS minor in Hospitality Management in the department of Food Science & Human Nutrition
- 09/20/21-04 EP.21.119* Game Studies & Design Minor, UG: -- Establish an undergraduate Game Studies and Design Minor as an Informatics Program
- 09/20/21-05 EP.21.120* Game Studies & Design Minor, UG - Electives List: -- Proposed Electives list for the proposed Game Studies & Design Minor
- 09/20/21-06 EP.21.121* JP: Law, JD and Library and Information Science, MS -- Establish a Joint Degree Program: Juris Doctor in Law and Masters of Science in Library and Information Science in the School of Information Sciences
- 09/20/21-07 EP.21.133* Statistics Minor, UG -- Revise the Undergraduate Statistics Minor in the Department of Statistics within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- 09/20/21-08 EP.21.134* Computer Science + Education: Secondary Education, BS -- Proposal to Establish the Secondary Education concentration for the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science + Education within the College of Education
- 09/20/21-09 EP.21.135* Neural Engineering, BS -- Establish a major in Neural Engineering within the Bachelor of Science degree in the Grainger College of Engineering
- 09/20/21-10 EP.22.003* Revision to the Policy Guidelines for Developing Academic Calendars and Update all Currently Approved Academic Calendars to Add the Juneteenth Holiday
- 09/20/21-11 EP.22.004* Statistics, PhD -- Revision of the Ph.D. degree requirements in the Department of Statistics within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- 09/20/21-12 EP.22.005* Instructional System Design Management and Leadership, CERT -- Establish the Online Campus Graduate Certificate in Instructional System Design Management

and Leadership (ISDML) in the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership

09/20/21-13 EP.22.006* Schools Specialization, CAS -- Creating the Schools Specialization, CAS

09/20/21-14 EP.22.007* Translation & Interpreting Studies Minor, GR -- Establish New Graduate Minor in Translation and Interpreting Studies, Program in Translation and Interpreting Studies, in the School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics, within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

09/20/21-15 EP.22.008* Legal Studies Minor, UG -- Undergraduate Minor in Legal Studies: New Courses

09/20/21-16 EP.22.009* UG-CHLH: Community Health UG Correlates -- Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Community Health to update correlates

X. PROPOSALS

09/20/21-17 CC.22.10* Election of Members on Standing Committees of the Senate at the September 20, 2021 Senate Meeting

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees (CC), chair Sandler introduced and moved approval of the slate of nominees in proposal CC.22.10.

09/20/21-18 Collin Ruud (AP) nominated himself from the floor to fill the academic professional vacancy on the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP). There were no additional nominations from the floor and nominations were declared closed.

09/20/21-19 Through the online voting system Poll Everywhere, proposal CC.22.10 was approved as amended with 135 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

09/20/21-20 EC.21.06* Revision to the *Election Rules for the Academic Professional Electorate*, Section 3 – Eligibility

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials (EC), committee member Friedman gave a historical overview of academic professional (AP) participation in the Senate and moved approval of proposal EC.21.06.

In response to a question, Friedman noted that all Senate electorates exclude those with visiting in their title, not just APs. A short discussion regarding determining AP eligibility regarding teaching and research was held.

09/20/21-21 Through the online voting system Poll Everywhere, proposal EC.21.06 was approved with 116 in favor, 4 opposed, and 14 abstentions.

XI. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

09/20/21-22 Common Parliamentary Procedures for the Urbana-Champaign Senate
<https://www.senate.illinois.edu/parlproc2019april.pdf>

09/20/21-23 An Unofficial Guide to Responsibilities of Being a Senator
https://www.senate.illinois.edu/senator_guide.pdf

09/20/21-24 EP.21.136* Report of Administrative Approvals through May 3, 2021

09/20/21-25 EP.22.001* Report of Temporary Suspension of Admission to Computational Genomics, MENG (on campus & online)

09/20/21-26 EP.22.002* Report of Temporary Suspension of Admission to Pharmaceutical Engineering, MENG (on campus & online)

09/20/21-27 EP.22.011* Report of Administrative Approvals Through September 13, 2021

09/20/21-28 SC.21.12* Report on the July 22, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois System in Chicago

09/20/21-29 SUR.21.01* Report on SURSMAC (State Universities Retirement System Members Advisory Committee to the SURS Board of Trustees) Meeting April 19, 2021

09/20/21-30 AF.21.01* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure

09/20/21-31 CC.21.17* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Committees

09/20/21-32 CG.21.01* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Conference on Conduct Governance

09/20/21-33 EC.21.07* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials

09/20/21-34 FB.21.01* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits

09/20/21-35 GP.21.15* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on General University Policy

- 09/20/21-36 HD.21.01* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees
- 09/20/21-37 IT.21.13* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Information Technology
- 09/20/21-38 LB.21.06* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on the Library
- 09/20/21-39 SD.21.01* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Student Discipline
- 09/20/21-40 SP.21.13* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures

XII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

XIII. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DISCUSSION

- 09/20/21-41 Vice Chair Dallesasse made a motion to move into a committee of the whole to consider the authority to decide and/or change teaching modalities during COVID. The motion was seconded and approved without objections by unanimous consent.

Faculty senator Rosenstock (LAS) expressed concern about contact tracing. Concern was also expressed for faculty that have small children that are unable to be vaccinated and has a student that tests positive for COVID. Rosenstock felt that other faculty are nervous about positive cases in their classrooms.

Smith (SHEILD team member) responded to a question noting that the idea of random testing has been discussed and has not been found effective in finding breakthrough cases. Rather, students that are vaccinated and living in buildings that have a large number of cases are required to test. This is a much more effective method of determining breakthrough cases.

Faculty senator and SHIELD team member Elbanna (ENGR) shared slides about COVID progression on campus. Data from Fall 2021 and Fall 2020 were compared, including the emergence of the Delta variant.

- 09/20/21-42 A motion was made to rise and report (end discussion). The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken.
- 09/20/21-43 Through the online voting system Poll Everywhere, the motion to rise and report failed with 40 in favor, 69 opposed, and 7 abstentions. Discussion continued.

09/20/21-43 A motion was made and seconded to rise and report. Without objection, the motion to rise and report was approved by unanimous consent.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 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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