

**Minutes**  
**Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting**  
September 12, 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 Interim Chancellor Robert Easter presiding and Professor Emeritus Kenneth E. Andersen as Parliamentarian.

**Approval of Minutes**

09/12/11-01 Meeting minutes from April 25 and May 2 were approved by consent.

**Senate Executive Committee Report**

Senator Matthew Wheeler (ACES), Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), introduced the 2011-12 SEC members. Chair Wheeler also introduced Jenny Roether as the new Clerk of the Senate. In addition, he thanked the Chancellor search committee for their hard work and Interim Chancellor Robert Easter for his leadership. Chair Wheeler moved to remove proposals EP.12.02 and EP.12.03 as requested by the Educational Policy Committee (there was no objection).

Tellers for the meeting were Damani Bolden (ACES), Bettina Francis (LAS), and Michael Murphy (ACES).

**Chancellor's Remarks**

Interim Chancellor Robert Easter requested floor privileges on behalf of Dr. Phyllis Wise and with no objections Easter introduced Dr. Wise as the next Chancellor starting on October 1, 2011. Wise thanked Easter for his work as interim Chancellor. Wise was the interim President at the University of Washington and understands that unique challenge. Wise has witnessed shared governance put into action and is a true believer that a university is only as good as its faculty. Wise looks forward to faculty input on the Vice Chancellor for Research and Provost searches.

Easter expressed the importance of shared governance. He indicated that the Senate is a body that functions according to *Robert's Rules of Order*. Easter noted that a parliamentarian is present at each Senate meeting. In the past Professor Emeritus Kenneth E. Andersen and H. George Friedman have served as Parliamentarians. Easter invited Andersen to speak about parliamentary procedure and *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Easter mentioned that the goal is to give everyone who wants to speak an opportunity to speak. He asked that when coming to the microphone to speak, to please identify oneself and then make comments. It was also noted that the Senate is a public body and is also subject to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Easter announced that the total enrollment is up and that there was a significant increase in transfer students. There is also an increase in out of state students which is normally attributed to international students, but this year is due to an increase in domestic out of state students. The University expects to move up in the *US World News & Report* College rankings.

Easter noted the email message that was sent out regarding the investigation in the College of Law. He had no additional information available to share with the Senate.

### Questions/Discussion

Peter Loeb from Mathematics requested that the Senate agenda be distributed more timely and that hardcopy packets be sent to those Senators who request them. Professor Loeb also requested that an email be sent out to all Senators asking if anyone would like to be added to the paper packet mailing list.

Megan McLaughlin from Women and Gender Studies questioned Wise about a past conflict with faculty at Washington. Wise responded that she had disagreements with faculty regarding her appointment to the Nike board of directors. The matter was discussed in an open way and there was a positive resolution with the faculty.

### Consent Agenda

Hearing no objections, Dr. Easter pronounced that the following proposals were approved by unanimous consent (with the withdrawal of EP.12.02 and EP.12.03):

- 09/12/11-02 EP.11.33\*- Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to reorganize the Asian American Studies Program as the Department of Asian American Studies
- 09/12/11-03 EP.12.05\*- Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Establish a Master of Science in Cell and Developmental Biology
- 09/12/11-04 EP.12.08\*- Proposal from the College of Engineering to Establish the Undergraduate Minor in Electrical and Computer Engineering

### Proposals for Action

- 09/12/11-05 Presented for action from the Senate Committee on Committees was CC.12.03\*, Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees of the Senate and the Military Education Council. Senator Bettina Francis (LAS), Chair of the Committee on Committees, moved approval of the slates on CC.12.03. Senator Al Kagan (LIBR) nominated Caroline Szylowicz for the faculty vacancy on the Library Committee and presented Szylowicz's 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: Melissa Pokorny 98, Barry Ackerson 94, Caroline Szylowicz 65, and Lynford Goddard 54. Ackerson, Pokorny and Szylowicz were declared elected.

- 09/12/11-06 The nominations slates were approved as amended.
- 09/12/11-07 Senator Matthew Wheeler moved that SC.12.06\*, Provisional Electronic Communications Policy, be withdrawn for further review by the SEC.

### Reports for Information

The following reports were presented for information:

- 09/12/11-08 HE.11.09\* FAC/IBHE – May 20
- 09/12/11-09 HE.11.10\* FAC/IBHE – June 17
- 09/12/11-10 SC.12.03\* Results of the Election of Student Members of the Committee on Committees
- 09/12/11-11 SC.12.04\* BOT Observer Report – June 9
- 09/12/11-12 SC.12.05\* BOT Observer Report – July 21

09/12/11-13 FB.12.01 Current Benefits Issues & Events was distributed at the door

**New Business**

No new business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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