

**URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

May 2, 2016

Minutes

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:13 pm in Illini Rooms A & B of the Illini Union with Interim Chancellor Barbara Wilson presiding and Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. serving as Parliamentarian.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

05/02/16-01 The minutes from April 4, 2016 were approved as distributed.

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Gay Miller (VMED), faculty senator and Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), stated that the end of the academic year is celebrated with many accomplishments. It has been an interesting year as the SEC Chair working on some challenging topics such as providing input on background checks, university strategic planning, changes to Senate *Bylaws* and University *Statutes*, and multiple proposals from the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC), and various resolutions. Chair Miller thanked the Senate for the work done this past year.

The agenda for today is very full. Each of you is empowered to speak and share your perspectives, especially if your perspectives are not being shared by others. We have to be careful to move efficiently through the agenda to complete Senate business.

05/02/16-02 Floor privileges granted without objection to the following individuals to speak to item EP.16.80: Charles Tucker, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Innovation; Jamie Singson, CORE and Native American House; Arianna Wilson, Native American & Indigenous Student Organization (NAISO); Deja Gardner, Central Black Student Union (CBSU); Vanessa Garcia, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (M.E.Ch.A.); Jaylan Williams, Minority Association of Future Attorneys (MAFA); Stephanie Skora, Campus Union for Trans Equality and Support (CUTES); Shay Akil McLean, Sociology Graduate Student. To speak to item RS.16.03: Charles Tucker, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Innovation. To speak to item SP.15.21: Eric Johnson, Chair of the Hiring Policies and Procedures Review Committee.

05/02/16-03 Tellers for the meeting were faculty senators H. F. (Bill) Williamson (LAS) and Eric Benson (FAA), and student senator Calvin Lear (GRAD).

**CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Interim Chancellor Barbara Wilson reported that significant progress has been made with the specialized faculty contract negotiations. Over the weekend a vote was made to end the work stoppage. The specialized faculty will vote this Thursday on ratifying the contract. This is a milestone agreement that has come after many conversations and negotiations. This contract supports the specialized faculty in the ways they deserve to be supported in the areas of academic freedom and predictability and stability of processes and procedures and giving colleges and departments full ownership of promotion processes. Wilson thanked Shawn Gilmore, President of the Non-Tenure Faculty Coalition (NTFC) and Kay Emmert, along with the Human Resources staff lead by Leslie Arvan and the Provost Office staff lead by Provost Feser.

Wilson reported that the State has provided partial funding through a stop-gap measure. MAP (Monetary Award Program) grant funding has been provided for one semester. Administration continues to strongly advocate for funding with the legislators. The Illinois Caucus has been very supportive of this process. The funding is not sufficient and is only a small portion of our budget.

Commencement will be held on May 14 at Memorial Stadium. Wilson encouraged attendance.

Wilson met with students from the Mascot committee to explore the possibility of creating the campus's first ever mascot. The students have gone through a very thorough and thoughtful process and engaging numerous stakeholders. The students submitted their report to Chancellor

Wilson. The report was also presented the Illinois Student Senate (ISS). The ISS was in with a vote of 28 in favor, 2 against, and one abstention. Wilson has accepted the report and recommendations. Wilson intends to appoint a steering committee of 10-12 people including numerous stakeholder groups. Wilson is optimistic and committed to embracing a first ever mascot.

#### **QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**

Faculty senator Rosenstein (MDA) noted that it was his understanding that the Athletic Board would report to the Senate twice per year. Rosenstein does not recall a report this academic year and asked why there has been no report. Wilson replied that she would look into the issue.

Student senator LeRoy (BUS) asked if the mascot steering committee would be exploratory or for implementation? Wilson replied that the steering committee is for implementation and will move forward with the process to create the first ever mascot.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 05/02/16-04 EP.16.42\* Proposal to Revise the Ph.D. Requirements for the Department of Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering, College of Engineering
- 05/02/16-05 EP.16.62\* Proposal to Revise the Curriculum to the Ph.D. Requirements for the Department of Bioengineering, College of Engineering
- 05/02/16-06 EP.16.64\* Proposal to Revise and Rename the BALAS in Germanic Languages and Literatures to the BALAS in Germanic Studies
- 05/02/16-07 EP.16.65\* Proposal to Transfer the Agricultural Communication Program and the Bachelors of Science Degree with a Major in Agricultural Communications from the College of Media to the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
- 05/02/16-08 EP.16.66\* Proposal to Establish a transcriptable Graduate Concentration in "Advanced Analytics" in the Department of Industrial & Enterprise Systems Engineering, College of Engineering
- 05/02/16-09 EP.16.68\* Proposal to Revise the BSLAS in Atmospheric Sciences, in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences, College of LAS
- 05/02/16-10 EP.16.69\* Proposal to Establish a New Graduate Level Concentration Titled "Data Analytics in Accountancy" in the Department of Accountancy, in the College of Business
- 05/02/16-11 EP.16.71\* Proposal to Establish a Major in Bioengineering in the Department of Bioengineering, College of Engineering for the Degree of Master of Engineering
- 05/02/16-12 EP.16.72\* Proposal to Establish Three Transcriptable Concentrations, General Bioengineering, Bioinstrumentation and Computational Genomics, Under the Major in Bioengineering in the Department of Bioengineering, College of Engineering for the Degree of Master of Engineering
- 05/02/16-13 EP.16.75\* Proposal to Revise the PhD Program in Animal Sciences
- 05/02/16-14 EP.16.76\* Proposal to Change the Name of the Technology and Management Concentration in the Major in Animal Sciences, Department of Animal Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
- 05/02/16-15 EP.16.77\* Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Music Minor in the School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts
- 05/02/16-16 EP.16.78\* Proposal to Revise the Minor in French, Department of French and Italian, LAS
- 05/02/16-17 EP.16.79\* Proposal to Revise the BALAS in French, French Studies Concentration, Department of FRIT, LAS
- 05/02/16-18 EP.16.81\* Proposal to Revise the BSLAS in Integrative Biology, Integrative Biology Honors (IBH) Concentration, LAS

- 05/02/16-19 EP.16.84\* Proposal to Revise the BSLAS in Computer Science and a Liberal Arts and Sciences Discipline (CS+X) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 05/02/16-20 EP.16.85\* Proposal to Revise the PhD in Crop Sciences, Department of Crop Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer of Environmental Sciences
- 05/02/16-21 EP.16.86\* Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Management Degree in the Department of Business Administration in the College of Business
- 05/02/16-22 EP.16.88\* Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Major Leading to the BALAS in Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, College of LAS
- 05/02/16-23 EP.16.89\* Proposal to Revise the Early Childhood Education Undergraduate Major in College of Education
- PROPOSALS**
- 05/02/16-24 CC.16.11\* Nominations for Membership on the Seventh Senate Review Commission Implementation Committee
- On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees, Chair Kalita moved approval of the slate of nominees on proposal CC.16.11. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.
- 05/02/16-25 By voice vote, proposal CC.16.11 was approved.
- 05/02/16-26 SC.16.29\* 2016-2017 Senate and Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Calendar
- On behalf of the SEC, Chair Miller moved approval of the 2016-2017 Senate and SEC calendar.
- 05/02/16-27 By voice vote, proposal SC.16.29 was approved.
- 05/02/16-28 SC.16.30\* Endorsement of the Council of Academic Professionals (CAP) Resolution on the FY16 Budget Impasse on Healthcare Coverage for Urbana-Champaign Campus Employees
- On behalf of the SEC, Chair Miller moved approval of moved approval of proposal SC.16.30 and invited Chair of the CAP Michael Bohlmann to speak. Bohlmann described the hardships that some employees have incurred to their health due to the State budget impasse and requested support of the CAP resolution. Kindt (BUS), Chair of the Senate Committee on Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits (FB) gave the FB Committee's unanimous support.
- 05/02/16-29 By voice vote, proposal SC.16.30 was approved unanimously.
- 05/02/16-30 SP.15.21\* Revisions to the Statutes to Implement the Recommendations of the Hiring Policies and Procedures Review Committee
- As Chair and on behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), Maher (LIBR) gave a brief summary of the proposal and moved approval of proposal SP.15.21. A short discussion with supportive comments was held.
- 05/02/16-31 By voice vote, proposal SP.15.21 was approved unanimously.
- 05/02/16-32 SP.16.09\* Revisions to the *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules* – Committee on Elections and Credentials
- As Chair and on behalf of the USSP Committee, Maher (LIBR) gave a brief summary of the proposal and moved approval of proposal SP.16.09. The Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials (EC) will address the eligibility questions that have been numerous lately. The USSP Committee continues to have a very full agenda and with the re-establishment of the EC Committee it would alleviate some of the backlog. This proposal recreates the EC Committee and updates the *Bylaws* by replacing references to the USSP Committee for eligibility and elections issues to the EC Committee.
- 05/02/16-33 By voice vote, proposal SP.16.09 was approved.

- 05/02/16-34 SP.16.14\* Revisions to the Senate *Constitution* - Committee on Elections and Credentials (First Reading; Informational)
- As Chair and on behalf of the USSP Committee, Maher (LIBR) gave a brief summary of the proposal and noted that this is a first reading of proposal SP.16.14. The proposed revisions are editorial to remove reference to the USSP Committee and replace with the EC Committee. No discussion. As a first reading no action was taken. The second reading is anticipated for the first Senate meeting of the following academic year.
- 05/02/16-35 SP.16.12\* Amendment to the *Bylaws*, Part E to Establish a Joint Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Licensing and Investment
- As Chair and on behalf of the USSP Committee, Maher (LIBR) gave a brief summary of the proposal and moved approval of proposal SP.16.12. This proposal would replace the current SEC ad hoc Licensing Advisory Committee (LAC). The ad hoc LAC requested that the committee scope be expanded and the Committee be made permanent.
- 05/02/16-35 By voice vote, proposal SP.16.22 was approved unanimously.
- 05/02/16-37 IT.16.01\* University of Illinois Information Technology Accessibility Policy
- On behalf of the Senate Committee on Information Technology (IT), Chair Hart moved approval of IT.16.01 and invited Tim Offenstein and Keith Hayes to speak about the proposal.
- Hayes noted that the campus has been a leader in physical accessibility, but would like to lead in IT accessibility. This policy would help to ensure resources are in place so the campus can respond to requests.
- Concern was expressed that this policy might expose the campus to greater legal liability. The policy does not address the costliness of content creation, but focuses on education rather than providing resources. Hayes replied that University Counsel has reviewed and accepted the policy. The proposal is asking that the Senate endorse the policy. It would be a recommendation to the Chancellor to make it a campus policy. Further discussion of the proposed policy continued.
- 05/02/16-38 Graber (AHS) made a motion to postpone proposal IT.16.01 until the first Senate meeting in the fall of the next academic year. The motion was seconded.
- 05/02/16-39 By voice, the motion to postpone was approved.
- 05/02/16-40 IT.16.02\* University Access of Employee Electronic Communication
- On behalf of the Senate Committee on Information Technology (IT), Chair Hart gave a brief summary of the proposal moved approval of proposal IT.16.02. Hart noted that the proposal addresses FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests. University email can be used for limited personal use. Employees are not required, but encouraged to use university email for university business. The proposal also recommends specific amendments the Campus Administrative Manual (CAM). Hart added that the Senate Committee on General University Policy has reviewed the proposal and is in agreement with the proposal. No further discussion.
- 05/02/16-41 By voice, the proposal IT.16.02 was approved unanimously.
- 05/02/16-42 EP.16.80\* Proposal to Amend EP.89.09 Undergraduate General Education Requirements and to Revise the Cultural Studies Requirement
- On behalf of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EPC), Chair Francis moved approval of EP.16.80 to open discussion. Chair Francis noted that the major proposed change would require students take one non-western and US minority culture instead of the current requirement of one non-western course or a US minority culture course. The EPC has had many long and in-depth conversations with the proposal sponsors and numerous stakeholders. This proposal touches on larger issues for general education requirements.

Ronald Bailey, co-chair of the Committee on Race and Ethnicity (CORE), provided a document\* detailing the reason CORE submitted the proposal. Bailey also provided a list of academic departments, colleges and divisions, student groups, and individual professors in support of the proposal. The list of supporters\* was displayed on the screen. Many senators and stakeholder groups spoke in favor of the proposal, but there were a few individuals that did not support the proposal. A very robust discussion followed.

05/02/16-43 Student senator Lear (GRAD) made a motion to amend the proposal by making the following revisions to Section 2.

Charge the General Education Board to review criteria for approval of courses in all Cultural Studies categories and for courses to be approved in multiple General Education categories; and to submit proposed changes to GB.91.02 to the Senate Committee on Educational Policy Committee on or before December 31, 2016. The Board's proposed criteria shall ensure that courses approved for the U.S. minority culture category appropriately and substantially address the experiences, conditions, and perspectives of U.S. racial-minority populations; ~~and that courses focusing on other socially significant identities (for example, sexuality, gender, religion, and disability) or broadly on diversity are appropriate for this requirement as long as the experiences of U.S. racial minorities are significant to these courses~~ and not simply cover topics outside the dominant cultural tradition of the U.S. U.S. minority populations shall include racial and ethnic minority populations as well as other socially significant subgroups of the U.S. population, such as those formed on the basis of sexuality, gender, religion, or disability. The Board's proposed criteria shall further ensure that U.S. minority culture courses provide a sufficient depth of knowledge on the U.S. minority population(s) covered in each course to provide students with a foundation for addressing bias, intolerance, and ignorance as may be encountered in society.

The motion was seconded and a robust discussion followed. Several senators and proposal stakeholders spoke against the amendment.

05/02/16-44 By voice, the amendment failed.

05/02/16-45 EPC graduate student member Gordon made a motion to amend the proposal by adding the new section below.

*Section 4. Recommend the following with respect to this proposal and the Illinois Articulation Initiative:*

*A. That this proposal be forwarded to the Illinois Board of Higher Education for the purposes of the General Education Core Curriculum Panel considering a revision to its definition of "courses designed specifically to examine aspects of human diversity within the United States."*

*B. That the campus's policy for the Illinois Articulation Initiative be revised or otherwise clarified that transfer students who complete courses at sending institutions that are certified under the General Education Core Curriculum with an "N" suffix or a "D" suffix shall have completed this campus's Non-Western or U.S. Minority cultural studies requirements, respectively.*

The motion to amend was seconded and a robust discussion followed.

05/02/16-46 Graber made a motion to close debate. The motion was seconded and by voice vote debate was closed.

05/02/16-47 By voice vote, the amendment failed.

05/02/16-48 By voice, the original proposal was approved.

05/02/16-49 RS.16.03\* Campus Senate Recommendation to University of Illinois Regarding Advanced Placement Credit  
Student senator LeRoy (BUS) moved approval to open discussion, but encouraged postponement of the proposal. The motion was seconded.

05/02/16-50 Gordon, as one of the proposal authors, made a motion to postpone resolution RS.16.03 indefinitely. No discussion.

05/02/16-51 By voice, proposal RS.16.03 was postponed indefinitely.

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

05/02/16-52 EP.16.90\* Report from EPC on Resolution RS.16.03, Campus Senate Recommendation to University of Illinois Regarding Advanced Placement Credit

05/02/16-53 EP.16.73\* Report of Administrative Approvals through April 11, 2016

05/02/16-54 EP.16.74\* Report of Irwin Center for Doctoral Study Renaming (Previously Surveying Building). Minor Matter (Bylaws Part B.9.a)

05/02/16-55 EP.16.83\* Report of Administrative Approvals through April 18, 2016

05/02/16-56 EP.16.91\* Report of Administrative Approvals through April 25, 2016

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

A reception hosted by the Chancellor was held immediately following adjournment in Illini Room C.

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>