UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
CAMPUS SENATE MEETING AY 2012/2013
AUGUST 31, 2012
10:02 AM – 12:15 PM
PAC Conference Room “G”


Ex-Officio: L. Pardie


The Senate was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Approval of the day’s agenda

L. Fisher welcomed everyone. She then officially seated the following new senators and thanked them for service: Raymond Barnett, Steven Owusu-Ansah, Ryan Williams, Ann McCaughan, and John Transue, who will be serving as Parliamentarian.

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

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of May 4, 2012

The minutes were unanimously approved with one clarification (lines 400-402, Pardie suggested wording be changed to “Pardie also said that when the information technology fee was implemented as a new fee several years ago, it was based exclusively on technology and did not include the library, even though it is called a ‘library/technology fee.’ A request from the Library for an increase in the fee can be considered.”)

Announcements

- Salela – Library has workshops for drop-in students that will start in a week and a half. These workshops are targeted at lower-division students; professors can require students to attend and library staff will keep track of attendance.
• Kline – Scott Bullock, Senior Attorney at the Institute for Justice, will come to campus Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m., in Brookens Auditorium, and discuss eminent domain and civil forfeiture abuse.
• Martin – Star Parties will start up again the Friday after Labor Day and run through the end of October.
• Borland – Pre-Law Center will offer an LSAT Prep Course 9/8, 9/15, and 9/22.
• Fisher – ODS Allies for Inclusion traveling exhibit about ability is in PAC Conference Room D until 1pm today.

Reports:

Chair – L. Fisher

Fisher expressed great optimism about making progress in shared governance this academic year. As of Sept. 4, Senate Office will have a full-time administrative clerk: Brian Moore, who is working on his M.A. in History from UIS. Senate Chair is to supervise this position but 20% of this position will go to support our new undergraduate research initiative (headed by Keenan Dungey). SEC would like first draft of Senate minutes to be prepared by Senate administrative clerk and then the Senate Secretary will work from that draft to prepare the version presented to Senate. Fisher thanked Cecilia Cornell for her service chairing the search for the administrative clerk. Patsy Nation and Deb Ply have also helped take care of Senate business over the summer. Fisher also thanked John Martin for keeping things rolling during the transition.

Fisher is excited about new leadership on campus and believes that the Senate can get faculty voices engaged with the Chancellor’s new ideas. Materials from the BOT retreat in July focused on shared governance and the importance of the role of faculty in the process. Former University of Texas Chancellor Larry Faulkner spoke about the importance of faculty input for the adaptability and stability of universities.

A few of the issues we’ll be working on this year:
• Small backlog of curricular approvals.
• Determining the applicability of Open Meetings Act training (which is required by state law of Campus Senators, as they are elected officials of a public body) to standing Senate subcommittees. SEC is currently compiling questions about OMA for Mark Henss, University Counsel.
• Thorough discussion of final report of Undergraduate Advising Task Force.

Fisher thanked Ryan Bouray for his responsiveness as the new Student Government Association President.

John Martin asked if honorary degree recommendations have been received by the Chair from the Provost, as today is the deadline. Neither the Chair nor the Provost were aware of any such recommendations this year.
Provost – L. Pardie

Summary of accomplishments last academic year:

- Graduated more than 1,300 students
- Students engaged in service work, including collecting over 7,000 pounds of food for Central Illinois Foodbank and planting 3,500 trees on Arbor Day
- Students engaged in pre-professional service, helping write grants for not-for-profits, and lots of other service-learning
- First cohort of Ho Chi Minh City University of Science and Technology and Dalian University of Foreign Languages arrived to pursue degrees in Accounting and Business Administration
- Illinois Legislative Staff Internship Program held its 50th anniversary, at which 5 former interns were honored
- Claire Jerry, former graduate student, was guest curator for a major exhibit at the Harry S. Truman presidential museum
- First Student Arts and Research Symposium was a well-attended success
- New leadership position, Director of Undergraduate Research Support, was created and filled by Keenan Dungey
- Computer Science and MIS Departments were ranked in U.S. News & World Report’s top 100 online programs
- Michael Cheney won the national SLOAN-C award for excellence in online teaching
- Almost 90 UIS faculty members delivered scholarly papers at regional, national, or international academic conferences and/or published paper, book chapters, or monographs
- UIS one of only six institutions participating in Predictive Analytic Reporting Framework project, which will help improve learning outcomes for online students
- Second interdisciplinary Wepner symposium was held under the direction of Matthew Holden
- ILLAPS embarked upon a five-year evaluation of a citywide mental health initiative for children in Springfield.
- Keith Miller received a grant from the National Science Foundation to study ethics education in computer science.
- International Programming Coordinating Task Force developed programs to make our campus more welcoming for international students and help students from the US to be better able to engage with students from other cultures.
- Josiah Alamu’s work has resulted in a long-term partnership with University of The Gambia to collaborate on environmental health issues.

Academic goals and priorities for this year:

- continue to work collaboratively and effectively across disciplinary and divisional boundaries so that we may present a welcoming environment for students
- retention and degree completion; focus will be on:
Excellence in academic advising (a new advising structure will be implemented this year)
Academic support services (increased space has been allotted for math lab and we are creating a testing center)
- academic support for recruitment (priority is developing viable new academic programs)
- accountability (need to prepare for next accreditation cycle with the Higher Learning Commission and will likely be pursuing a new accreditation pathway)
  - continue assessment efforts to strengthen departmental curricula
  - continue use of instructional resource metrics to ensure efficiency in achieving learning outcomes
- faculty and staff diversity (search committees have great responsibility)
- academic advancement
  - opportunities for dialogue each semester to discuss hot topics in higher education
  - major administrative searches (Deans of Colleges of EHS and PAA and Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Education & Research)

Kline asked if State cleared its books last fiscal year. The Provost said the State is slightly behind where it was last year in its payments to us. Martin stated that the BOT report has that information.

Dell said she appreciated the Provost’s focus on faculty and staff diversity and asked if Instructor positions held by diverse populations can be converted to tenure-system positions. Provost responded that many Instructors do not wish to be in the tenure system and that resources must be considered in responding to Dell’s question; she further discussed programs that support the hiring of diverse tenure-track faculty.

Martin asked whether, in light of the ongoing Dean searches in EHS and CPAA, administrative realignment of those Colleges has been considered. Provost said that we don’t want to make rash decisions that might undermine educational quality and the potential for growth within those Colleges, and that the departments within each of those Colleges share a natural affinity. Martin responded restructuring might assist collaboration across the campus. Provost stated that she believes those are two separate issues, and that restructuring is not necessary to increase cross-campus collaboration.

Villegas asked whether the Associate Vice Chancellor position is an internal search. Provost responded that she’d like for it to be an internal search, but that it has not yet been determined and there are processes that need to be followed.

**Student Government Association – J. Tienken**

SGA’s first town hall meeting was held Monday and had a great turnout. First official meeting will be next weekend. Elections will be held 9/19-20, then Senate committee appointments will occur. Over the summer, SGA funded disc golf course expansion from
9 to 18 holes and a fire pit on the east side of campus. Bapat asked if a map of disc golf course could be circulated.

**BOT Reports May 31 and July 19** – Neither Jamison nor Martin had additional comments.

**Report of Board of Trustees Retreat – J. Villegas**

The Board of Trustees Retreat was held July 18. Dr. James J. Duderstadt, President emeritus, University of Michigan; Dr. Larry R. Faulkner, President emeritus, University of Texas at Austin; and Dr. William B. DeLauder, President emeritus, Delaware State University, gave presentations at the retreat. Specifically, Faulkner’s talk about the centrality of shared governance for the healthy operation and long-term adaptability of universities was very thought-provoking.

Other topics discussed at the retreat included:

- recruiting diverse student populations (by moving away from standardized testing);
- whether we are one university or a system of three universities (the consensus was that each campus has its own mission and that should not change);
- shared governance (faculty should drive changes instead of waiting for administration);
- recruiting faculty;
- increasing enrollment; and
- maximizing collaboration among the campuses (has to come from faculty).

Tienken added that Dr. Delauder’s suggestion of looking at non-traditional admission standards to increase the diversity of student body was well-received and encouraged everyone to read Faulkner’s report.

Kline noticed that Tienken, as BOT student representative, is a mentee of Trustee Estrada. Tienken said this is a pilot program to help student trustees transition to service and has been well-received thus far.

Fisher said that the communication between the Trustees and faculty and Deans in attendance seemed positive and dynamic. Fisher is excited that USC has voted to change its committee structure to mirror that of the BOT, as an effort to encourage interaction between USC faculty and the Board. Martin thinks USC’s decision to make that change is unfortunate, as it is an advisory committee and not the BOT.

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

Some vacancies still remain. Kline moved to approve the slate presented. Villegas seconded. Salela stated that a new faculty member, Steven McMinn, has agreed to replace her on the Campus Budget and Planning Committee. The slate was approved with 1 no vote.
By-laws provide that the Senate Chair, in consultation with Committee on Committees, has authority to appoint mid-year replacements, but Fisher wants to continue the tradition of bringing those recommendations for Senate approval.

Committee reports

1. **AY 2011/12 Annual Report, Intercollegiate Athletics – M. Yoder**

Highlights of report:
- improved transparency; as Faculty Athletic Representative (“FAR”), his primary concern is student-athlete well-being, so the handbook was revised
- restructured athletics employee search process (integrated some faculty search processes)
- developed better understanding of athletics budget (thanks to subcommittee of Lynn Fisher and Layne Morsch)
- assisted Athletic Department in assessing Title IX compliance and gender equity issues. Yoder and Hayley Ross focused on scholarship allocation, and implemented student surveys about opportunities and student tryouts
- assisted with strategic planning (utilized outside consultant)

Salela asked about the possibility of a school mascot change. Yoder stated that this is in the early stages, due to student feedback. Pate stated that Senators will be kept informed.

Williams spoke as former IAC chair. He acknowledged the tumultuous context of our campus and that we should make athletics a priority. Williams stated that Pate has demonstrated great leadership in making tough decisions. Williams said that IAC must remain a Senate committee and not an athletics committee. Williams asked if Chancellor Koch met with IAC last semester, as is required, and who is ultimately responsible for Athletics. Yoder said that Chancellor Koch did not meet with IAC but has kept in contact with him, the FAR, about issues in athletics. Pate responded that she reports to both VCSA Barnett and the Chancellor, and that this unique structure has both benefits and the potential for communication breakdown. Pate suggested that whether this reporting structure is the best system should be evaluated, as the system is generally working but they are working on strengthening communication. Williams asked about the status of the cheer team and whether they are considered athletes under Title IX.

Pate announced that she has worked with auditors to ensure that faculty and staff will not be charged general admission for athletics events, after 15 minutes prior to start of event. Athletics is also rolling out the Stars Club (booster club), which is being well-received. Soccer teams are playing this weekend.

2. **AY 2011/12 Annual Report, ROAD – J. Villegas**

Villegas stated that Angela Winand did a great job on the committee’s report.
Highlights of report:
• Addressed numerous issues with disability services
• Focused on recruiting and admissions process as it concerns Latino(a) students
• Discussed diversity challenges in campus housing
• Noted that UIUC and UIC have much more diversity programming (even per capita), so UIS needs to increase opportunities on this campus
• Priorities for this year:
  o Working groups focused on faculty/staff development and the recruitment of faculty, staff, and students of color
  o Work with academic affairs to create more diversity opportunities
  o Create list of ways to improve campus climate

Dell asked if ROAD is going to be involved in the discussion about fraternity/sorority introduction to this campus and how to avoid the potential for sexual assault and other problems that are sometimes attributed to Greek life. Martin corrected Dell that only one fraternity and one sorority have been proposed on this campus. Fisher commended ROAD for its important work toward creating a welcoming climate across the campus.

3. Academic Integrity Council, report on plans for AY 2012/13 – D. Sommers

Sommers commended Karen Pressley for her past work on AIC and stated that this year’s chair is Hilary Frost-Kumpf; Sommers is vice chair.

Plans for AY 2012/13:
• Ensure prompt hearings (Frost-Kumpf)
• Tease out policy from procedures (Sommers)
• Survey faculty within the next few weeks about their use of the AIC process
• Schedule campus trainings (and trainings of new AIC members) about the policy and procedures of AIC
• Consider ways of mitigating conflict during hearings (e.g., sending out written committee decision instead of delivering decision in person after hearing)

Fisher explained that she appreciates AIC’s thoughtfulness in revisiting the policy and procedures to determine what changes may be needed.

Kline moved to extend the meeting 15 minutes so that we’d have time to get through the remaining agenda items; Villegas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sommers added that new issues (students reporting academic integrity violations) have recently arisen, and AIC wants to ensure policies are flexible.

V. Old Business

A. Revisions to Conflict of Commitment and Interest Policy – L. Fisher

This had to be implemented over the summer so is now being presented to Senate for its information. Martin asked how it was established that quorum was unavailable. Fisher
said that, due to the schedule of University Senates Conference and Board of Trustees, decisions had to be made within a matter of a few days, and that SEC was comfortable acting on it because the full Senate considered this item on 2/24/12, and no questions were asked.

VI. New Business

A. Resolution 42-1-Creation and Approval of Concentrations in the BBA and a Minor in Marketing [first reading]

Motion to consider this item was made by Martin and seconded by Owusu-Ansah.

Villegas said marketing is one of the most popular majors at many universities, so this proposal addresses that. Laurel Newman stated that this has been in the works for a significant time.

Dell asked if new resources would be needed for this proposal. Villegas stated that a Marketing Professor search is ongoing and has 90 applicants. Newman said resources have been reallocated, so it’s difficult to tell if resources are really new. Salela stated Steven McMinn is collections manager if new library resources are needed. R. Barnett said that so many prospective students request the marketing major that this proposal will help with student recruitment, and asked whether this opens up opportunity for developing additional ASTs in marketing; Villegas says it will.

Fisher asked about the timeline for implementing changes. Newman said Fall 2013, but since there are no substantive curricular changes required by this proposal, the transition should be relatively seamless. Moranski clarified that suspension of the B.A. in Management will occur in Fall 2013 when availability of the B.B.A. with a concentration in Management occurs.

B. Resolution 42-2 Modification of Procedures for Tenure Review [first reading]

Martin moved to consider this resolution; Agarwal seconded.

Anthony explained that this proposal adds Dean and Department Chair as people to be copied on the VCAA’s tenure recommendation, which currently is only sent to the candidate and her/his personnel file. The rationale is that this will keep those people in the loop about the process and review standards. Williams asked for the Provost’s input. Provost said that this change is consistent with the lower levels of the personnel process and will aid communication.

Fisher stated that in October 2010, Senate approved Resolution 40-10, which added Dean and Department Chair to the list of people receiving 2nd and 4th year reappointment letters. Fisher admitted that there is the question of whether this resolution gives Chairs a role in the personnel process that they have not had before. Williams asked if giving the Dean and Department Chair this document is necessary or violates a privacy issue.
Provost said that the Dean and Department Chair could always look at a faculty member’s personnel file to get this information. Ruez submitted that this letter cannot be hidden from a Department Chair so why not share it up front? Jamison said that Department Chairs need this information as soon as possible so that they may schedule adjuncts or otherwise cover holes in the schedule.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Kline and seconded by Martin to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15p.m.