UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
CAMPUS SENATE MEETING AY 2010/2011
APRIL 23, 2010
12:00 PM – 12:45 AM
PAC Conference Room “H”


Senators Absent: P. Boltuc

Ex-Officio: H. Berman

Guests: H. Bapat, S. LaFollette, K. Moranski, K. Rutherford and E. Stanley.

The Senate was called to order at 12:00 noon.

Approval of the day’s agenda
A motion was made by Olivier to approve the agenda and was seconded by Thompson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Seating of the New Senate
Ting reported that we have several new senators: Boltuc, who is not in attendance today, Garmil, Helton, Jamison, Li, Sheridan, Sisneros, and Zhang were invited to the table and seated as Senators.

Nominations for Chair
Ting stated that we must begin nominations for Chair and Vice Chair, and at the next meeting we will continue nominations and hold elections. Ting opened the floor for nominations. Martin nominated Ting for chair, Li seconded. Kline offered to nominate Fisher, but Fisher declined.

Bogle offered a motion to close nominations and Martin seconded.

Nominations for Vice Chair
Eisenhart offered a motion to open nominations, Li seconded.
Fisher nominated Burton for Vice Chair, seconded by Helton. Siddiquee nominated Fisher, but she declined stating that she would not be able to serve on the Senate Executive Committee next year due to other obligations. Eisenhart nominated Kline for Vice Chair, seconded by Thompson.

Martin offered a motion to close nominations, seconded by Salela.

**Report**

**Committee on Committees – L. Fisher**

Ting noted that in addition to the committee assignments we will also be electing a representative to the University Senates Conference. She explained the relationship between the three campus senates and the USC. The USC is comprised of seven members from UIC, ten from UIUC and three from UIS. Our representatives last year were Martin who filled the remaining year of the term left by Langley’s retirement, Eisenhart whose term ends next year, and Ting, whose term ends in 2012. She asked that Senators think about nominations for our USC representative and at the next meeting we will open for nominations from the floor and elect the USC representative for the open position. Martin stated that he is interested in continuing. Rutherford added that Chair, Vice Chair, and USC reps can self-nominate.

Fisher provided the slate of candidates for Senate committees in the coming year. She noted that there were many more people who expressed interest in volunteering than there were committee openings, and she expressed appreciation for the enthusiasm shown by faculty overall. She explained the process for SEC selection of candidates for committees. The process for approving committee appointments is for the Senate to vote to approve each committee.

The Committee on Committees nominated Frost-Kumpf and Mantei for the Academic Integrity Committee. Martin offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Eisenhart. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

The Committee on Committees nominated Newman, Dong, and Swan for the Academic Technology Committee. Kline offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Garmil. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

The Committee on Committees nominated Braynov and Sommers for the Committee on Admissions, Recruitment and Retention. Salela offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Eisenhart. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

The Committee on Committees nominated Lane, Binder and Byrnes for the Committee on Assessment of Student Learning. Olivier offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Li. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.
The Committee on Committees nominated Ross and Vazquez for the Campus Planning and Budget Committee. Casinova offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Borland. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

The Committee on Committees nominated Schnebly, Seif and Shen for the Committee on Diversity, Equal Rights, Opportunity and Access. Cainova offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Olivier. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

The Committee on Committees nominated Bussell, Shapinsky and Gilliam for the General Education Council. Olivier offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Helton. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

The Committee on Committees nominated Lane, Hall, and Chen for the Graduate Council. Thompson offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Bogle. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

The Committee on Committees nominated Fisher and Morsch for the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. Martin offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Borland. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

The Committee on Committees nominated Bunch, Hwang and Ross for the Committee on the Library. Garmil offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Bogle. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

The Committee on Committees nominated Karuppaswamy for the Personnel Policies Committee. Casinova offered a motion to approve the nominee, seconded by Bogle. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

The Committee on Committees nominated Agarwal and Thompson-Dorsey for the Research Board. Thompson offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Li. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

The Committee on Committees nominated Bin and Mooney for the Committee on Student Discipline. Thompson offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Bogle. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

The Committee on Committees nominated Klingshirn and Gilliam for the Committee on Sustainability. Bogle offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Kline. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

The Committee on Committees nominated Villegas and Sheridan for the Undergraduate Council. Eisenhart offered a motion to approve the slate of candidates, seconded by Casinova. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.
The Committee on Committees nominated Ortiz for the Parking Appeals and Advisory Board. Eisenhart offered a motion to approve the nominee, seconded by Martin. There was no discussion and the motion to approve the slate was unanimous.

Ting explained the need to get these slates approved so that committees can elect chairs for the next academic year before the end of the spring semester. Salela asked if we could remind those committees that those meetings are public and that their schedules should be posted. Ting noted that we do post those meetings on the Senate website, but not all get posted because some chairs have not provided their schedules despite repeated requests. Rutherford added that in addition to the Senate website the meetings are posted on the University Calendar.

**New Business**

**Resolution 40-1 Approval of Minor in Public Health (1st reading)**
A motion to begin discussion was offered by Siddiquee and seconded by Kline. Ting stated that the chair of Public Health LaFollette, Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education Moranski and UGC chair Bapat are in attendance to discuss the resolution.

Martin expressed concern that many of the courses used for this minor are also used for ECCE. He could not identify a policy regarding double-dipping in this way, and Moranski indicated that it was allowed. Martin asked about the rigor of the minor, as his philosophy of a minor is that it allows students to get into the meat of a subject, but the courses in question are open to students who may not have completed baccalaureate skills. LaFollette responded that she understood the concern, but that this minor is a response to a growing demand for exposing students to the principles of public health. Many students who go into public-health related fields often have no direct exposure to it in their undergraduate experience. She also viewed the minor as compatible with the spirit of ECCE. She noted that many of the courses in the minor are at the 400 level and often have both undergraduate and graduate students enrolled, which tends to elevate the level of discussion overall.

Wassenberg provided some additional national context, reporting that she had been attending a meeting in Washington at which an official from the National Public Health Service implored educators to develop academic programs that would familiarize undergraduates with Public Health. These programs were to be designed for students who might not be going into public health directly, but would allow students to become conversant with the issues of public health. This would not be accomplished by the kind of a narrowly focused minor we are accustomed to seeing, but rather would be broad based and relevant to those in fields that fall outside of public health. This is precisely the kind of minor that they were looking to see. There is a growing need to expand the public health debate beyond public health professionals.

Martin stated that perhaps there is a different philosophy in what a minor would be. He stated that what Wassenberg just described differs from what he envisions for a minor.

Ting stated that the minor is fifteen credit hours, six of which are from two required courses. The other nine hours are electives, which can be chosen from either 300 or 400 level courses. While 300 level courses are mostly three credit hours and some 400 level courses are three hrs, this
creates an incentive for students to take the three credit hour electives. Ting asked if the department had considered providing a list of recommended electives to minors. LaFollette indicated that her department is in the process of developing curricular recommendations for students from different disciplines. She provided some examples of courses that would be recommended for students of particular backgrounds.

Thompson emphasized the importance of advising to assist students in developing their curriculum. Li asked about enrollment for the minor. LaFollette indicated that their courses at present are filled, but the minor here would allow their transcripts to codify the studies that they have pursued. The goal is not to increase enrollment in courses. All 400 level courses are already full, and even 500 level courses are full. Li followed up by asking about the kinds of majors she would expect to see, and she described them as coming from any of a variety of majors, such as biology, psychology, or social work. Li asked if they would expect to get new students, and she stated that many of the students taking Public Health courses presently either do not have a major or are from majors she would not expect, such as Communications.

Siddiquee agreed with Martin and asked if there was consideration given to limiting the electives to those that would provide a high level understanding of the topics. LaFollette responded that the way they think about curriculum in Public Health is somewhat different. This is not a discipline in which courses build on each other like Psychology, Chemistry and Biology. It is, rather, an interdisciplinary field that tends to be more broadly presented as introductory in most courses. The theme overall is what can we do to prevent poor public health, but not necessarily to provide the tools to do that assessment. LaFollette suggested a public health minor might be equivalent to a pre-med.

Martin stated that he wanted to clarify that this is not a minor that will prepare students for medical school. LaFollette indicated that was correct. He expressed the opinion that this program appears to him to be more on the level of a certificate rather than a minor.

Borland asked if Public Health would have the capacity for students who might be attracted to the minor, given that their courses are already full. LaFollette stated that they are not looking to increase enrollments or enhance revenues, but rather to put together a minor degree that would enhance progress on a career path. Borland expressed appreciation for the value of the minor, but reiterated her concern about capacity should additional students be drawn to the courses via the minor. LaFollette stated that if that happens it would serve to help them argue for additional resources. Moranski added that if the enrollment needs exceed capacity for the minor then it might be possible to add some seat restrictions and preserve them for minor.

Garmil asked if the core courses are not ECCE at present, what are they being used for now? LaFollette indicated that they are both ECCE, and both would fit into the Global Awareness category.

Kline stated that he acknowledged there is a legitimate discussion to be had about the merits of what minors should be. When there are differing opinions on such things it is best to leave those decisions to the departments. He opined that this falls within the acceptable range of what a minor might be. He stated that it is always nice to see departments doing things that might
increase demand, which might then allow for greater selectivity. He stated that all departments should be trying to make themselves more attractive, as many good things can come from it. This should be the kind of objective most departments should be doing.

Olivier asked if MPH 222 was a core course or an elective. LaFollette stated that it is a core course.

Wang expressed the feeling that this is a good proposal from the student perspective and would provide leverage for getting new faculty.

Ting noted that this will be coming back for second reading at the next meeting and asked that the undergraduate council make themselves available in case there are more questions.

**Adjournment:**
A motion to adjourn was offered by Fisher. The Senate adjourned at 12:45 pm.