

**Minutes**  
**Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting**  
November 7, 2011

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:12 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Levis Faculty Center with Chancellor Phyllis Wise presiding and Professor Emeritus Kenneth E. Andersen as Parliamentarian.

**Approval of Minutes**

11/07/11-01 The minutes from October 3 were approved as written.

**Senate Executive Committee Report**

Senator Matthew Wheeler (ACES), Chair of the Senate Executive Committee gave the following report.

Committee on Committees is seeking names for the Provost Search Committee. A massmail was sent to faculty and students requesting nominations be submitted by November 11.

The Enrollment Management Task Force that Matthew Wheeler, Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), commissioned to review President Hogan's Enrollment Management Report was announced. The Task Force consists of Michael Biehl, Chair of Committee on Admissions; Nicholas Burbules, Chair of General University Policy; Eric Meyer, Associate Professor of Journalism; Sarah Projansky, Chair of Conference of Conduct Governance; Gay Miller, Chair of Educational Policy Committee; Roy Campbell, Information Technology (IT) Committee; Nikita Borisov, University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) representative. The Task Force will create a report and submit it to University Senates Conference. The report will also be the topic of the Committee of the Whole discussion at the December 5 Senate meeting.

Twenty names of nominees were requested on Roy Campbell's behalf as Chair of the IT Committee, to populate the IT Governance Committee. Names of nominees should be sent to Committee on Committees.

The Provost Office has requested nominations for the Promotion and Tenure Committee. A reminder email will be sent out, and nominations are due November 11.

The IT Security Policy is still being worked on, and will come back through the Senate Executive Committee once it is finalized.

11/07/11-02 Floor privileges were requested for Karen Carney, Associate Dean in LAS; Carol Malmgren, Registrar; and Abbas Aminmansour, Associate Professor in Architecture and previous Educational Policy Committee Chair to speak to EP.12.11, Revisions to the 2012-2013 Academic Calendar. Such privileges were granted with no objection.

Tellers for the meeting were Leslie Struble (ENGR), Peter Loeb (LAS), and Jim Maskeri (LAS).

**Chancellor's Remarks**

Chancellor Phyllis Wise announced that she had visited approximately four academic units on her Listening and Learning Tour to date. At the December 5 Senate meeting, if time permits, the meeting will end early and from 4:30-5:30 the Chancellor will hold a Listening and Learning Tour with the Senate. Wise wants to pose the following questions at that time: Why did you come? Why did you stay? What is it that you are totally passionate about? What does one of

the premier institutions look like in 20-50 years? What should we think about putting in place in 10 years? She went on to mention that the more immediate two year vision that was handled by Stewarding Excellence was a good project. She invited everyone to imagine what the University should look like in 20-50 years so that in the next 5-10 years a plan can be made to accomplish those goals.

Wise hoped that the University is not behind seasonally in starting a Provost search, but knows everyone involved in the process is working diligently. The Vice Chancellor for Research search is ongoing and the deadline for nominations is the beginning of 2012. The plan is to interview in February and March.

Wise noted that her first month has been filled with discovery, and has only begun to understand the depth and breadth of this University. She visited Krannert Art Museum and enjoyed the Faculty Art display. She also attended Krannert Center for the Performing Arts during their Corporate Night, and was pleased to hear local corporate entities speak favorably about the wonderful programs they provide.

### **Questions/Discussion**

There were no questions, but Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits Committee Chair John Kindt (BUS) was invited to speak about the benefits items distributed at the door.

Kindt mentioned the massmail that was sent on November 1 from President Michael Hogan and gave his personal opinion that it was proactive of the President. The President and Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Richard Wheeler have written about concerns regarding Senate Bill (SB) 512. Kindt noted that shortly before the meeting, several hundreds of pages were added to SB512 amendment #2. An email with the link to this document will be sent from the Senate Office. Kindt applauded Katie Ross from the University Office for Human Resources for all her work putting together the benefits documents for the Senate packet. More information about these issues is available on the State Universities Annuitants Association website [www.suaa.org](http://www.suaa.org).

Senator Kenneth Andersen noted that emeriti faculty members are not included in the faculty list that receives faculty massmails. Andersen wanted to make others aware in case it was assumed that emeriti receive faculty massmails. Chancellor Wise noted Andersen's concern and indicated that she would look into the matter.

### **Proposals for Action**

- 11/07/11-03 CC.12.05\* Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees of the Senate. Senator Bettina Francis (LAS), Chair of the Committee on Committees, moved approval of the nominations on CC.12.05. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.
- 11/07/11-04 By voice vote, the slate of candidates on CC.12.05 was approved.
- 11/07/11-05 CC.12.06\* Approval of Nominations for the Athletic Board. Senator Bettina Francis (LAS), Chair of the Committee on Committees, noted that the Committee on Committees referred to last year's slate of nominees as this would be filling a vacancy from last year's nominations. She then moved to vote on two of the three nominees.

A count of the tellers indicated the following vote totals: Sarah Projansky 65, Robert Rich 42, and Michael Raycraft 41.

11/07/11-06 By ballot, Robert Rich (IGPA) and Sarah Projansky (LAS) were declared elected. Their names will be forwarded to Chancellor Phyllis Wise who will select one.

11/07/11-07 EP.12.11\* Revisions to the 2012-2013 Academic Calendar. Educational Policy Committee (EPC) Chair Gay Miller summarized the committee's reasoning behind this proposal, and added that this is a trial to see if this solution might be used in future years when the time compression occurs again. Karen Carney, Associate Dean in LAS, and Charles Tucker, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs in the College of Engineering voiced their support for this proposal. EPC Chair Miller then moved its approval. Discussion of the proposal followed.

Student Senator David Huang (ACES) expressed his objection to Saturday final examinations and voiced concern for religious observances. He also mentioned that in his opinion the entire student population was not informed enough on this issue prior to today's Senate meeting.

Former EPC Chair Abbas Aminmansour (FAA) noted that the Student Code and Illinois State law requires the University to reasonably accommodate student religious beliefs, observances, and practices in regard to admissions, class attendance, and the scheduling of examinations. Professor Aminmansour voiced his support of the one-time change in this proposal. Faculty Senator John Wagstaff (LIBR) asked why the time constraint issue was not previously anticipated. Professor Aminmansour noted that this issue has not occurred since the guidelines were established in 2005.

Student Senator Chaya Sandler (GRAD) mentioned that in the past certain professors she had counted the best two out of three exams, but when she had a religious observance she was told that the exam she missed would count as the dropped exam and a conflict exam was not offered. Senator Sandler felt students should be made more aware of their rights in accordance with the Student Code and Illinois State Law.

Faculty Senator Bettina Francis (LAS) and EPC member reiterated the large number of scenarios and time spent reviewing the vast array of options, and noted this solution divides the burden as equal as possible. Large classes with essays will likely have more impact than others.

Student Body President David Pileski (FAA) noted his reluctant support of this proposal, but felt further review was needed for future years with the time constraints. EPC Chair Miller noted that the EPC is asking for reports from various stakeholders to determine the impact of this solution and if it is viable for future years with similar time constraints.

11/07/11-08 By voice vote, EP.11.12 Revisions to the 2012-2013 Academic Calendar was passed.

11/07/11-09 SC.12.08\* Nominations to Fill a Faculty Vacancy on Committee on Committees created by the Resignation of Brendesha Tynes (EDUC). Senator Matthew Wheeler (ACES), Chair of the SEC, moved to vote for one of the two nominees on SC.12.08. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.

A count of the tellers indicated the following vote totals: Cris Mayo 51 and Lynne Rudasill 25.

11/07/11-10 By ballot, Cris Mayo (EDUC) was declared elected to Committee on Committees with a term expiring in 2013.

### **Reports for Information**

The following reports were presented for information:

11/07/11-11 UC.12.01\* - USC Report - September 21– K. Graber  
11/07/11-12 HE.12.02\* - FAC/IBHE Report – K. Andersen  
11/07/11-13 FB.12.02\* - Current Benefits Issues and Events – J. Kindt

### **New Business**

Faculty Senator Al Kagan (LIBR) noted his appreciation for the information distributed at the door and moved to add discussion of SB512 and the Senate taking a position on this issue to the agenda as new business. Parliamentarian Kenneth Anderson noted that the Open Meetings Act (OMA) only allows discussion of items added to the agenda, but does not allow taking action on those items. Senator Kagan objected to this interpretation based on the way the Senate handled items added to the agenda in the past.

USSP member George Friedman noted that USSP is very intensely looking at the issue of whether the UIUC Senate is subject to OMA. If the Senate is subject to OMA, USSP knows what changes have to be made to the governing documents to be in compliance. Parliamentarian Andersen added that the Office of University Counsel should be consulted and that in his opinion it would be unwise to take action until clarification was obtained from University Counsel.

By voice, the Senate voted to add discussion of SB512 to the agenda as a new business item, and passed.

Faculty Senator Al Kagan (LIBR) made a motion to resolve that the Senate object to SB512. The motion was seconded. Several Senators agreed with the objection to SB512, but were unsure if a vote should be taken. Chancellor Wise reminded the Senate that a large amendment was added to this bill and that Senators may want to review the addition before taking a position. Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits Chair John Kindt (BUS) added that it would make a greater impact to object to SB512 individually within ethical regulations rather than pass a resolution as a Senate.

Faculty Senator Peter Loeb (LAS) made a motion to substitute supporting the President's communication that was distributed at the door for Senator Kagan's previous motion that was on the floor. The motion was seconded.

By voice, Chancellor Wise pronounced that the motion from Faculty Senator Loeb to support the President's communication had been substituted for Faculty Senator Al Kagan's motion to resolve that the Senate object to SB512.

Faculty Senator Bettina Francis (LAS) asked the Presiding Officer to determine if a quorum was present. By a count of the tellers, it was determined that a quorum was not present, and the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

\*Filed with the Senate Clerk and incorporated by reference in these Minutes.