This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Committee on University Student Life (SL) during the 2022-2023 academic year. SL met on September 23, October 21, November 4, December 2, February 3, March 3, and April 7. More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

Updates were presented by representatives from Illinois Student Government, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, Council of Undergraduate Deans, Office of the Provost, Graduate College, Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and International Student and Scholar Services.

I. Items Under Consideration by the Committee

SL.22.03, Proposed Revision to the Policy Guidelines for Developing Academic Calendars to Replace the Current Fall Break week with Two Shorter Fall Breaks

The committee drafted a resolution to have a fall break in October for the students. This resolution was forwarded to the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP) for review. Based on the comments from EP, the committee shared the proposal with additional stakeholders and invited additional stakeholders to meetings.

Deidre Weathersby and Sue Stock from the Counseling Center shared points on why a fall break should be considered for students, including data on monthly counseling center demand from 2019-2022, suicide statistics, At-Risk Gatekeeper Training Simulations, information on the services offered by the counseling center, and embedded counselors in Colleges on campus.

II. Items Removed from the Agenda

SL.23.01, 2022-2023 Student Success Initiative

Melissa Kisubika, Project Manager, Student Success Initiative, shared updates on the Student Success Initiative. The updates included the overall goals of the Student Success Initiative, priorities for 2022-2023, and how faculty and staff could be involved.