

Minutes
Urbana-Champaign Senate Meeting
February 27, 2012

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:14 pm on the 3rd floor of the Levis Faculty Center with Chancellor Phyllis Wise presiding and Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. as Parliamentarian.

Approval of Minutes

02/27/12-01 The minutes from January 30, 2012 were approved as revised.

Senate Executive Committee Report

Senator Joyce Tolliver (LAS), Vice-Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) read the following prepared report on behalf of Senator Matthew Wheeler (LAS), Chair of the SEC.

Dear Colleagues,

I am sorry I can't be with you today. The Big Ten is discussing a new proposed policy regarding institutional control of athletics and it is essential that my faculty colleagues and I be there to represent faculty and student interests.

[Joyce Tolliver: There is no one in our university who can represent our concerns and interests better at this meeting than Matt can. He is a key figure in the Big Ten Joint Committee, which brings together athletic directors and faculty members; in fact, he chaired that important committee last year.]

We will have two presentations, one on Admissions and Recruitment by Stacey Kostell and one on the Unified Communication Initiative by Joseph Yun and his colleagues. I have seen both of these presentations and they are very informative and I encourage you to ask many questions.

Under new business I had planned to have a discussion of Enrollment Management on, "Where do we go from here?"

But after I announced that plan, President Hogan sent his revised Enrollment Management plan to the University Senates Conference. That revised plan was discussed by the USC with the President and BOT Chairman Chris Kennedy at its meeting last week.

There were numerous changes that the USC suggested and that were agreed to by President Hogan and Chairman Kennedy. This revised document is being further revised to reflect the changes that were agreed to, and the final version will be sent back to USC for any further revisions before it is transmitted to the campuses for discussion. I have asked our USC liaison, Kim Graber, to give us a brief report on what changes were agreed to at the last USC meeting, as part of the SEC update. So at the close of my remarks, I'll ask Kim to step in and update you all.

Once the President releases the final revision of the document, we will send it all to you, and we will have a full discussion of it at that time. I plan to ask SEC to put this item on the Senate agenda for our next meeting, which is March 26.

Finally, there are two letters circulating among faculty, one of them calling for President Hogan's resignation. Groups of faculty have the right to express their views in these and other ways, and we certainly have no wish to silence this expression. On the contrary, we encourage them to make full use of the

avenues of expression open to them.

*This body, the Senate, is **formally** empowered to speak to the other campuses, the University Senates Conference, and the Board on behalf of campus faculty, students, and other academic staff; we have available a structural mechanism for representation of our campus faculty.*

Most importantly, we are responsible for making sure that due process is followed in making important recommendations to the Board. The Senate is the place where difficult questions need to be debated publicly, carefully, and thoughtfully.

For these reasons, with the SEC's support, I will invite the President to join Senators at a special meeting held just for this purpose -- to give the President the opportunity to publicly hear these concerns and to respond to them. In all fairness, we owe him that. Please watch your email and the Senate website for information about where and when the meeting will be held. We hope to schedule the meeting as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention and I wish you a good meeting.

*Sincerely,
Matthew B. Wheeler
Chair, SEC*

Vice-Chair Tolliver followed Chair Wheeler's remarks by inviting Faculty Senator Kim Graber (AHS) to address the Senate in her role as University Senates Conference (USC) representative.

Graber reported that on February 21, USC met with Board of Trustees (BOT) Chairman Christopher Kennedy, President Michael Hogan, Special Assistant to the President Avijit Ghosh, and Vice President for Academic Affairs Christophe Pierre. This was an opportunity for USC to comment and share concerns about enrollment management.

The campus response was heard and some major points of agreement were reached. It was determined that further study is needed before moving forward and those decisions should be data-driven. The campuses will remain in control of admissions and financial aid decisions as well as campus enrollment goals.

An Enrollment Management Policy Committee will be formed to formulate general enrollment policy and goals. Recommendations from the committee would be referred to the President and Chancellors for final decisions. Decision making will be a collaborative effort rather than one person making decisions. The committee will be given a chance to set and meet goals and to work collaboratively across the campuses. It was suggested that teaching faculty be present on this committee and Graber acknowledged that this topic was discussed at length during the February 21 meeting. No decision was made at that time.

The Executive Director of Enrollment Management title was changed to Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. This will be a support person working with the Enrollment Management Committee. Originally campus staff would report to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, but now, the reporting lines will remain at the campus level.

Approval of articulation agreements between the campuses remains a department/college responsibility. Agreements will focus on lower division, general education courses, and do not guarantee students the right to transfer between the campuses.

University Branding will not be pursued at this time. Any further discussion on branding will be about whether or not to go forward. Each campus should be able to brand as an individual campus and not collectively.

The next draft of the report will be given to USC for an opportunity to give input; the executive committee in particular will be reviewing this report. Comments will be heard by President Hogan, and then the report will come back to the campuses.

Chancellor's Remarks

Chancellor Phyllis Wise gave an update on the three ongoing searches. Candidates for Vice Chancellor for Research have been invited to campus. Public forums for the Provost Search candidates are scheduled in March, and the Chief of Police search closes March 2.

Luncheons have been held and more are planned to focus on Visioning for Future Excellence in the next 20-50 years. University leaders and community partners are involved in identifying the biggest challenges and how to address them. It is important to more deeply embed the community and university with each other.

Urbana is pleased to host the March Board of Trustees meeting. Chairman Kennedy has asked each Chancellor to speak about the dashboards. This is a great opportunity to highlight this campus.

Questions/Discussion

In an answer to a question regarding Troyer's employment status with the University, Wise noted that Troyer had signed a contract and is a member of the Psychology Department. She added that there is a process in place to address ethical violations. Interim Provost Wheeler stated that this a rigorous period of time in determining what the next steps should be and that the appropriate people would be considering the situation.

Admissions and Recruitment Presentation

The floor was handed to the Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Stacey Kostell. Kostell presented information on Admissions and Recruitment. The presentation can be found at http://www.senate.illinois.edu/120227_admissionspresentation.pdf. After the presentation, senators were able to ask questions.

One faculty senator commented that there might be things outside the usual metrics that can be included in the admissions factor. Kostell responded that there is a group that meets and Urbana has been invited to be part of those discussions. She noted that the hope is to learn how to best use this information.

Kostell mentioned looking at ACT and SAT scores in Illinois. She was asked if scores are gathered from outside of Illinois. Kostell replied that Urbana does purchase other lists. There is a "descriptor plus" that allows looking at out-of-state students in small pockets. This is done in the College of Engineering.

Kostell answered questions about the common application stating that it was originally started by small liberal arts school and has really grown. There are a number of public institutions that have started using the common application. The application is filled out by the student and the required fees are paid. Joining the consortium would cost about \$5 per applicant to retrieve the applicant's data. The currently system used in Urbana allows retrieval of a complete application in about 24 hours. If Urbana moved to the common application, a lot of

automation would be lost. These current automations have saved a few hundred thousand dollars which was then able to be put back into recruitment.

The recruitment of underrepresented students is not only targeted to the Chicago area. Kostell explained that all the same mailings and callings go out to other underrepresented groups, and there is also a reception held.

Committee on Admissions Chair Michael Biehl added that in the fall of 2010, the Admissions committee did a one year intensive review of the admissions processes. The committee found it to be a very rigorous process. Demographics were reviewed and no concerns were found. The appeals process was also reviewed. The committee found consistency of appeals across the board. The committee performed a similar review this fall and saw the same consistency.

Wise thanked Kostell and her staff for all their hard work. A round of applause followed.

Unified Communications Presentation

Joseph Yun, CITES CRM Manager and On-Site Consulting Manager, was invited to discuss policies related to Unified Communications. Yun thanked the Senate for the opportunity to gather feedback and field questions in order to listen to recommended changes to better meet needs. Yun invited Greg Gulick, Director, Application Services at CITES to discuss email and calendaring along with voice. The email and calendaring transition has been completed, and have now moved into the voice phase. The bridge period is designed to allow users to try the technology, but not be solely dependent on it. There are about 20,000 current users on the Lync software, but there is still a lot of work. Enhanced 911, or e-911, sends location data and a call back number to local emergency providers. Successful test calls have been made, but e-911 will not be implemented until early April. The old landline phones should be discontinued in June, and will be collected and sent back to the state.

Gulick noted that the question of recording phone conversations has been asked numerous times. No, phone conversations are not automatically recorded. There is a feature in the Lync that does allow recording of voice conversations, but the user would be notified if this feature was activated. The recording of instant messages is not done on the back-end, but conversations can be saved if the user wants, or it can be simply turned off. Forwarding messages off-campus can be done, but the implications are that users would want to still monitor their Illinois inbox.

Gulick was asked how this new system is beneficial to a user that does not currently have a landline voice connection. It was also noted that some departments do not provide telephones to employees due to the cost, and that the other departments have computers that are unable to run the required software. Gulick responded that these issues should be addressed at the department level. Other comments on the inability to find reliable devices were welcomed and Gulick offered to come to departments to work through issues with poor functioning devices. Users are not obliged to use this system as it is a service. This current phase is an opportunity to use the system and feedback is encouraged.

There currently is not a requirement to notify callers that voicemails are transcribed to text and could be subject to a FOIA request.

Consent Agenda

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

- 02/27/12-02 EP.12.16* Proposal from the School of Social Work to revise the Bachelor of Social Work degree program
- 02/27/12-03 EP.12.17* Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the BSLAS Physics Concentration
- 02/27/12-04 EP.12.18* Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise the Specialized Curriculum in Physics (BS in Physics)
- 02/27/12-05 EP.12.19* Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Establish the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences (BSLAS) degree with a major in Computer Science and (LAS discipline)
- 02/27/12-06 EP.12.20* Proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES) to establish a new minor in International Development Economics

Proposals for Action

- 02/27/12-07 CC.12.10* Nominations for Membership on Standing Committees of the Senate.
Senator Harley T. Johnson (ENGR), member of the Committee on Committees, moved approval of the slate of nominations on CC.12.10. Johnson read the names of the candidates and whom they were replacing. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.
- 02/27/12-08 By voice vote, the slate of candidates on CC.12.10 was approved.

Reports for Information

- 02/27/12-09 FB.12.05* Current Benefits Issues and Events.
Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits Chair John Kindt advised faculty to visit the NESSIE website for additional information. He also encouraged everyone to pass along any information appropriately to colleagues.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.

Jenny Roether, Senate Clerk

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