

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION
(Final; Information)

EQ.26.04 2025-2026 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (EQ) during the 2025-2026 academic year. EQ held three meetings during the fall 2025 semester (September 11, November 13, December 4), three meetings during the spring 2026 semester (February 12, March 12, April 23). More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

EQ received relevant updates from *ex officio* members including representatives from Office of the Vice Chancellor for Access, Civil Rights & Community (formerly Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) and Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

EQ.26.01, Title VI Reporting

At the November meeting, Gio Guerra-Perez, Interim Vice Chancellor Designate, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (OVCDEI) and David Long, Director, Title VI Coordinator, Office of Access and Equity, attended to discuss Title VI reporting to the Department of Education Office of Civil Rights.

EQ.26.02, Proposed Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.10 – Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Due to the name change from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Access, Civil Rights and Community, EQ considered whether the name of the committee needed to also be changed. EQ decided this would not be necessary as the committee's name is an accurate representation of the mission of the committee. This item was removed from the agenda on 04/23/2026.

EQ.26.03, Ninth Senate Review Commission Request for Committee Feedback from the Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

A request from the Ninth Senate Review Commission (SR9) was received to provide feedback on EQ's charge, composition, and function. EQ responded to the request on 03/16/2026.

II. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

EQ.24.03, Safety and Accessibility Issues in Ethnic, Gender, and Women's Studies

EQ discussed safety and accessibility issues in Gender & Women's studies. EQ invited department heads and chairs of the affected units, representatives from Gender & Women's studies, representatives from Facilities and Services Capital Programs, and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Facilities and Planning to discuss their concerns regarding the structural safety, accessibility, and security of the buildings that house their departments. The committee will continue to meet with various stakeholders during the 2026-2027 academic year.

EQ.25.02, Expressive Activity on Campus Policy

EQ discussed the revision of the Expressive Activity on Campus policy (FO-82) in the Campus Administrative Manual (CAM). EQ will continue to meet with various stakeholders during the 2026-2027 academic year.

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