

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

## SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Final; Information)

## SC.25.18 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Senate Executive Committee

This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) during the 2024-2025 academic year. SEC held five meetings during the fall 2024 semester (August 25, September 8, October 6, November 3, and December 1), five meetings during the spring 2025 semester (January 26, February 2, March 2, March 30, April 20), and two meetings during the summer of 2025 (May 18 and June 16). More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

SEC also held three meetings to hear annual presentations from the vice chancellors (October 21, February 24, and April 14). SEC provided advice to the Chancellor on the reappointment of the Vice Chancellors in closed session on 04/21/2025. With the departure of Chancellor Jones, SEC did not meet with the President to provide advice on the reappointment of the Chancellor.

SEC heard remarks from the Chancellor or his designee at each regular meeting.

SEC's annual meeting with the University of Illinois System President, Timothy Killeen, was on 01/27/2025.

SEC solicited volunteers to serve as the Urbana Senate Observer for the Board of Trustees meetings. (09/19/2024 – Moorhouse, 11/14/2024 – Roseman, 01/23/2025 – Roseman, 03/20/2025 – Kurt, 05/22/2025 – Hale, 07/17/2025 – Jenkins)

SEC received a request for nominations for the Data Strategy Focus Group at the System level and the 5-year performance review committee for the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Sean Garrick.

**I. ITEMS APPROVED BY THE SENATE****SC.25.01, Election of Faculty Senators to the 2024-2025 Committee on Committees**

Faculty members Choquette (ENGR) and Herrera (EDUC) were elected by the Senate on 04/29/2024.

**SC.25.02, Election of Student Senators to the 2024-2025 Committee on Committees**

Student members Conlon (ENGR), Mohamad (GRAD), and Zipperstein (ACES) were elected by the Senate on 04/29/2024.

**SC.25.08, Determine the Composition of, and Procedures for Selecting Members of, the Search Committee to Advise the President on the Selection of a Chancellor**

In a letter dated November 15, 2024, President Timothy Killeen requested the immediate formation of a search committee to advise him on the selection of the next chancellor for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with the expectation that the position would be filled during the spring semester 2025. This item was approved by SEC on 12/02/2024 and approved by the Senate on 12/09/2024.

**SC.25.11, Election of Student Senators to Fill Vacancies on the 2024-2025 Committee on Committees**

Student members Johnson (ENGR), Belanger (LAS), and Leopold (GRAD) were elected by the Senate on 03/10/2025.

**SC.25.14, 2025-2026 Senate and Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting Schedules**

This item was approved by SEC on 04/21/2025 and approved by the Senate on 04/28/2025.

**II. ITEMS REPORTED TO THE SENATE**

**SC.25.04, Report of Actions Taken by SEC at their May 13, 2024 Meeting on Behalf of the Senate**

SEC acted on behalf of the 2024-2025 Senate to complete the elections left unfinished at the Senate Elections and Organizational Meeting on April 29, 2024 and the attempted reconvening on May 6, 2024. This report, containing items approved by SEC on May 13, 2024, was reported to the Senate on 09/14/2024.

**SC.25.19, Report on the May 22, 2025 Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois System in Urbana**

This item will be reported to the Senate on September 15, 2025.

**III. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

**SC.24.12, Strategic Planning Framework**

Presentation (on file) by Bernhard on 11/04/2024.

**SC.25.03, Update on Campus Administrative Manual (CAM) Policy Changes**

The following CAM policies were updated: Expressive Activity on Campus Policy, Reservation of Property Policy, and the General Use of and Access to University Property Policy. Presentation (on file) by McMurray and Richards on 08/26/2024.

**SC.25.05, Adequate and Equitable Public University Funding Act (SB3965)**

This Act, if passed, provides that all general operating expenses for public universities be distributed by the Board of Higher Education through a funding formula for eligible public institutions and administered by the Board. Discussion on 10/07/2024.

**SC.25.06, Election of a Graduate or Professional Student Senator to Fill One Vacancy on the 2024-2025 Committee on Committees**

This item was combined into SC.25.11.

**SC.25.07, 2024-2025 Annual Presentation from the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Danita Brown Young**

Annual presentation (on file) by Vice Chancellor Brown Young on 10/21/2024.

**SC.25.09, Honorary Degree Award Process**

SEC discussed challenges with the honorary degree award process. Discussion on 01/27/2025.

**SC.25.10, Update from the Director of Athletics**

Presentation (on file) by Whitman on 02/03/2025.

**SC.25.12, 2024-2025 Annual Presentation from the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, John Coleman**

Annual presentation (on file) by Provost Coleman on 02/24/2025.

**SC.25.13, 2024-2025 Annual Presentation from the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Sean Garrick**

Annual Presentation (on file) by Vice Chancellor Garrick on 02/24/2025.

**SC.25.15, 2024-2025 Annual Presentation by the Vice Chancellor for Advancement - Barry Benson**

Annual Presentation (on file) by Vice Chancellor Benson on 04/14/2025.

**SC.25.16, 2024-2025 Annual Presentation by the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation - Susan Martinis**

Annual Presentation (on file) by Vice Chancellor Martinis on 04/14/2025.

**SC.25.17, Spring 2025 Budget Updates**

Presentation (on file) by Bernhard on 05/19/2025.

**IV. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**EP.24.068, Adopt a Campus-wide Definition of Upper Division Coursework and Impose a Minimum Requirement of 40 Upper-Division Hours on All Undergraduate Students**

Chair N. Miller requested to introduce this item as a non-voting item at the April 28 Senate meeting, and SEC had no objection.

**EP.25.011, Proposal to Rename the Center for Women and Gender in Global Perspectives [Updated New Unit Name: Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity]**

Chair N. Miller shared on 02/03/2025 that the Board of Trustees requested a change to the proposed name of this Center and noted this was an unusual request from the Board.

**EP.25.026, Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Media in the College of Media**

Chair N. Miller shared this proposal in anticipation of more proposals for completion programs and noted that further discussion is needed to establish guidelines moving forward.

**Bachelor of Liberal Studies Proposals EP.25.047 – EP.25.051**

Chair N. Miller noted that all these proposals are aimed at adult learners and the Language Other Than English (LOTE) requirement is proposed to be reduced from 3 levels to 2 levels. Once the LOTE was returned to 3 levels, EP unanimously approved submitting them to the Senate.

**EP.25.072, Illinois Student Council Resolution Calling on the Senate to Release Data Pertaining to Grade Distributions**

Chair N. Miller noted that the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP) did not vote on this item but wanted to obtain SEC input before EP voted on it. Publishing this type of data is now common practice by many institutions.

**LB.25.02, Resolution on Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) Statement on the Importance of Librarians in Academic Libraries**

Chair Mathisen shared the resolution at the 01/27/2025 meeting.

**RS.25.01, Resolution to Join a Mutual Academic Defense Compact for the Universities of the Big Ten Academic Alliance in Defense of Academic Freedom, Institutional Integrity, and Education, and Research**

This resolution encourages university administration to join other Big Ten institutions in future actions or agreements in response to federal directives.

**RS.25.02, Statement in Support of the Core Mission and Shared Values of Higher Education in the United States of America**

This resolution was withdrawn.

**RS.25.03, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate Resolution in Defense of the Core Mission, Values, and Academic Freedom of U.S. Higher Education**

This resolution also is in response to federal directives.

**SP.23.10, Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part B – Senate Committees; Part D.1.d – Senate Executive Committee; Part D.8.e – Committee on Educational Policy; and Part D.19 – Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (Chair Compensation)**

This item originated as SC.20.12 and Chair Dalipiaz provided an update under SP.23.10.

**SP.25.02, Amended Proposed Revision to the *Statutes* (USC ST-83 Revised)**

The University Senates Conference (USC) plans to put a hold on the December 2024 deadline and instead requested feedback about ST-83 by May 15, 2025. SEC discussed whether the proper review process had been followed for these revisions.

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