

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH
(Final; Information)

PE.26.04 2025-2026 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Public Engagement and Outreach

This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Committee on Public Engagement and Outreach (PE) during the 2025-2026 academic year. PE held two meetings during the fall 2025 semester (September 12, November 7) and four meetings during the spring 2026 semester (February 3, March 3, April 7). An additional meeting is scheduled for May 5. More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

PE.26.01, Community Public Engagement

At the November meeting, Amy Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club (DMBGC), attended to share the work that DMBGC is doing in Champaign and Urbana.

DMBGC provides services to youth ages 6-18. Some of the programs offered in FY25 include Education (Computer Science, Media Making, Robotics, Money Matters); Arts (Art Club, Magazine Club); Leadership and Service (Youth Council, Youth of the Month, Youth of the Year, Peer Mediation) and Health and Wellness (Triple Play Healthy Habits, Passport to Manhood, Smart Girls).

At the February meeting, Rachel Dallas, Director of Operations, Crisis Nursery, and Russell Zillman, Assistant Director Development and Marketing, Crisis Nursery, attended to share information on the services and programs at Crisis Nursery.

Crisis Nursery is the only emergency childcare facility in Champaign County that is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays. In addition, the services are free and available to anyone in the community.

PE.26.02, Ninth Senate Review Commission Request for Committee Feedback from the Senate Committee on Public Engagement

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

PE.26.03, Illini Way and Student-Athlete Community Outreach

At the April meeting, Jasmine Jeffries, Assistant Coordinator, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics (DIA), Solomon Siskind, Assistant Director, Student-Athlete Engagement, DIA, and Shanika Mungin, Assistant Director of Athletics, Student-Athlete Engagement, DIA, attended to share information on Illini Way, the student-athlete development program through the DIA.

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