

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
CAMPUS SENATE MEETING AY 2008/2009
MAY 1, 2009
10:00 AM – 12:07 PM
PAC Conference Room “G”**

Senators Present: L. Bogle, W. Carpenter, V. Cook, K. Eisenhart, D. Felix, L. Fisher, J. Gilliam, L. Giordano, J. Hall, W. Kline, E. Kullick, J. Martin, C. McFarland, B. Never, C. Olivier, P. Salela, B. Siddiquee, G. Sista, T. Sullivan-Stewart, H. Thompson, M. Vanvossen, P. Wassenberg, and T. Ting presiding.

Senators Absent: T. Sullivan-Stewart

Ex-Officio: H. Berman

Guests: D. Atwell, H. Bapat, D. Barrows, J. GoldbergBelle, R.L. Kynion, C. McFarland, K. Moranski, L. Newman, L. Price, D. Ruez, Jr., K. Rutherford, and E. Staley.

The Senate was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of the day’s agenda

Martin asked for a point of inquiry. Is it necessary to suspend the rules of the bylaws to allow old business to be conducted? Hall indicated that past practice was to address old business as needed. Fisher and Cook concurred.

A motion was made by Martin and seconded by Carpenter to approve the day’s agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Hall turned the meeting over to Cook to oversee the nominations and vote because both Hall and Fisher were on the ballot for re-election.

Nominations for chair were called.
No new nominations for chair were made.

Nominations for vice chair were called.
Siddiquee withdrew his name for vice chair. Carpenter withdrew his name for vice chair.
No new nominations were made.

A motion to accept the ballots as presented with the two vice-chair nominees noted as withdrawn was made by Thompson and seconded by Gilliam.

Votes for chair were taken. Senator Kullick assisted Rutherford with counting ballots. Hall received 9 votes. Ting received 11 votes. Ting was elected Campus Senate chair.

Votes for vice chair were taken. Senator Olivier assisted Rutherford with counting ballots. Fisher received 18 votes. Hall received 1 write-in vote. Fisher was elected vice chair.

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of April 17, 2009

A motion was made by Fisher and seconded by Bogle to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2009. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Announcements

Carpenter announced that the AAUP discussion regarding collective bargaining will take place today at 2:30.

Reports:

Chair – T. Ting

On April 23 Ryan Williams, IAC Chair, provided a report on how the investigation for intercollegiate athletics might go forward. Chair Ting indicated that Williams was not available today to provide a review of the report. The Chair will forward the report to the senate so that it could be read and questions formulated.

Provost – H. Berman

The Provost congratulated the new officers and looks forward to working with them in the new year. The Provost provided an overview of the budget for new senators. The university is still waiting on the new budget from the legislature. Enrollment is a high priority. Freshmen and transfer student enrollments are even with last year. Graduate enrollments are up. Today is the site visit for COPLAC team. The site visitors, Sandy Huguenin and Bill Spellman will be meeting with various groups on campus throughout the day. The open forum with the site visit team is today at 1:30 in PAC C/D.

The Provost praised the *Symbolism: Its Origins and Its Consequences International Conference* held on April 22 – 25 at Allerton. This conference reflected on the history of symbolism in art history. It was attended by more than 50 scholars representing many countries. This was an outstanding conference. Rosina Neginsky, Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and Comparative Literature at UIS provided the leadership for this event.

An update on the healthcare situation regarding to H1N1 flu concerns was provided by the Provost who urged following precautions as noted in the campus e-mail from Health Services.

The Provost noted that the report written by Ryan Williams is advisory to the Chancellor from the senate. Berman noted that he encourages continued discussions regarding a movement forward in athletics.

Siddiquee asked for clarification regarding the state of the budget. Berman gave a brief overview of the state's process in consideration of a budget allocation for the university system. He does not foresee that the BOT will be acting on tuition rates prior to the state appropriations being made. There will most likely be a special board meeting in June for action on tuition. This creates a difficult situation in student recruitment because they do not know what tuition will be until late in the year.

Fisher noted that the Provost had informed the SEC that he and a group of faculty met with the Student Athletic Committee this week. She asked for information about the meeting. Berman noted that several student athletes felt they had not had adequate time at the April 17 campus senate meeting to present their thoughts. Berman asked to meet with the students during their previously scheduled SAAC meeting. He listened to student concerns. There were 5 additional invited individuals in attendance besides the students: Marcel Yoder, Jay Gilliam, Karen Kirkendall, Amy McEuen, and the Provost.

Fisher asked if Berman would provide a synopsis of the students' thoughts. Berman read the points summarized from the meeting.

1. An effort should have been made to get input from the athletes themselves in advance of framing and debating a resolution about athletics. They said that the resolution seemed rushed.
2. The student athletes feel uncomfortable about being approached by faculty before or after class (and especially during class) about "what's happening in athletics." They understand that these inquiries are often well-meaning, but the process still makes them uncomfortable.
3. The student athletes believe it was unfair to link the present to the past and to highlight the 2004 report. They feared that the UIS community would think that the current athletes would be tainted by those past events — a kind of stereotyping or guilt by association.
4. The student athletes made strong statements about the degree to which academics is emphasized by coaches and the athletic director and the unfairness of the wording in the original resolution (38-27) that that the athletic director had "failed to make the safety and academic success of students his primary goal." They gave examples of coaches reinforcing the primacy of academics, with frequent checking on how they were doing academically.

Berman emphasized that these were student perceptions. He deliberately did not debate or argue – he only listened to the perceptions of the students who were present.

Ting asked how it was decided which faculty members would be invited to this meeting. Berman indicated it was a judgment call. His criteria in choosing faculty to be invited were to include the FAR and to achieve a gender balance. He included Gilliam because of

his work with student athletes in the past and the respect that student athletes have for him. He also did not want to overwhelm the students with too many faculty in the room.

Fisher stated that the IAC chair might have been included due to the fact that he is charged with reporting to the campus senate. Berman remarked that the point was taken.

Ting asked what Berman said at the end of the student presentations. Berman responded, "thank you." He felt that response was most appropriate. Gilliam indicated agreement with this thought. Ting asked if the Athletic Director and Ali Fitzgerald were in attendance. Berman said yes, as listeners.

Giordano gave an update on admissions based on a request for this information from Hall.

Ting asked if the BOT would be vetting candidates for major administrative appointments as part of their approval process. Berman provided information on past practice and that he did not have any information that indicated that the BOT would be changing any past practices.

Martin asked if there was any news to report regarding the current CLAS Dean and the VCSA searches. Wojcicki responded that an offer has been made for the VCSA position and we are hopeful that this candidate would be approved at the May 21 board meeting. No additional information can be shared until after the May 21 board meeting. Berman indicated the same is true for the Dean's search.

Berman introduced Lynne Price and asked her to update the senate on the UIS recommendations for limiting the spread of the H1N1 virus. An overview of the policies and practices for health services was provided by Price. UIS recommendations are that individuals with flu symptoms stay home, and that all members of the campus community wash hands frequently. Hand-washing stations will be provided on campus. Most of the colleges that have currently reported outbreaks are in Texas, New York, and one in Chicago.

Price gave an overview of personal hygiene and proper hand washing and use of hand sanitizer. Carpenter asked if Price was encouraging restricting travel to Chicago. She said no. She was encouraging individuals to stay away from large crowds at this time.

Kline asked why H1N1 is worse than other influenzas. Price indicated it was a new kind of flu virus that we have not been previously exposed to and therefore we will be more susceptible to this virus.

Siddiquee asked for more information concerning travel. Price indicated that airplanes are, in general, a sort of incubation area because the air is re-circulated. Practicing good hygiene and care is recommended.

Student Government – M. Vanvossen

Vanvossen introduced himself as President-elect of SGA. Vanvossen introduced Felix, Olivier, and Sista as student representatives who would be serving on the Campus Senate.

Committee on Committee – J. Hall

Fisher recognized Hall for his good work on the Committee on Committees.

Hall presented the slate of appointments for consideration of campus committee positions.

Eisenhart moved that the slate of appointments to the Academic Integrity Council be approved. Martin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Eisenhart moved that the slate of appointments to the Academic Technology Committee be approved. Siddiquee seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Eisenhart moved that the slate of appointments to the Committee on Admissions, Recruitment and Retention be approved. Fisher seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Carpenter moved that the slate of appointments to the Committee on Assessment of Student Learning be approved. Eisenhart seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Eisenhart moved that the slate of appointments to the Campus Planning and Budget Committee be approved. Martin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Eisenhart moved that the slate of appointments to the Committee on Diversity, Equal Rights, Opportunity and Access be approved. Siddiquee seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Eisenhart moved that the slate of appointments to the General Education Council be approved. Bogle seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Salela moved that the slate of appointments to the Graduate Council be approved. Eisenhart seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bogle moved that the slate of appointments to the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee be approved. Eisenhart seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Eisenhart moved that the slate of appointments to the Committee on the Library be approved. Salela seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fisher moved that the slate of appointments to the Parking Appeals and Advisory Board be approved. Siddiquee seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Hall reported that Tim Miller has withdrawn his name from consideration for the Personnel Policies Committee. Bogle moved that the remaining appointment to the Personnel Policies Committee be approved. Eisenhart seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Eisenhart moved that the slate of appointments to the Research Board be approved. Kullick seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Eisenhart moved that the slate of appointments to the Committee on Student Discipline be approved. Bogle seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ting noted that the Committee on Sustainability bylaws specifies that this committee should consist of 5 at large members, with no more than two from any one college. The proposed slate of appointments would violate the rule of having more than two members from one college. The slate was withdrawn from consideration. Nominations for this committee will be brought to the fall meeting.

Eisenhart moved that the slate of appointments to the Undergraduate Council be approved. Fisher seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Global Campus - Wassenberg

Wassenberg provided an update on the Global Campus. At the request of President White, a new group met to craft an alternative to the current Global Campus model. The senators received the report via e-mail. This report proposes a consortium style of administration which will facilitate and coordinate online programs for all three campuses.

The most exciting note is that some UIC and UIUC Ph.D. students might be hired as UIS teaching assistants to assist with scaling of enrollments. Berman indicated that there are three alternatives that will be considered by the board. First is for the Global Campus to continue to pursue accreditation as decided at the November BOT meeting. Second, shut down the GC. A third option is to adopt the GC 2.0 alternative as outlined in the report. McFarland reiterated the three options and noted that he is currently listening to as many constituencies as possible prior to voting on this issue.

Kline indicated that the Masters in Integrative Studies is not currently listed in the GC 2.0 report. Kline encouraged resistance to any budget cutting for the UIS campus that might be suggested based on this proposal.

Wassenberg indicated that UIS has led the way with online education and OTEL can help lead the other two campuses forward. Kullick asked if this new model will be detrimental to UIS. Wassenberg indicated that this alternative, as suggested in the Global Campus 2.0 report, would provide support similar to what UIS received from SLOAN-C grant several years ago and this would be a positive thing. Kullick thanked the committee for their work on this difficult issue.

Siddiquee asked what the current costs have been for the GC and what the additional costs going forward would be. Currently, Wassenberg understands that 7.5 million dollars have been spent. Chet Gardner indicated there would be additional closing out costs that would be incurred if the GC was shut down. Wassenberg recounted the budget history for the GC. The university finance people will need to be brought into any discussions regarding changes in the structure.

Hall indicated some MIS courses have been developed. Hall noted that the GC has strength in marketing and market analysis. Looking at the current GC process, Hall stated that he could see some value in what they have done. Hall indicated having UIS online programs listed on the GC website has helped UIS.

Ting asked about caps for MIS GC classes. Hall indicated the first class will be offered in May and that the class caps are the same as current classes.

Newman provided history of the UI Online website as a marketing tool. GC was charged with continuing to promote all online programs across the three campuses. GC elimination would not necessarily be better for UIS because of the loss of marketing promotion for the UIS programs.

Eisenhart noted the expertise of the staff on GC and that the transition should be as smooth as possible. Hall noted that his experiences with the GC has been very professional

Library Committee Report – Salela

The Library Dean's five-year evaluation was completed and submitted to the provost on April 13. The library budget report from dean was provided. Salela emphasized in her verbal report the impact of the recent rescissions on the library budget (based on Dean Treadwell's budget report); she also pointed out that at the time of writing of the report, it was understood that all faculty replacement hires were going ahead as stated in the committee's written report – as reported to the committee by Dean Treadwell. Since that report was completed, library staff has since learned that a faculty search to replace Sam Wood, who resigned this fiscal year, is currently suspended. She also highlighted some specific budget impacts.

Carpenter asked for additional information regarding employee turnover in the library. Carpenter advised that this issue should be addressed.

Berman thanked the library committee for the thorough and fair library review for the library dean. Berman noted that he has pledged to the library committee that a follow up is currently in process and that it would be completed.

Carpenter noted connecting to applied study terms to the library might be a good idea. Carpenter noted a problem with the online checkout procedures in the UIS library regarding twelve-month limits on online book renewals. Salela indicated that this issue will be reviewed.

Martin asked for clarification of whether student volunteers at the Library were paid or unpaid. Salela affirmed that they were not paid.

Martin asked if it cost less for a graduate assistant than a graduate employee. Berman noted that this would be looked at more closely. No recommendations have been made on this item. Cook indicated that the library committee believed there is a budget impact regarding graduate level appointments.

Kline asked for procedural information regarding dean evaluations. Berman noted the confidentiality of personnel evaluations, but a follow up meeting was held with the committee charged with the completion of the evaluation regarding the outcomes.

Ting asked for further information about the evaluation of deans for the library. The Provost explained the statutes regarding the library dean as compared to the evaluation of other academic deans. The Provost explained how the evaluation team was chosen and its charge regarding the process of completing the dean's evaluation.

Salela indicated that the library report is accurate as represented for the past year. Since that time however, library faculty searches have been suspended. The Provost noted previous discussions with Dean Treadwell and Salela. This position is being considered more fully, both in terms of budget and role. Salela asked why the search was approved earlier in the year and then rescinded. Berman noted that a set of faculty positions were approved with the academic year during the August - September time frame. This faculty position was not on the approval list at that time. There may have been some misunderstanding on approvals for this position. Salela indicated that Dean Treadwell had noted approval of this position in both the Dean's Cabinet and in a report to the Library committee. Salela noted sacrifices already made by the library during this fiscal year in regards to the budget.

Berman explained the budget history and the challenge in planning for a 10% rescission. He does not believe we will have a reduction of 10% during the coming year. But, there will be some reduction across campus. He noted that two political changes have impacted the budget. First was the election of President Obama. Secondly, the seating of a new governor has impacted the state budget. Berman believes that, going forward, the library will not be as severely impacted as in the past year.

Academic Integrity Council – Hall

Hall explained that the AIC was looking at streamlining information with ATC and other entities such as Disabilities to add links to the Blackboard shells for all courses. This proposed change is scheduled to happen in the fall, if possible. It is brought to the senate as an informational report.

University Senate conference – Fisher

Fisher provided the history on the USC for new senators. This past year Langley, Eisenhart, and Fisher have been representatives. Fisher's term is ending. Ting will now

hold a three-year term on the USC, as chair of the UIS Campus Senate. Eisenhart will serve as chair of USC this coming year. Langley's term is ending 2010. At UIC and UIUC retired members stay on the senate and senate's conference. Historically that has not been the practice at UIS. Ting asked what the thinking was of the senators. Fisher does not believe there is an official policy. The precedent is that retired employees do not stay on the senate. Martin indicated that based on the UI bylaws a resignation from Langley was needed before an appointment could be named. Berman indicated that historically we have interpreted the current bylaws to mean that a UIS faculty member who was not currently serving on the campus senate, but was remaining as a faculty member would continue to serve on the USC. Since Langley was retiring from faculty at UIS, there is no precedent that she would remain on the USC. Fisher indicated she did not believe that Langley intended to continue to serve on the USC.

Old Business

Martin requested a point of information. Does the review of resolution 39-1 need to be approved before the end of the year? Berman indicated that the resolution was necessary for admission of international students. Martin moved to suspend the rules to allow resolution 39-1 to be considered. Hall seconded the motion. The suspension of the rules was unanimously approved.

Resolution 39-1 Conditional Admission Policy for Undergraduate Internal Students [2nd reading]

Vanvossen made a motion to approve resolution 39-1. Thompson seconded the motion.

Siddiquee asked if there were errors in the TOEFL cut off scores as stated in the resolution. Atwell indicated that scores are correct based on the current TOEFL cut scores.

The motion passed unanimously.

Hall recognized Cook for her service to the Campus Senate. Ting noted that senate would need a secretary and parliamentarian for 2009-2010. Fisher asked for clarification on time release for secretary. Cook responded she believes it is 1/3 NIA per semester.

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Hall and seconded by Felix to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.