

**Senate of the Urbana-Champaign Campus**

March 7, 2016

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:10 pm in Illini Room A of the Illini Union with Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Edward Feser presiding and Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. serving as Parliamentarian.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

03/07/16-01 The minutes from February 8, 2016 were approved as distributed.

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Gay Miller (VMED), faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), noted the massmail sent from Antoinette Burton, Chair of the Chancellor Search Committee. The massmail invited campus members to attend a Public Forum on the Search for a Chancellor/Vice President of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The Forum will be held in the Illini Union Ballroom on Friday March 11 from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm. A live stream of the event will be also be available.

Chair Miller reported continued concern about the lack of a state budget and the recent governor's address that did not include higher education. Eastern Illinois University (EIU) has given notice of furloughs and layoffs. Other state of Illinois campus Senate's have passed resolutions on the budget impasse. The Senate Committee on the Budget and the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP) are considering bringing a resolution on the budget impasse forward to the Senate.

03/07/16-02 Teller for the meeting were student senator Calvin Lear (GRAD), and faculty senators John Kindt (BUS) and Rolando Romero (LAS).

**CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Edward Feser gave remarks on behalf of the Chancellor. Feser noted the record number of student applications that have been submitted for fall 2016. Feser then announced that three information sessions will be held this week on the budget and budget processes. The sessions will be held on March 9 at NCSA (National Center for Supercomputer Applications), on March 14 at IGB (Carl R. Woese Institute of Genomic Biology), and on March 17 at the Illini Union. The meetings will include information on state support for the university, budget planning currently being done by colleges and administrative units, and reforms to the campus budgeting process.

**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**

In response to a question regarding the Background Check Policy, Feser responded that a committee has been appointed to review cases. Feser offered to send a list of the committee membership to faculty senator Barnes (LAS).

Student senator Villanueva (LAS) invited faculty and staff to attend an open forum hosted by the Illinois Student Senate Ad-hoc Committee on the Exploration of a University Mascot to share their opinions about the possibility of creating a university mascot. The open meeting will be at 5:00 pm on March 11 in room 407 of the Illini Union.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Hearing no objections, the following proposals were approved by unanimous consent.

03/07/16-03 EP.16.37\* Proposal to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Global Markets and Society, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

03/07/16-04 EP.16.41\* Proposal to Revise the Clinical Concentrations in the Master of Social Work Program, School of Social Work

- 03/07/16-05 EP.16.44\* Proposal to Rename the General Engineering Degree to Systems Engineering and Design
- 03/07/16-06 EP.16.48\* Proposal to Establish or Modify an Undergraduate Minor in Public Relations (PR) offered by the Charles H. Sandage Department of Advertising, College of Media
- 03/07/16-07 EP.16.52\* Proposal to Establish a Undergraduate Minor in Creative Writing, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 03/07/16-08 EP.16.53\* Proposal to Discontinue the Minor in the Teaching of Mathematics, Grades 6-8, in the Department of Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- 03/07/16-09 EP.16.59\* Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Kinesiology Curriculum in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health (KCH), AHS
- 03/07/16-10 EP.16.60\* Proposal to Revise the Mathematics and Computer Science BSLAS in the College of LAS
- 03/07/16-11 EP.16.61\* Proposal to Revise the Statistics and Computer Science BSLAS in the College of LAS

**PROPOSALS**

- 03/07/16-12 CC.16.10\* Nominations to the Athletic Board

As Chair and on behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Kalita nominated Allender, Sotomayor, and Willis to fill one faculty position for a four-year term expiring in 2020. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be forwarded to the Chancellor for selection of one faculty member to fill the faculty vacancy.

The following vote totals were recorded by i>Clicker: Allender 62; Sotomayor 96; and Willis 85.

- 03/07/16-13 Sotomayor and Willis will be forwarded to the Chancellor for selection of one faculty member to fill the faculty vacancy.

- 03/07/16-14 SP.16.07\* Amendment to the *Statutes*: Nondiscrimination Statement

As Chair and on behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), Maher introduced and moved approval of proposal SP.16.07. Maher noted that proposed *Statutes* changes require two readings. At the previous Senate meeting, the USSP committee heard suggested changes to the Nondiscrimination Statement (NDS) by senators and also received additional suggestions after the Senate meeting. The USSP committee considered the proposed changes and now presents SP.16.07 for a second reading and approval by the Senate.

- 03/07/16-15 As a faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion (EQ), Oberdeck (LAS) made a motion to amend SP.16.07 in three areas; sexual orientation, judicial status, and family responsibility. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.
- 03/07/16-16 Student senator Lear (GRAD) moved to divide Oberdeck's motion into three parts. The motion to divide was seconded and approved by unanimous consent.
- 03/07/16-17 Motion #1. Oberdeck (LAS) moved to amend SP 16.07 by replacing "...sexual orientation including gender identity..." with "...sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression...". The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Oberdeck (LAS) also provided rationale\* for the proposed changes.
- 03/07/16-18 By voice, Motion #1 was approved.
- 03/07/16-19 Motion #2. Oberdeck (LAS) moved to further amend SP.16.07 by adding "...expression, fact of an arrest, conviction history independent of individual assessment of offense in relation to specific position and time since offense/conviction/end of sentence..." directly after the language

approved in Motion #1. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Oberdeck (LAS) again provided rationale\* for the proposed changes.

03/07/16-20 By voice, Motion #2 was approved.

03/07/16-21 Motion #3. Oberdeck (LAS) moved to further amend SP.16.07 by adding "...family responsibilities" directly after the language approved in Motion #2. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Oberdeck (LAS) again provided rationale\* for the proposed changes.

03/07/16-22 By voice, Motion #3 was approved.

03/07/16-23 By voice, the motion to adopt the amended SP.16.07 was approved.

03/07/16-24 EP.16.51\* Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Innovation, Leadership and Engineering Entrepreneurship (BS in ILEE) Degree in the College of Engineering.

As Chair and on behalf of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC), Francis introduced and moved approval of EP.16.51. Discussion in favor and against the proposal followed.

Proposal sponsor and Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor Andrew Singer noted that the degree is meant to be a secondary degree. Students would not be admitted into the program as a standalone degree program.

03/07/16-25 By iClicker (79 yes/65 no), the motion to adopt EP.16.51 was approved.

#### **UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION**

Chair Miller suggested 20 minutes for discussion of the University Strategic Plan. Several members of the strategic plan steering committee were present to listen to the Senate discussion. In addition, SEC members Miller, Burbules, and LeRoy plan to summarize the comments and provide a written summary to the President. Additional feedback can be provided at the President's March 14 Town Hall or on the strategic plan website. Some of the Senate comments are summarized below.

A system-wide strategic plan seems strange when strategic planning has already been done at the campus level. The draft appears to be more of what the university does for the state and would be more appropriate for the proposed compact with the state.

The word "quality" does not appear in the draft and without mentioning quality, it appears not to be an important factor.

Reference to student resources is lacking. Mental health access, assistance for victims of sexual assault, and improving race relations are all important.

The words research and excellence do not appear in the draft. Concern was expressed that only economic development would be supported. Humanities is barely mentioned. Corporate language is used throughout the draft.

What is the role of departments and colleges in relation to the strategic plan?

The draft is too vague and appears to be superficial.

The draft seems to be bound to the current budget impasse and the need for funding.

The draft discusses training, not education. Education needs to be the strategic goal.

Submitting comments on a website is not the same as having a conversation. It is not clear what the role of a consulting firm is in this process.

The draft makes the university sound like a training institution rather than an educational institution.

There seems to be a gap between the vision and what the university actually does.

Mention of a system-wide enrollment plan, university-wide recruitment, assisting students enroll in an alternate campus if not accepted to their first campus choice, and development of a seamless transfer process between campuses. These were all controversial under a previous president and are still controversial.

We aim high, aspire to excellence, and to be world-class. The draft mentions expansion in a time when we are contracting. The use of the word polytechnic is concerning.

The previous strategic plan had clear benchmarks. Where is the assessment component?

Celebrating the human condition is a poor characterization of the Humanities. Humanists explore the complexities of the human condition; they critique and provide analysis.

The draft suggested a lack of fundamental knowledge of what a university does.

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DISCUSSION**

03/07/16-26 SP.15.08\* Proposed Revisions to the *Constitution*, Article II, Section 1.b – Faculty Representation and Article III, Section 1.b – Other Academic Staff Representation

USSP Chair Maher (LIBR) made a motion to move into a committee of the whole discussion. The motion was seconded and approved by voice.

USSP Chair Maher (LIBR) then introduced the supporting document SP.15.08 noting the USSP committee intends to draft a proposal to amend the Senate *Constitution's* definition of the faculty electorate with the new category of "specialized faculty." The USSP committee will rely on discussion during the committee of the whole to draft a proposal. Maher read Options A, B, C, and D, and discussion followed.

A couple of specialized faculty that are current faculty senators by virtue of Article II, Section 1(b) of the Senate *Constitution* expressed their preference for Option C.

There was concern expressed about seat apportionment if specialized faculty were included in the faculty electorate as described in Option C. Option D was the only other option discussed by senators.

A suggestion was made to adopt the definition of the faculty electorate that is used on the Springfield campus. The USSP committee was urged to speak to other specialized faculty outside of the Senate.

03/07/16-27 Maher moved to rise and report. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

03/07/16-28 EP.16.55\* Administrative Approvals – February 8, 2016

03/07/16-29 EP.16.58\* Administrative Approvals – February 15, 2016

03/07/16-30 EP.16.63\* Administrative Approvals – February 29, 2016

03/07/16-31 EQ.16.02\* Report on the Spring 2015 Diversity Climate Survey

As Chair of EQ, Oberdeck (LAS) gave a brief overview of the report and expressed her hope that the importance of diversity is not overlooked with the current other important campus matters.

03/07/16-32 SC.16.27\* BOT Observer Report – January 21, 2016

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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

A video recording of these proceedings can be found at <https://go.illinois.edu/senate>