

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
APRIL 22, 2024
ILLINI UNION BALLROOM AND ZOOM
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:13 pm by Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. serving as the Presiding Officer of the Senate with Kaamilyah Abdullah-Span, JD serving as Parliamentarian.

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Remote participation was approved by unanimous consent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests received.

4. SENAE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS

Faculty senator and Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Jeffrey Eric Jenkins (FAA) shared the following remarks.

- The Faculty Staff Emergency Fund (FSEF) annual spring fund drive is currently underway.
- The State University Retirement System (SURS) has sent emails to employees about the upcoming SURS trustee election.
- A proposal from the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP) is on today's agenda that creates a Senate Committee on Research Policy (RP). The language of this proposal has been worked on by members of an SEC subcommittee and members of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research.
- Many resources are available to assist those students, staff, and faculty that are struggling. Please take care of yourself and those around you.
- Chair Jenkins read a Resolution of Appreciation for long-time Senate member Professor Nicholas Burbules that included a lengthy list of positions Burbules has held at the University and System levels in support of shared governance. The resolution was supported by unanimous consent and a round of applause.

Jenkins concluded his remarks by thanking senators for all their work in the Senate and at the University.

Presiding Officer Friedman also asked for a round of applause for Chair Jenkins for all his hard work and especially in his role of SEC Chair.

5. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Chancellor Robert Jones expressed his appreciation to all of those that have served in the Senate and its committees this year, and for doing the important work of the University. On behalf of his senior leadership team, Chancellor Jones shared sentiments that this has been an exemplary year of shared governance, collaboration, and respectful and productive

debate. Participating in shared governance shows you how the University operates, what the critical issues are, and how to share in the responsibility of shaping the future of this University. The careful and thoughtful collaboration between the Senate and the administration has been impressive in the quality and quantity of the important work accomplished this year. Chancellor Jones thanked SEC Chair Jenkins and Vice-Chair Hale for their service and extended his thanks again to senators for their service and collegiality.

6. QUESTIONS

Student senator Holt (DGS) asked how the University is responding to the climate crisis. Chancellor Jones noted Solar Farms one and two, and conversations about the creation of Solar Farm three, and minimizing the impact of fossil fuels on the environment. It is important to hold classroom discussion on this issue and to leverage the innovative research being conducted by units like Illinois iSEE (Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment) and the Prairie Research Institute (PRI). This issue is at the core of what Illinois does as a land-grant university.

7. APPROVAL OF FLOOR PRIVILEGES

The following individuals were granted floor privileges by unanimous consent.

a) EP.24.108

- Meghan Hazen, Registrar

b) EP.24.111

- Baron Peters, Professor, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering
- Jonathan Higdon, Professor, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering

c) RS.24.01

- Rae Fletcher, Chair, Senate Committee on the Budget

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 1, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved by unanimous consent.

a) EP.24.089* Revise the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art in Studio Art in the College of Fine and Applied Arts

b) EP.24.090* Establish the Concentration in Illustration in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art in Studio Art in the College of Fine and Applied Arts

- c) **EP.24.091*** Revise and Rename the Concentration in General Studio Art in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art in Studio Art in the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- d) **EP.24.096*** Revise and Rename the Concentration in Digital Environments for Learning, Teaching and Agency in the Bachelor of Science in Learning & Education Studies in the College of Education
- e) **EP.24.097*** Revise the Bachelor of Science in Learning & Education Studies in the College of Education
- f) **EP.24.098*** Revise the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural & Biological Engineering in the Grainger College of Engineering
- g) **EP.24.099*** Eliminate the Concentration in Agricultural Engineering in the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural & Biological Engineering in the Grainger College of Engineering
- h) **EP.24.100*** Eliminate the Concentration in Biological Engineering in the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural & Biological Engineering in the Grainger College of Engineering
- i) **EP.24.101*** Establish the Concentration in Bioprocess Engineering and Industrial Biotechnology in the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural & Biological Engineering in the Grainger College of Engineering
- j) **EP.24.102*** Establish the Concentration in Off-Highway Vehicle and Equipment Engineering in the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural & Biological Engineering in the Grainger College of Engineering
- k) **EP.24.103*** Establish the Concentration in Renewable Energy Systems Engineering in the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural & Biological Engineering in the Grainger College of Engineering
- l) **EP.24.104*** Establish the Concentration in Soil and Water Resources Engineering in the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural & Biological Engineering in the Grainger College of Engineering
- m) **EP.24.105*** Establish the Concentration in Sustainable Ecological and Environmental Systems Engineering in the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biological Engineering in the Grainger College of Engineering
- n) **EP.24.106*** Establish the Concentration in Synthetic Biological Engineering in the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural & Biological Engineering in the Grainger College of Engineering

- o) **EP.24.107*** Revise the Doctor of Audiology in Audiology in the College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College
- p) **EP.24.108*** Revise Section 3-404 of the Student Code (Bronze Tablet Criteria)
- q) **EP.24.111*** Establish the Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering plus Data Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- r) **EP.24.112*** Establish the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Molecular and Cellular Biology plus Data Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- s) **EP.24.113*** Eliminate the Concentration in Painting in the Master of Fine Arts in Art & Design in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College
- t) **EP.24.114*** Eliminate the Concentration in Photography in the Master of Fine Arts in Art & Design in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College
- u) **EP.24.115*** Eliminate the Concentration in Printmaking in the Master of Fine Arts in Art & Design in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College
- v) **EP.24.116*** Eliminate the Concentration in Sculpture in the Master of Fine Arts in Art & Design in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College
- w) **EP.24.117*** Revise the Master of Sustainable Urban Design in Sustainable Urban Design in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College
- x) **EP.24.118*** Establish the Master of Science in Global Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College
- y) **EP.24.119*** Establish the Graduate Certificate Degree in the Graduate College
- z) **SC.24.17*** 2024-2025 Senate and Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting Schedule

10. PROPOSALS

- a) **EC.24.04* Revision to the Senate *Election Rules for the Student Electorate* – Section 5. Conducting Elections, and Section 8. Resignations and Vacancies**
 On behalf of the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials (EC), Chair Chatterton introduced and moved approval of EC.24.04. Chatterton noted this proposal updates the *Election Rules* to more generally refer to the student government body and the committee charged with filling vacancies. The more general language addresses the frequent name changes associated with the student government body.

By i-clicker and show of hands, and Poll Everywhere, item EC.24.04 was approved with 117 in favor, 0 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

b) SP.24.07* Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.17 and Part E.8 – Committee on Research Policy

On behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP), Chair Dalpiaz introduced and moved approval of SP.24.07. Dalpiaz included a summary of the long history of conversations surrounding the creation of the Committee on Research Policy.

By i-clicker and show of hands, and Poll Everywhere, item SP.24.07 was approved with 112 in favor, 1 opposed, and 4 abstentions. The required two-thirds majority was achieved.

c) RS.24.01* Resolution on the Allocation of Resources to Address Impacts of Collective Bargaining Agreements

Faculty senator and resolution sponsor Gilmore (LAS) introduced RS.24.01 and noted this resolution is about collective bargaining agreements and how they impact the resources and budgeting of academic units.

Faculty senator Burbules moved to refer RS.24.01 to the Senate Committee on the Budget (BG) to review BG's willingness and ability to take on this responsibility and report back to the Senate before the Senate votes on the substance of this matter. The motion was seconded, and discussion followed.

By i-clicker and show of hands, and Poll Everywhere, the motion to refer item RS.24.01 to BG for further review was approved with 71 in favor, 32 opposed, and 9 abstentions.

11. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- a) **EP.24.095*** Report of Administrative Approvals through April 15, 2024
- b) **EP.24.110*** Guidance on General Education Revisions to Come into Compliance with EP.17.74
- c) **EP.24.120*** Graduate College Policy Updates for Academic Year 2024 – 2025

12. 2023-2024 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **AF.24.03*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure
- b) **AD.24.06*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions

- c) **BG.24.04*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on the Budget
- d) **CO.24.10*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Campus Operations
- e) **CC.24.21*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Committees
- f) **EP.24.121*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy
- g) **EC.24.06*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials
- h) **EQ.24.04*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Diversity* Equity* and Inclusion
- i) **FB.24.04*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits
- j) **GP.24.07*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on General University Policy
- k) **HD.24.11*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees
- l) **IT.24.08*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Information Technology
- m) **LB.24.09*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on the Library
- n) **PE.24.03*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Public Engagement and Outreach
- o) **SP.24.10*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures
- p) **SL.24.06*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on University Student Life

13. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm.

Jenny Roether, Clerk of the Senate

*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>.