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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

ILLINI UNION ROOM A AND ZOOM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:10 pm by Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. serving as the Presiding Officer of the Senate with William Maher serving as Parliamentarian.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Chancellor Robert Jones read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. APPROVAL OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Remote participation was approved by unanimous consent.

4. APPROVAL OF FLOOR PRIVILEGES

The following individuals were granted floor privileges by unanimous consent.

a) EP.25.011, Proposal to Rename the Center for Women & Gender in Global Perspectives in the Illinois Global Institute in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Anita Kaiser, Associate Director of Women & Gender in Global Perspectives
- Min Zhan, Director, Women & Gender in Global Perspectives

b) HD.25.01, Nomination for Honorary Degree Award – Alkire, Gies

- Jeffrey Brown, Chair in Business and Professor of Finance, Gies College of Business
- Philippe Geubelle, Executive Associate Dean, Grainger College of Engineering
- Mark Peecher, Executive Associate Dean of Faculty and Research, Gies College of Business

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 22, April 29, and May 6, 2024 meetings were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests received.

7. SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS

Faculty senator and Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Chair Jon Hale (EDUC) shared the following.

- Chair Hale thanked Jeffrey Eric Jenkins for his two years of service as the previous SEC Chair.
- Chair Hale reported that at the April 29, 2024 Senate Elections and Organizational meeting quorum was lost and at the reconvened meeting on May 6, 2024, quorum was

not achieved. In accordance with Senate *Bylaws*, the SEC acted on behalf of the Senate at its May 13, 2024 meeting to approve unfinished Senate business. Business included various elections listed in SC.25.04, Report of Actions Taken on Behalf of the Senate by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) at its May 13, 2024 Meeting.

- The Campus Administrative Manual (CAM) was updated in response to challenges last spring related to the use of university property, and the time, place, and manner for engaging in expressive activities.
- The University Senate will co-sponsor a forum on free speech and academic freedom on October 28, 2024 at the Illini Union. The forum is another venue to hear voices on these critical issues.
- Opportunities remain to participate in shared governance by serving on a Senate committee.

8. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Chancellor Robert Jones shared the following.

- Chancellor Jones thanked SEC Chair Jon Hale and SEC Vice-Chair Angie Lyons for serving in these important roles.
- The University welcomed a record-breaking number of students for fall 2024 including 9,008 first year students, over 1,500 transfer students, and 7,425 new graduate students for a recorded breaking total enrollment of 59,238 students. Additional statistics were shared.
- The University has one of the highest four and six-year graduation rates in the country.
- Illinois was very well represented in the Paris Paralympics. Illinois head coach for the wheelchair track and road racing team, Adam Bleakney served as one of the Team USA coaches. All nine wheelchair racing athletes representing the USA had some kind of connection to Illinois.
- The University Grainger College of Engineering recently welcomed Steve Chen, co-founder of YouTube for one of the Grainger Engineering Conversations. A link to the recording can be found on the Engineering website.
- Homecoming week just concluded its various events including winning the football game.
- Last year's spring semester saw expressive activities related to the attacks on Israel and the war in Gaza. Most of the expressive activities were peaceful and within university policy. However, some activities were clear violations of existing policies and caused disruption in operations. The Chancellor's leadership team continues to provide resources for a safe and productive academic year. Efforts were focused on three main areas – policy, education, and support. Resources include I-Team members and a website to easily access related information.
- The negotiations with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) representing the building and food service workers continue.
- Lova Mwilambwe will serve as the Interim Vice Chancellor for Administration and Operations after the departure of Mike DeLorenzo.

- Tuesday, November 5 is Election Day. However, Election Day is not a designated university holiday. Chancellor Jones encouraged voting to be conducted outside of regular work hours.

9. QUESTIONS FROM SENATORS

Faculty senator Gilmore (LAS) expressed concern about the stress put on teaching faculty due to the large student enrollment, hurried hiring of additional faculty, and the lack of office space for the new hires. Chancellor Jones acknowledged the concerns and noted that intentional and strategic planning is critical and planning for next academic year will begin soon.

Faculty senator Rosas (LAS) expressed concern about student safety and outcomes for those students facing legal and disciplinary action. Chancellor Jones stated that the university is not involved with the State's Attorney decisions.

Faculty senator Alam (LAW) asked for clarification of the I-Team's scope of authority and how students are made aware of this resource. Robin Kaler, Associate Chancellor, Strategic Communications and Marketing, replied that members of the I-Team are individuals highly trained in de-escalation. When Student Affairs or others are made aware of events that might need such services, I-Team members are assigned to attend the event and work with event sponsors prior to the event so students are well informed on how to hold a safe event within the boundaries of current policy.

Faculty senator Ramirez (LAS) expressed concern about students facing prosecution for participating in protests and questioned how university resources were used in such circumstances. Kaler noted that the university does not prosecute or file charges and is the purview of the State's Attorney. Caitlin Kay, Assistant Dean of Students, Office for Student Conflict Resolution, provided additional information about the student conflict process. The Office of Student Conflict Resolution does not give out any information about students.

Faculty senator Wood (LER) spoke in support of a fair contract for building and food service workers.

Faculty senator Clancy (LAS) inquired about the on-campus student disciplinary hearings and what percentage of cases is the University of Illinois Police Department (UIPD) the complainant and witnesses. Assistant Dean Kay noted that anecdotally, reports are predominately from students and UIPD with a smaller portion from faculty and staff. Anyone mentioned in the report receives a communication requesting they provide any information regarding the claim. Providing the information is voluntary, so not everyone that is contacted may provide information.

Student senator Mizan (BUS) asked if an internal audit would be conducted to assess the fair and consistent application, and efficacy of the new expressive activity policy. Kristin McMurray, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administration and Operations, noted the concept of an audit and

the reporting component would be discussed with leadership. All expressive activity violations are not reported centrally by one mechanism.

Faculty senator Belmont (LAS) noted the university has a policy on scientific and data integrity and asked if there is a similar policy for academic integrity for non-sciences and the areas of freedom of speech and academic freedom. Chancellor Jones shared that faculty can teach their classes as they think is appropriate and expect facts to be presented based on academic background and credentials. There should also be room for open discussion and debate.

10. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Due to time restrictions, Senate Parliamentarian William Maher provided a brief overview of basic parliamentary procedure and examples of motions and how those motions can be used effectively and appropriately. Maher noted that additional parliamentary procedure information can be found on the Senate website, along with other useful information such as meeting dates and times, meeting agendas and minutes, and Senate governing documents.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved by unanimous consent.

- a) **EP.25.003*** Eliminate the Master of Science in Rehabilitation in the College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College
- b) **EP.25.004*** Eliminate the Joint Program in the Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Master of Science in Journalism in the College of Media and the Graduate College
- c) **EP.25.005*** Revise the Doctor of Philosophy in Finance in the Gies College of Business and the Graduate College
- d) **EP.25.007*** Revise and Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in History of Art in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- e) **EP.25.009*** Establish the Bachelor of Science in Materials Science & Engineering plus Data Science in the Grainger College of Engineering

12. PROPOSALS

- a) **CC.25.11, Election of Members on Standing Committees of the Senate at the September 16, 2024 Senate Meeting**

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees (CC), Chair Chaya Sandler presented and moved approval of the slate of nominees.

By i-clicker and show of hands, and Poll Everywhere, item CC.25.11 was approved with 147 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

b) EP.25.011, Proposal to Rename the Center for Women & Gender in Global Perspectives in the Illinois Global Institute in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences [Proposed New Unit Name: Center for Global Gender Equity]

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP), Chair Nolan Miller noted that all statutory requirements were fulfilled, provided a brief overview, and moved approval of EP.25.011.

By i-clicker and show of hands, and Poll Everywhere, item EP.25.011 was approved with 147 in favor, 6 opposed, and 5 abstentions.

c) HD.25.01, Nomination for Honorary Degree Award – Alkire, Gies

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees (HD), Chair Prasanta Kalita introduced Alkire and Gies as award nominees, and moved approval of HD.25.01.

By i-clicker and show of hands, and Poll Everywhere, item HD.25.01 was approved with 120 in favor, 9 opposed, and 17 abstentions.

13. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

The Senate received the following reports.

- a) **AB.24.01*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Academic Progress and Eligibility Committee
- b) **EP.25.001*** Report of Administrative Approvals Through September 9, 2024
- c) **EP.25.012*** Proposals Approved with Altered Workflow for General Education Template
- d) **EP.25.013*** Report of Changes in Temporary Suspension Status Through September 9, 2024
- e) **HD.23.04*** Clarification of Honorary Degree Award Process
- f) **SC.24.18*** Report on the July 11, 2024, Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois System in Chicago, Illinois
- g) **SC.25.04*** Report of Actions Taken on Behalf of the Senate by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) at its May 13, 2024 Meeting
- h) **SL.24.06*** 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on University Student Life
- i) **SP.25.02*** Amended Proposed Revision to the *Statutes* (USC ST-83 Revised)
On behalf of the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP), Chair David Dalpiaz noted that SP.25.02 is the most recent version of revisions in response to the feedback provided to University Senates Conference (USC) from each of the senates

on ST-83. Materials for SP.25.02 include a transmittal letter, a response to the feedback provided to USC via SP.22.01, and the most recently proposed *Statutes* language. This proposal was also transmitted to the President and is awaiting Senate feedback by December 16 before being sent forward to the Board of Trustees for consideration. Chair Dalpiaz noted that feedback from the Senate was incorporated, but still expressed concern about the proposed revisions and the removal of the phrase “academic staff.” Faculty senator and USC member Tolliver (LAS) suggested that if anyone has comments to also include alternative language. Faculty senator Gilmore (LAS) noted that the current language regarding academic freedom took ten years for University Counsel and all three senates to agree upon. The proposed changes should not be taken lightly.

14. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Jenny Roether, Clerk of the Senate

*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>.