Minutes Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting December 5, 2011

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:18pm on the 3rd floor of the Levis Faculty Center with Chancellor Phyllis Wise presiding and Professor Emeritus Kenneth E. Andersen as Parliamentarian.

Approval of Minutes

12/05/11-01 The minutes from November 7, 2011 were approved as written.

Senate Executive Committee Report

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

Wheeler announced that a vote for faculty and student nominees on the Provost Search committee would be held and indicated that all faculty Senators and student Senators should have received the appropriate ballot when checking-in today.

Wheeler reviewed the forming of the Enrollment Management Task Force in response to the external Enrollment Management report that was commissioned by President Michael Hogan from external consultants. He thanked Senator Michael Biehl (VMED) for chairing the Enrollment Management Task Force and for leading the Task Force in writing a report.

Michael Corn, University Chief Information Security Officer, plans to meet with the General University Policy Committee (GUP), the Information Technology (IT) committee, and the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (CAFT) regarding the Electronic Communications Policy. Once Corn meets with the Senate committees, he will bring the policy back to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) before it comes before the full Senate.

Wheeler noted Chancellor Phyllis Wise's request to hold a Listening and Learning session with the full Senate immediately following today's meeting.

12/05/11-02 Wheeler moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm in order to accommodate the Chancellor's request. Hearing no objections, it was pronounced that the meeting would adjourn at 4:30 pm.

Wheeler noted that the information regarding a resolution on the taxation of graduate student employee tuition waivers was distributed at the door. This issue will be presented and discussed by student Senator Carrey Hawkins Ash at the December 12 SEC meeting.

12/05/11-03 Floor privileges were requested for Robert Hughes, Jr., Professor and Head in the Department of Human & Community Development to speak to EP.12.15, Proposal to Revise the Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) Concentration within the PhD Curriculum in Human and Community Development. Floor privileges were also requested for Ruth Watkins, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) and Michael Bragg, Executive Associate Dean of Engineering to speak to the Committee of the Whole Discussion on Enrollment Management. Such privileges were granted with no objection.

Tellers for the meeting were Bill Williamson (LAS), Nancy O'Brien (LIBR), and Drew Travernor (FAA).

Chancellor's Remarks

Chancellor Phyllis Wise announced that she had met with most academic units to date, and looks forward to holding a Listening and Learning session with faculty and students today. She had anticipated spending 100 days on the Listening and Learning Tour, but the tour will be ongoing with such a busy schedule. Wise mentioned the Town Hall meeting scheduled for tomorrow at Krannert Center for Performing Arts from 4-5 pm. She also invited all Senators to a holiday reception immediately following the first Senate meeting of 2012 on January 30.

Questions/Discussion

No questions were asked.

Consent Agenda

Hearing no objections, Chancellor Wise pronounced that the following proposals were approved by unanimous consent:

- 12/05/11-04EP.12.13*Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Agricultural, Consumer and
Environmental Sciences (ACES) to Terminate the Community Studies and Outreach
Concentration in the PhD Curriculum in Human and Community Development
- 12/05/11-05 EP.12.15* Proposal to Revise the Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) Concentration within the PhD Curriculum in Human and Community Development

Proposals for Action

12/05/11-06 CC.12.07* Nominations for Faculty Membership on the Search Committee for a Provost and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Senator Bettina Francis (LAS), Chair of the Committee on Committees presented a slate of 12 faculty nominees. She then moved to vote for five candidates. Senator Al Kagan (LIBR) nominated Harriet Murav (LAS) from the floor and presented her written statement of willingness to serve. There were no additional nominations and nominations were declared closed.

A count of the tellers indicated the following vote totals: James Anderson 38, Karen Campbell 15, Leon Dash 21, Faye Dong 24, Jan Erkert 19, Placid Ferreira 21, Samantha Frost 21, Prasanta Kalita 19, Barbara Minsker 33, Catherine Prendergast 35, Joseph Rosenblatt 27, Bill Stewart 17, and Harriet Murav 18.

- 12/05/11-07 By ballot, James Anderson, Faye Dong, Barbara Minsker, Catherine Prendergast, and Joseph Rosenblatt were declared elected.
- 12/05/11-08 CC.12.08* Nominations for Student Membership on the Search Committee for a Provost and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

A count of the tellers indicated the following initial vote totals: Miheer Munjal 3, Franklyn Rocha Cabrero 1, and Meghan Schaffer 3. The students cast votes to break the tie with final vote totals as follows: Miheer Munjal 4 and Meghan Schaffer 3.

- 12/05/11-09 By ballot, Miheer Munjal was declared elected.
- 12/05/11-10 EQ.12.01* Report on Certain Diversity and Equity UIUC Campus Issues. Senator Harry Hilton (ENGR), Chair of the Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion moved that the Senate receive the report and the Senate Clerk forward the report to those recommended on the list in the report. By voice, the motion passed.

12/05/11-11 GP.11.05* Proposed Statement on Unit Mission Statements and Activities. Senator Nicholas Burbules (EDUC), Chair of the Senate Committee on General University Policy gave a short overview of the proposal and moved its approval. By voice the motion passed.

Proposed Revisions to the University Statutes

12/05/11-12 SP.12.07* Proposed Revisions to the University Statutes, Article II, Section 2 – University Senates Conference (Campus Rotation of Leadership Positions). William Maher, Chair of the Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures gave an overview of the process for making amendments to the University Statutes. Maher noted that this was a first reading and the second reading would be at the January 30 meeting. Faculty Senator George Francis (LAS) asked what the current special circumstances were surrounding the 2011/12 variance in the regular rotation of the SEC leadership positions. Senator Nicholas Burbules (EDUC) indicated his willingness to discuss the circumstances of the current situation at the January 30, 2012 meeting.

Reports for Information

- 12/05/11-13 HE.12.03* November 18 FAC/IBHE Report
- 12/05/11-14 UC.12.02* October 18 USC Report
- 12/05/11-15 FB.12.03* Current Benefits Issues and Events

Committee of the Whole

12/05/11-16 The Senate voted to move into a committee of the whole discussion on the Enrollment Management Task Force Report.

Senator Michael Biehl (VMED), Chair of the Enrollment Management Task Force, acknowledged the Task Force members and gave opening remarks discussing the Task Force's process of working through the external report and their process of writing their conclusions in the report.

Ruth Watkins, Dean of LAS, spoke to the need for the Office of the Provost to remain the decision making entity for the make-up of the student body. Michael Bragg, Executive Associate Dean of Engineering, commended the Task Force for their time and effort. He noted the difficultly of fully understanding the complexities of the University, and completely agreed with the Task Force recommendations.

Faculty Senator and SEC Vice-Chair Joyce Tolliver (LAS) expressed her gratitude for the work of the Task Force and noted its model of shared governance. She then noted her opinion that each campus should continue making enrollment decisions for its own campus.

Faculty Senator Mark Roszkowski (BUS) felt that this issue should have been taken to each individual Senate and recommendations should have come from each campus, and not from an outside entity.

SEC Chair Wheeler Matt thanked Senators for their comments and suggestions. Wheeler announced that the SEC will vote on the Enrollment Management Task Force report on Monday, December 12.

Biehl added clarification that as a Task Force, they wanted to model effective an objective reasoned approach to the issues in this report. There are continual references to collaborative approaches with faculty, campus administration, and university administration. Biehl noted that the Task Force felt that a more effective approach is a collaborative one.

Chancellor Wise added that she was very appreciative of all the work that has been done, and noted that the College Deans support the Task Force's work. She hopes this process can be done collaboratively and with a definite campus voice.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:16pm

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk *Filed with the Senate Clerk and incorporated by reference in these minutes.