

Minutes
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting
 November 8, 2010

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:15 p.m. on the 3^d floor of the Levis Faculty Center with Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard Wheeler presiding and Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman as Parliamentarian.

Approval of Minutes

11/08/10-01 The minutes of October 4 and October 18 were approved as written.

Senate Executive Committee Report

Senator Joyce Tolliver (LAS), Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), referred to the item under Old Business, SP.11.04, Proposed Amendments to the *Statutes* and *General Rules*, as continuing Senate advice on the proposed university reorganization. She stated this proposal has been revised since last week's meeting and it will be forwarded to the University Senates Conference (USC), if it is adopted.

Senator Tolliver directed the attention of senators to two other important agenda items – SP.10.11, Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 2 – Academic Freedom, and SC.11.07, Procedures for Selecting a Search Committee to Advise the President on the Selection of a Chancellor.

Today's handout is a revised CC.11.04, Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees of the Senate.

Any unfinished business from today's agenda will be considered under Old Business at the December 6 Senate meeting.

Floor privileges have been requested for Melanie Loots, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, to speak to GP.11.02, Conflict of Interest and Commitment Policy. Senator Tolliver moved that such privileges be granted; there was no objection.

The Educational Policy Committee has withdrawn from today's agenda EP.11.04, Revise the Policy Regarding How Repeated Courses are Factored into Graduate GPA; EP.11.05, Clarify the Policy Regarding How Graduate GPA is Calculated; and EP.11.08, Proposal from the College of LAS to eliminate the B.S. in Biophysics.

Tellers for today's meeting are Hannah Ehrenberg (ACES), Kim Graber (AHS), and Elizabeth Oltheten (BUS).

Chancellor's Remarks

Vice Chancellor Wheeler reported that additional messages stemming from Stewarding Excellence @ Illinois (SEI) project reports will be posted in the coming weeks.

Questions/Discussion

There were no substantive questions.

Old Business

11/08/10-02 Senator William Maher (LIBR), Chair of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP), explained the revisions to SP.11.04*, Proposed Amendments to the *Statutes* and the *General Rules*, as developed by USSP since the November 1 Senate meeting. Senator Maher also pointed out a technical amendment required in the first sentence of the second full paragraph on page ii, to wit, adding “now that” after “In addition,”.

Senator Nicholas Burbules (EDUC) moved to amend the Background in two places. A motion to divide the proposed amendment into two separate votes was approved by voice.

The first part of the amendment from Senator Burbules was to make the following change in the last paragraph of the Background:

Delete:

“The balance of this document will identify several internal flaws in the amendment language advanced in the September 27, 2010 document.”

Substitute:

“The balance of this document will identify several fundamental internal flaws in the amendment language advanced in the September 27, 2010 document, which would need to be addressed in any version of these proposals.”

The Senate approved this part of the amendment by unanimous voice vote.

The second part of the amendment from Senator Burbules was to delete the following text from the end of the Background:

“While it is the hope of USSP that the Senate’s November 1 advice will be followed by the Board, we also recognize the distinct possibility that the Board may still proceed with some or all of the originally proposed changes. If that happens, it is critical that technical issues USSP discovered in the language of the proposed amendments be brought to the Board’s attention.”

Senator Karen Hogenboom (LIBR) believed the original language should be retained, especially if the recommendations from the SEC approved by the Senate on November 1 are disregarded by the Board of Trustees.

Senators spoke on both sides of the issue. **It was clarified that the 'Background' section would be forwarded along with the rest of the statement.** Senator Burbules, acting upon a suggestion by Senate secretary Christa Petrillo, proposed a change to his amendment such that the surviving language would read, "It is critical that technical issues USSP discovered in the language of the proposed amendments be brought to the Board's attention."

This amendment to the second part of the amendment from Senator Burbules was approved by voice vote. The second part of the amendment, as amended, was also approved by voice.

Senator Burbules then moved to amend the beginning of the second paragraph under Recommendation and Commentary, as follows: "[Thus, if the Board is insistent on ignoring the Senate's November 1 vote on SC.11.06 (with SC.11.05 attached), then] Therefore, the most necessary adjustment to the proposal is"

Senator David Olsen (BUS) believed the original language should be retained, as the language appears in the 'Recommendation and Commentary' not the 'Background' section of the document. Senator James Barrett (LAS) believed the existing wording captured the sentiment of the Senate up to that point. Senators spoke on both sides of the issue.

By voice vote, this proposed amendment was defeated.

11/08/10-03 SP.11.04 was approved, as amended, by voice vote.

Consent Agenda

Hearing no objection, Dr. Wheeler pronounced that the following proposals were approved by unanimous consent:

- 11/08/10-04 EP.11.02*, Proposal from the College of LAS to Establish New Minors: Integrative Biology; Conservation Biology
- 11/08/10-05 EP.11.03*, Proposal from the College of ACES to rename the undergraduate minor in Quantitative Methods in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) as the Spatial and Quantitative Methods in NRES
- 11/08/10-06 EP.11.06*, Proposal from the College of Engineering to Establish the Customized Concentration in the B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering

- 11/08/10-07 EP.11.07*, Proposal from the College of ACES to Establish a Minor in Natural Resource Conservation
- 11/08/10-08 EP.11.09*, Proposal from the College of ACES to Establish the Agricultural Leadership and Science Education (ALSE) Program
- 11/08/10-09 EP.11.10*, Proposal from the College of ACES to Establish the B.S. in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education
- 11/08/10-10 EP.11.12*, Proposal from the Graduate College to Establish a Graduate Minor in Gender Relations in International Development (GRID)

Proposed Revisions to the *University Statutes*

- 11/08/10-11 Vice Chancellor Wheeler presented for action and second reading SP.10.11*, Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 2 – Academic Freedom. Senator Maher moved its approval on behalf of his committee. Concerns were raised about nebulous terms such as “larger community” and “applicable academic standards of conduct”.
- 11/08/10-12 By voice vote, SP.10.11 was referred to Academic Freedom and Tenure with instructions for one of their members (preferably the Chair) to attend the December 6 Senate meeting to clearly define the terms noted above.

Proposals for Action

- 11/08/10-13 SC.11.07*, Procedures for Selecting a Search Committee to Advise the President on the Selection of a Chancellor. Senator Tolliver explained that these procedures are identical to those used in the two most recent searches for an Urbana-Champaign campus chancellor, and that they define both the procedures and the composition of a search committee. She moved its approval.
- 11/08/10-14 By voice vote, SC.11.07 was unanimously approved.
- 11/08/10-15 CC.11.04*, Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees of the Senate. Professor Kim Graber (AHS), Chair of the Senate Committee on Committees, moved approval of the revised slate distributed at the door. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.
- 11/08/10-16 By voice, the slate on a revised CC.11.04 was approved.
- 11/08/10-17 Dr. Wheeler presented for action GP.11.01*, Proposal to Rename the Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability to the Prairie Research Institute. Senator Mary Mallory (LIBR), Chair of the Senate Committee on General University Policy, moved its approval on behalf of her committee.
- 11/08/10-18 GP.11.01 was approved by voice vote.

11/08/10-19 AD.11.01*, Proposed Amendment to the Admissions Task Force Report Regarding Communications on the Admission Status of Wheelchair Athletes. Keith Marshall, Associate Provost for Enrollment Management and member of the Senate Committee on Admissions, summarized the history of admissions reforms. One of the recommendations of the Admissions Task Force was to prevent unauthorized persons from becoming involved in the admissions process, but they failed to realize the necessary contacts when DIA recruits wheelchair athletes. This measure would address that problem.

11/08/10-20 By voice, AD.11.01 was approved.

Reports for Information

11/08/10-21 HE.11.01* September 17 FAC/IBHE
11/08/10-22 HE.11.02* October 15 FAC/IBHE
11/08/10-23 SC.11.04* September 23 BOT
11/08/10-24 SUR.11.01* October 12 SURSMAC
11/08/10-25 GP.11.02* Conflict of Interest and Commitment Policy

Executive Session

At 4:35 p.m., the Senate approved a motion to enter Executive Session for purposes of considering honorary degree candidates. The Senate exited Executive Session at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Robert C. Damrau, Senate Clerk

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