

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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**

11/15/21-01

Without objection, the minutes of the October 18, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

**III. APPROVAL OF FLOOR PRIVILEGES**

11/15/21-02

The following individuals requested floor privileges. Without objection, floor privileges were granted by unanimous consent.

SP.20.23, Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article I, Section 5 – Chancellors and Vice Presidents, Article II, Section 3a(1) – Faculty Role in Governance, and Article III, Section 1 – The University

- Christopher Span (Chief of Staff, and Associate Chancellor for Administration and PreK-12 Initiatives)

Discussion of the Revised Provost's Communication #9: Promotion & Tenure

- Eva Pomerantz (LAS)
- Amy Ando (ACES)
- Amy Santos (Associate Provost for Faculty Development)
- Bill Bernhard (Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs)

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No requests received.

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

Chair Kar reviewed the process for making procedural motions and requested senators participate in a test poll in Poll Everywhere to ensure the system is accessible for the rest of the meeting. Any issues with Poll Everywhere should be addressed to the Office of the Senate.

Kar urged senators to complete COVID testing before leaving campus for fall break and testing after returning from fall break. Kar also referenced the Massmail sent on

October 26 regarding COVID-19 recommendations for before and after Fall Break and encouraged everyone to follow the guidance in that email.

On behalf of the Senate Committee on the Library (LB), Kar announced the Town Hall that will be held on November 18, 2021 from 3:00-4:30 pm via Zoom to discuss the Archives and Special Collections Building and the Undergraduate Library Services.

#### **VI. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Andreas Cangellaris gave remarks on behalf of Chancellor Jones. Cangellaris noted the increase in positive COVID cases which began around the Halloween weekend. This is a trend that is being seen across the state. The SHIELD Team has been working with the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) to monitor the situation. The increase in cases was expected by the SHIELD Team and CUPHD due to the increase in indoor activities along with Halloween and Dad's Weekend. The cases reported have had mild symptoms and have not been serious enough to require hospitalization. The high vaccination rate of the University community along with testing and face covering compliance has helped to limit outbreaks. Most positive cases are tied to shared housing. The targeted testing in areas where there are spikes in cases has been very effective in mitigating the spread.

Cangellaris reported that CUPHD is offering booster vaccinations and are available to those that are 6 months out from their second dose. Vaccinations for 5–12-year-old children are now available by appointment only through CUPHD. It is important to get individuals vaccinated as quickly and as many as possible. Please check the CUPHD website for more information <https://www.c-uphd.org>.

Cangellaris reiterated the importance of following the recommendations and requirements for traveling during and returning after fall break. Testing requirements must be followed to retain building access after returning from fall break.

December Commencement events are coming up. Please check the Commencement website, <https://commencement.illinois.edu>, for more information about safety recommendations and requirements for attending commencement activities. Face coverings must be worn indoors. There will be staff enforcing face covering requirements. Disposable masks will be available for those who do not have one. Anyone not wanting to wear a face covering inside can watch a livestream outside. Any students not willing to wear a face covering will not be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremony.

The Annual Celebration of Diversity was organized and held last week by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. This was the thirty-sixth consecutive celebration which includes honoring recipients of the Larine Y. Cowan Make

a Difference Awards. This year one of those recipients was SEC member JJ Pionke. Pionke was awarded in the area of Excellence in Access & Accommodations.

## VII. QUESTIONS

Faculty senator Mathisen (LAS) expressed concern about the increase in COVID positivity rates and requested consideration of switching teaching modalities for the last couple of weeks of instruction after fall break. Cangellaris indicated that the response to the increase in COVID cases was a robust effort between the SHIELD Team and CUPHD. The targeted testing protocol has shown to be an effective response to outbreaks.

Faculty senator Rosenstock (LAS) noted his continued concern about contact tracing and the increase in positive COVID cases. Rosenstock requested a report that included depersonalized data pertaining to the number of students testing positive who attended classes during their window of infectiousness and the number of close contacts. Cangellaris thanked Rosenstock for his suggestion and noted it will be considered.

Faculty senator Schneider (SIS) inquired about the vaccination rate of faculty and staff and why it is not higher. Cangellaris thanked Schneider for pointing out that there is an ability, by increasing the number of individuals that are vaccinated, to do even better. Those individuals that have exemptions in place and are not vaccinated are required to remain compliant with testing protocols.

Faculty senator Choquette (ENGR) asked about the return of indirect costs recovery (ICR) funds to faculty that were suspended due to COVID. Cangellaris asked that he have time to retrieve the most up-to-date information regarding ICR funds before providing an answer. The information will be forwarded to senators once it has been compiled.

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

11/15/21-03 Faculty senator Maher (LIBR) requested EP.22.025 and EP.22.034 be removed from the consent agenda.

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

11/15/21-04 EP.22.023\* International Education Administration and Leadership, CERT -- Establish campus graduate certificate in International Education Administration and Leadership, CERT

11/15/21-05 EP.22.024\* Design for Responsible Innovation, PhD -- Establish a new PhD in Design for Responsible Innovation, in the School of Art + Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts

11/15/21-06 EP.22.026\* Instrumental Music, BMUS -- Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Instrumental Music, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts

- 11/15/21-07 EP.22.027\* Music, BA -- Revision to the Bachelor of Arts in Music, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts
- 11/15/21-08 EP.22.028\* Business Administration: Executive Program, MBA -- We are initiating the phasedown of the EMBA and Warsaw EMBA programs. The College only offers the MBA through the online program - iMBA
- 11/15/21-09 EP.22.031\* Music Composition, BMUS -- Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Music Composition, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts
- 11/15/21-10 EP.22.032\* Music-Open Studies, BMUS -- Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Open Studies, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts
- 11/15/21-11 EP.22.033\* Musicology, BMUS -- Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Musicology, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts
- 11/15/21-12 EP.22.037\* Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications: Agricultural Education, BS -- Change the requirement from "EPS 201 or EPS 202" to "EPOL 201 or EPOL 202"
- 11/15/21-13 EP.22.038\* Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications: Agricultural Communications - Advertising, BS -- Phasing down the AGCM-Advertising concentration
- 11/15/21-14 EP.22.039\* Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications: Agricultural Communications - Journalism, BS -- Phasing down the AGCM-Journalism concentration
- 11/15/21-15 EP.22.040\* Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications: Agricultural Communications, BS -- Institute a new undergraduate degree program (B.S.) in agricultural communications within the Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications (ALEC) program
- 11/15/21-16 EP.22.043\* Polymer Science and Engineering Minor - Elimination of Polymer Science and Engineering Minor
- After clarifications from Chair Moorhouse and no further objections from senator Maher, the following proposals were also approved by unanimous consent.
- 11/15/21-17 EP.22.025\* Voice, BMUS -- Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Voice, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts
- 11/15/21-18 EP.22.034\* Jazz Performance, BMUS -- Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts

## IX. PROPOSALS

11/15/21-19 CC.22.14\* Election of Members on Standing Committees of the Senate at the November 15, 2021, Senate Meeting

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees (CC), Chair Sandler introduced and moved approval of proposal CC.22.14. There were no nominations from the floor and nominations were declared closed.

11/15/21-20 Through the online voting system Poll Everywhere, proposal CC.22.14 was approved with 117 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

11/15/21-21 SP.19.15\* Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IV, Section 1 – The Department, Section 2 – Department Organized with a Chair, Section 3 – Department Organized with a Head, and Section 4 – Change of Departmental Organization

On behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedure (SP), Chair Gilmore introduced SP.19.15 for a second reading and moved approval of proposal SP.19.15. Gilmore noted that when making recommendations on revisions to the *Statutes*, it is to the Board of Trustees. All three senates must agree on the revisions or be reconciled by the University Senates Conference (USC) and approved by the Board before the proposed revisions would go into effect. A short discussion followed.

11/15/21-22 Faculty senator Cromley (EDUC) made a motion to return SP.19.15 to SP for further consideration on determining cases of conflict and to allow for additional feedback to be sent to SP for consideration. The motion was seconded.

11/15/21-23 Through the online voting system Poll Everywhere, the motion to return proposal SP.19.15 to SP for further consideration was approved with 96 in favor, 16 opposed, and 11 abstentions.

11/15/21-24 SP.20.23\* Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article I, Section 5 – Chancellors and Vice Presidents, Article II, Section 3a(1) – Faculty Role in Governance, and Article III, Section 1 – The University.

On behalf of SP, Chair Gilmore introduced and moved approval of proposal SP.20.23. Gilmore gave additional information on the history of the development of this proposal.

11/15/21-25 Faculty senator Burbules (EDUC) made a motion to amend SP.20.23 by deleting “or in a manner to be determined by the senate” on line 15 and lines 43-44. The motion was seconded, and discussion followed.

- 11/15/21-26 Through the online voting system Poll Everywhere, the motion to amended SP.20.23 was approved with 59 in favor, 28 opposed, and 33 abstentions.
- 11/15/21-27 Through the online voting system Poll Everywhere, proposal SP.20.23 was approved as amended with 107 in favor, 3 opposed, and 13 abstentions.

**X. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

- 11/15/21-28 FB.22.01\* Benefits Updates and Highlights, November 15, 2021
- 11/15/21-29 EP.22.010\* Instructor and Course Evaluation Systems (ICES) for 2021-2022
- 11/15/21-30 EP.22.036\* Report of Administrative Approvals Through October 25, 2021
- 11/15/21-31 EP.22.042\* Report of Administrative Approvals Through November 8, 2021
- 11/15/21-32 AD.21.07\* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions
- 11/15/21-33 CO.21.06\* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Campus Operations
- 11/15/21-34 SL.21.03\* 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on University Student Life

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**XII. DISCUSSION OF THE REVISED PROVOST'S COMMUNICATION #9: PROMOTION AND TENURE**

Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Bernhard gave a brief slide presentation\* on the process and proposed changes to Provost's Communication #9. Bernhard further discussed resource support for diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. He also noted that similar proposed changes will be made to Provost's Communication #26 for specialized faculty.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 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>.