

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
CAMPUS SENATE MEETING AY 2009/2010
OCTOBER 23, 2009
10:03 AM – 11:04 AM
PAC Conference Room “G”**

Senators Present: L. Bogle, S. Borland, J. Casinova, K. Eisenhart, L. Fisher, J. Gilliam, L. Giordano, J. Hall, W. Kline, J. Martin, C. Olivier, P. Salela, T. Sullivan-Stewart, H. Thompson, M. Van Vossen, T. Wang, P. Wassenberg and T. Ting presiding.

Senators Absent: K. Burton, D. Felix, N. Headman, E. Kullick, and B. Siddiquee,

Ex-Officio: H. Berman

Guests: D. Barrows, T. Barnett, A. Carlsberg, K. Craig, Y. Mhaskar, K. Pressley, K. Rutherford and E. Staley.

1 The Senate was called to order at 10:03 am.

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3 **Approval of the day’s agenda**

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

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8 A motion to add an item to the agenda (Committee on Committees report on appointing
9 the EHS faculty representative to the Committee on Student Discipline) was made by
10 Hall and seconded by Thompson; motion passed unanimously.

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12 **Approval of the minutes from the meeting of October 9, 2009**

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14 A motion to approve the minutes was made by Martin and seconded by Casinova. The
15 minutes were unanimously approved with one correction (on page 3, 1st full par., 3rd line:
16 change from “an meeting” to “a meeting”). Further, Rutherford will check the tape to
17 determine whether on page 10, in the next to last par., it should state “students” instead of
18 “departments”.

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20 Ting provided clarification on the minutes’ discussion of the Chancellor’s report, stating
21 that Ed Wojcicki’s statement (as reported in the middle of page 4 of the minutes) that the
22 3 alleged perpetrators were suspended was accurate at the time it was made. However,
23 the suspension continues only with respect to the housing community; those individuals

24 have returned to the classroom and campus activities after the interim suspension was
25 lifted. Ting explained that our current policy does not allow for continued suspension
26 pending resolution of the disciplinary hearing, and that the student code is currently being
27 updated in this respect. Additionally, with the creation of the Academic Integrity
28 Council, the Committee on Student Discipline was not fully staffed in the beginning of
29 the semester, so the disciplinary process is not proceeding as quickly as desired. Ting
30 hopes that the revised student code pertaining to student discipline and rights will be
31 presented to Campus Senate next year for approval.

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33 Berman appreciated Ting's clarification of the minutes concerning this issue and
34 explained that in the grievance code there is only a procedure for interim suspension.
35 Fisher inquired whether we can privately notify at-risk populations of the return of
36 suspended students to campus, to demonstrate our concern for those students' safety.
37 Vice Chancellor Barnett explained that FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy
38 Act) limits the amount of information the administration may disseminate about this
39 incident. He stated that administration could only inform campus police and the students'
40 instructors (school officials with legitimate need for that information). Barnett stated that
41 the university is following policy to the letter but that the code does not have a provision
42 for suspension of students pending resolution of hearing.

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44 Berman agreed that the administration will meet with the Senate Executive Committee
45 about policies and the general considerations surrounding lifting an interim suspension.
46 Barnett and UIS Legal Counsel Henss will come to the next Senate Executive Committee
47 meeting. The victim of the incident can (and will) be informed of the outcome of the
48 hearing. The sense of fear and intimidation in the LBGQT community was discussed.
49 Kline suggested that the LBGQT club or SQA might be able to share information (since
50 they are not bound by FERPA). Ting reminded us that we need to wait and see how the
51 hearing goes and what other information comes out of that process.

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53 **Announcements**

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57 **Reports:**

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59 **Chair – T. Ting**

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61 Ting thanked senators for 100% participation in the approval of the slate of six faculty
62 nominees for the U of I President Search. Alan Cook, Kamau Kemayo, James Hall, Tony
63 Sisneros, Carrie Switzer, and Tih-Fen Ting are on the slate forwarded to the University
64 Senates Conference; the Board of Trustees will select the final two from UIS to serve on
65 the search committee. Ting noted that she did not participate in the selection by the
66 Committee on Committees as her name was in the pool.

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68 Ting stated that pursuant to Resolution 39-13 (UIS Campus Senate on Condemning
69 Campus Violence and Supporting the LGBTQ Community) passed last meeting, the

70 administration has been asked to conduct a review of best practices related to violence,
71 sexual assault, and rape prevention. Ting met with Barnett last Thursday; he now has the
72 units under Student Affairs reviewing what programs we have in place. Barnett is asking
73 unit heads to do a best practices review (essentially a gap analysis); he expects to report
74 on this review by early December. On the topic of how to incorporate training into
75 student orientation, Barnett said that it can probably be handled in UNI 101 class (if it
76 becomes mandatory for all freshmen); he would like suggestions from faculty on how to
77 provide the training for transfer students.

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79 Ting stated that it is good news that the Governor signed the bill restoring MAP funding,
80 but that we don't know what the mechanism is for paying for it. She added that the U of
81 I campuses still haven't received MAP funding for the fall semester.

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83 **Provost – H. Berman**

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85 Regarding the budget – hard times continue. Half of the UIS budget is from the State of
86 Illinois. Will the State pay appropriated money in time (two weeks ago)? There have
87 still been no payments made to public universities for FY10. Berman anticipates that the
88 U of I system will request that campuses plan for a 5% rescission within this year (about
89 \$1.2M would not be spent). However, absorbing a cut of that size will not be as difficult
90 this year as it was last year, as we can handle the bulk of that with reserves from last year
91 and other budgeted reserves. We have the capability to handle that level of rescission.
92 FY11 will be a source of concern. We know federal stimulus money will not be there
93 next year; looking at our \$22M state funding, \$1.4M is federal stimulus money (this
94 translates to a 6% budget cut). The legislature continually fails to realistically address the
95 state's budget situation. He stated that we need to be thinking about the possibility of a
96 budget reduction of some magnitude in the next fiscal year. Iowa just had a 10% budget
97 reduction; Wisconsin signed a budget reduction too. We may have to do that FY11. On
98 the other hand, we have great students and great faculty.

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100 Thompson reminded everyone of their individual and collective responsibility to
101 advocate for this institution.

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103 **Student Government – M. Van Vossen**

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105 On Sunday, SGA will be considering student fee and housing increases for FY11. MAP
106 grants were restored due to successful lobbying!

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108 **Committee on Committees report – L. Fisher**

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110 The Committee on Committees has one faculty vacancy to fill; the delay was due to the
111 fact that it didn't know how exactly the Committee on Student Discipline would be
112 redefined in light of the Academic Integrity Council. There is an EHS vacancy – James
113 Klein (HDC) has agreed to serve. Hall moved to approve Klein as the EHS rep to the
114 Committee on Student Discipline; Bogle seconded the motion. The motion passed
115 unanimously.

116 **Campus Principles Task Force – L. Fisher and H. Thompson**

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118 Fisher explained that last week Wes Weisenburn (Human Resources) organized a
119 daylong retreat. Representatives from CSAC, APAC, faculty and SGA brainstormed
120 about what a set of campus principles related to strengthening campus culture would look
121 like. They are working on a proposal to present in open meetings for campus discussion.
122 This process is still being defined. Thompson explained that the sessions were
123 invigorating as they looked for common ground across campus. They are trying to figure
124 out which things we want to dissuade and which we want to build. She’s meeting with
125 Wes about creating an open, welcoming culture for all students and thinks this is a great
126 initiative.

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128 **Faculty Advisory Council to IBHE – L. Bogle**

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130 The Council met October 16th at NIU. There is a representative from every public and
131 private university in Illinois; the hope is to impact legislation. Mhaskar is the current UIS
132 representative to the Council (Bogle the alternate). On November 17th, there will be a
133 P20 longitudinal data system summit meeting in Springfield. The State wants to give
134 every child in school a unique number so the child can be tracked and data can be
135 collected about students’ and schools’ performance. The State would like to do
136 accountability for schools at all levels, so funding would be attached. They are just
137 beginning discussions of this process. If this is not a nationwide initiative, there are
138 problems (what if a child moves from Illinois to Iowa for a few years and then back to
139 Illinois?). All in all, funding for all schools is non-existent. However, the University of
140 Phoenix spent \$228M in advertising last quarter! That is the competition.

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142 The State is also going to start looking at how we spend our money and may start cutting
143 programs. Ocheng Jany, IBHE representative, talked about positive time reporting.
144 Community colleges don’t have to do it because they are not state funded. Other
145 universities aren’t doing it until someone forces compliance. We are currently unaware of
146 penalties for failing to report time; some think it is not yet time to “poke that sleeping
147 snake”.

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149 IBHE is short on staff and months behind getting to programs. John Peters, President of
150 NIU, addressed the MAP rally, stating that since DePaul and Loyola are near and dear to
151 the hearts of the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate, MAP funding got
152 restored (to get money to those schools). But it is non-existent money. The Ensure
153 Affordability Caucus is trying to convince politicians that there is a payoff if you send
154 students to college--they get better jobs and pay taxes.

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156 Eisenhart said (regarding positive time reporting) that we should tell our brethren “the
157 snake is awake and if they will not rally around the U of I to fight this matter, I will throw
158 the snake in their backyard.” She continued by stating that Bill Holland will go after
159 other universities after U of I. Other state workers don’t keep track of their time in 15
160 minute increments either. Regarding the MAP funding, the problem is that DePaul and
161 Loyola (who serve 2nd/3rd /4th -generation college students) are getting preference and

162 UI/NIU and other universities who serve first-generation college students are not
163 benefiting similarly. However, first-generation students have a much bigger impact on
164 the economy than the Kirk Dillard's of the world. If we don't serve them, they go
165 elsewhere (to another state) and don't come back.

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167 Mhaskar asked what the State will do with the positive time-reporting data. He also
168 wondered what the impact of enrollment would be on budget planning. Berman stated
169 that positive time reporting is part of accountability under the Ethics Act. Berman
170 discussed predictions of a decrease in State budget – could increases in enrollment and
171 tuition offset a budget reduction? At UIS: 50% of budget is from State and 50% is from
172 tuition. At UIUC, it is much different: 30% of budget is from State and 70% is from
173 tuition and grant money. Martin asked whether there is excess capacity for students
174 (without investing in faculty and facilities). Berman said that the Instructional Resources
175 Management Task Force is currently looking at that issue (and Deans are gathering that
176 information). The task force is charged with making recommendations on that front.

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178 **Old Business**

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180 Resolution 39-7 Changes to the UIS Academic Integrity Policy – Section IV.1. –
181 Plagiarism [2nd reading]

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183 Fisher offered a motion to open discussion. Olivier seconded. Ting explained that the
184 AIC decided to remove the last sentence (that faculty are encouraged to elaborate on
185 discipline-specific examples). The resolution was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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187 Resolution 39-8 Changes to the UIS Academic Integrity Policy – Section V.1.B. –
188 Pending Charges in Courses [2nd reading].

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190 Olivier offered a motion to open discussion. Martin seconded. The resolution was
191 approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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193 Resolution 39-9 Changes to the UIS Academic Integrity Policy – Section V.2.A. –
194 Informal Resolution [2nd reading]

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196 Van Vossen offered a motion to open discussion. Thompson seconded. The resolution
197 was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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199 Resolution 39-11 Public Administration Certificate with an International Perspective
200 [2nd reading]

201 Eisenhart offered a motion to open discussion. Van Vossen seconded. Ting noted that the
202 eligibility was updated (program is open to all students, not just international students).
203 Martin stated he is in favor of the certificate because there is excess capacity. The
204 resolution was approved by a voice vote.

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206 **New Business:**

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208 None.

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210 **Adjournment:**

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212 A motion was made by Hall and seconded by Kline to adjourn. The motion was
213 approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.