To Be Approved
UIS Campus Senate Meeting
November 30, 2012

AGENDA
CAMPUS SENATE MEETING
AY 2012/2013
FRIDAY, November 9, 2012
10:00 A.M. – Noon
PAC CONFERENCE ROOM G


Senators Absent: J. Hollins, W. Kline, C. Switzer, R. Williams.

Ex-Officio: L. Pardie


The meeting was called to order by Chair Fisher at 10:03 A.M.

Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda by Villegas; Ruez seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve the minutes from October 26 meeting by Agarwal. Seconded by Li. After a clarification to line 198, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Announcements
Pardie encouraged all to attend a reception and preview the new choral room in the VPA building from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. today. Polly Roesch, the donor (who is over 100 years old) is expected to attend. Fisher noted that this is the culmination of a lot of hard work on the part of Sharon Graf and Vicki Megginson.

Martin said the Sage Alumni Society is having an event next door.

Stoops announced that flu shots will be available next Tuesday at TRAC from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The T-DAP booster will also be available.

Salela alerted all to an email report of an assault on campus overnight Thursday.

Reports
Chair – L. Fisher

Fisher said that the SEC, in addition to posting approved minutes of their meetings, would offer a brief report from the Chair on what was discussed in the SEC meeting. This is simply a matter of transparency so Senators will know what is coming up. Generally, the SEC reviews agenda items from the various Senate committees and decides whether the information is complete enough for Senate discussion, or if there are questions to be resolved before the matter comes to the full Senate.

At the last SEC meeting, an extensive discussion on personnel policy items occurred. These will be coming to the Senate once some clarifications from the Personnel Policy Committee are provided. There was also a brief report from the Provost on the number of multi-year, non-tenure track appointments. According to our personnel policy, multi-year appointments must be limited to 8% or less of the faculty. These are non-tenure track appointments that are being extended over multiple years to fill short term needs. This includes people with titles of Instructor or Clinical Instructor, and sometimes people with titles of Visiting Assistant Professor. This is the only limit within our policy concerning non-tenure track faculty. There is no wording regarding the total number of non-tenure track faculty. There are currently 8 non-tenure track faculty in multi-year appointments which is a little less than 4% of total faculty. There are various reasons for having these multi-year appointments, including filling needs for certain areas of expertise that we otherwise would not have.

The SEC also discussed the Schuman report, which is currently in the Undergraduate Council. This is an outside consultant’s report concerning lower division General Education including, but not limited to, the honors program. The SEC has also been looking at the Open Meetings Act and there are some items within the Senate by-laws that need to be changed to better comply with the OMA. The SEC would like to postpone discussion on amending by-laws in the full Senate until all Senators have completed OMA training, which should be done by the end of the year. Fisher said there might be simple changes to the by-laws that could be addressed at the very start of next year. She asked for volunteers for a small task force to address just those parts of the by-laws that maybe in conflict with OMA. John Transue has agreed to lead this task force. John Martin has been invited to help, and Fisher said she would like to have one or two more volunteers to serve. She asked that anyone interested please contact her or J. Transue.

The BOT was on campus the last two days. It was a very interesting and effective meeting with some great discussions on factors related to enrollment, tuition, instructional costs and other related issues. This continued to give the board a very good impression of our campus. John Transue was there as the Senate Observer, Lynn Fisher was there as the Senate’s Conference Observer and reports will be forthcoming. Fisher gave a brief annual report on the senate and there was a campus insights presentation where six faculty were invited to present about their research. Peter Boltuc was there as the Vice-Chair of the Senates Conference and our student trustee was there as a voting member of the delegation. Samia Ahmad was also there representing SGA. Boltuc commented that the campus was very well prepared and there was a very important presentation by Matt Wheeler, Chair of the UIUC Senate, on regulatory burdens on faculty research. Boltuc also said there were discussions about budgetary concerns and opportunities to work toward synergies between the campuses. Transue said that Chairman Kennedy wanted us to ask ourselves why a student would choose a U of I campus when they
could go elsewhere for free. There are six doctoral programs being shuttered in Urbana and four
more being restructured. We need to decide what we want to be known for and direct our
energies toward being the best at what we do. Trustee Strobel spoke about rankings. She
emphasized that the one thing students remember about college is the one teacher who changed
their life. Wheeler talked about regulatory burdens on faculty and the trustees asked about
specifics. Transue suggested UIS might start collecting data about regulatory issues. The issue of
procurement also came up during BOT meetings. Wassenberg said she had worked with former
Provost Berman and sometimes our own interpretation of state and federal regulations made
things more difficult than necessary. Pardie said auditors generally are risk averse and the effort
to minimize risk can contribute to regulatory burdens. There are efforts underway across the
three campuses to develop a system that would eliminate some of the redundancies in reporting
in the research process and allow faculty to track the grants in the various systems. There is no
ready-made software that will do this for us. The business process analysis that is needed is
terribly time consuming.

Martin asked if the BOT meetings were being taped and if they would be available for viewing.
Fisher and Transue answered in the affirmative.

Provost – L. Pardie

The BOT meeting went well. These meetings are very intensive and very business focused.
There were a lot of presentations that are information dense. She stated that when the BOT
meeting is held on our campus it’s an opportunity to showcase who we are and what we do. We
are nationally known for our on-line programs but that is not entirely who we are. Pardie
expressed gratitude to all of the staff and faculty who helped present the many facets of UIS. In
particular, Pardie mentioned Dr. Lynn Fisher and her presentation on her work in Germany and
Charlie Wheeler, who heads up the Public Affairs reporting program. Wheeler talked about the
number of UIS graduates of that program who have gone on to become nationally known.
Professor Michael Burlingame, Professor Matthew Holden, Dr. Christopher Mooney, and Dr.
Lan Dong all talked about how important their research was to their teaching. Dr. Karen Swan
talked about exploring the impact of on-line learning and the fact that UIS is one of the key
institutions in the inaugural predictive analytics project being funded by the Gates Foundation.
Pardie also acknowledged a splendid performance of a Mozart composition by an ensemble
consisting of Associate Professor Sharon Graf of Music, Associate Professor Peter Shapinsky of
History, Assistant Professor Yona Stamatis of Music and Abigail Walsh, our Applied Music
specialist. Dean Wassenberg presented on the college of Public Affairs and Administration, and
Vice-Chancellor Barnett and Provost Pardie did a presentation for the Academic and Student
Affairs committee highlighting the many programs that we provide academically and the student
support and student life programs that assist students to be successful. The Chancellor had
multiple presentations that went very well. Many of the visitors to our campus commented on
how beautiful and serene the campus is, as well as how friendly the people are. Pardie gave an
update on spring registration. Applications at the freshman, transfer and the graduate level all are
up.

Committee on Committees –K. Jamison
Jamison announced some new members on committees of the Senate. Mark Buxton from CBM has been seated on the Graduate Council, and there are two new members for ROAD, Ricardo Perez from LAS and Jesus Canelon from MIS. ROAD had their first meeting yesterday with their new chair, Te-Wei Wang from MIS.

Student Government Association – R. Bouray

SGA passed a resolution at the last meeting in support of a fee increase for the library to support increased costs for online resources. The fee will also support an e-book lending program, an increased DVD collection and acquisition of a Rosetta Stone foreign language learning program. A resolution was also presented by a student member for an international student senator. This resolution was initially presented last year but did not pass when it was presented to the student body. This item will be on an upcoming agenda. Two members of SGA are attending a conference at Eastern Illinois University next weekend. It is an IBHE student advisory committee conference. Bouray met with SGA presidents and trustees from UIUC and UIC and is in the process of setting up a conference of the Executive Committees sometime over winter break or in early spring semester. Boltuc asked about online student representation in SGA. Bouray said there is a position for an online Senator but the seat is currently vacant due to a resignation. An email will go out seeking a replacement. Boltuc encouraged SGA to pay attention to that part of the student body.

Clarification of Senate Procedures – J. Transue

These are not changes but are clarifications put forth to streamline proceedings without diminishing anyone’s ability to influence the agenda. The Campus Senate by-laws indicate our meetings will follow Robert’s Rules of Order unless something within our by-laws or constitution specifically overrules Robert’s Rules. Additionally, University Statutes override any conflict that may exist with Senate rules. Transue is proposing the elimination of the practice of making a “motion to consider” for each item that concerns a resolution, and instead allowing the chair to introduce an item “by unanimous consent.” Any Senator with any sort of concern can, at that point, interrupt the proceedings. Transue said making the motion to consider along with a second and then a vote on the matter creates an unnecessary burden on the secretary. In approving the agenda, the Senate has already agreed to consider the motion. Therefore, allowing the Chair to introduce an item “by unanimous consent” will streamline the proceedings. Transue highlighted the two points when a Senator can object to considering a motion: when the agenda is under consideration for approval or when the actual resolution comes to the floor. This preserves the practice of allowing for dissent while at the same time speeding up the proceedings.

Transue also presented the issue of second readings. It has been a practice of having first and second readings of resolutions. The only mention of first and second readings in the by-laws is on decisions that concern changes to Senate rules or policy. The OMA prevents us from voting on items that did not appear on an agenda as an action item. Some items require first and second readings, and our plan is to stick with the practice to allow for thoughtful deliberations. There may be items, however, that are not controversial and may be colloquially termed “no-brainers,” that we might vote on the first reading. This would be indicated in the agenda by designation as
an action item. The plan is to preserve the practice of having first and second readings on most
items. Fisher asked how Senators might object if they did not want to vote on an item that had
been designated as an action item on first reading. Transue said there are many ways to object;
including: at the time the agenda comes up for approval, or when the item itself comes up.
Fisher urged anyone with questions to contact Transue. She also made clear that questions about
proceedings are welcome anytime.

Provost’s Budget Report – L. Pardie

Pardie presented a power point report on the UIS budget that included discussion of the budget
process as well as specific numbers. The entire power point presentation is available on the UIS
Campus Senate website at

Pardie said that a budget is the mechanism by which we understand how we manage our
resources, with the goal of devoting resources in such a way that we achieve desired outcomes.
At UIS, we are in various stages of three budgets: implementation of the FY2013 budget,
preparation of FY2014 budget, and planning for FY2015 budget. The overview covered various
stages of the budget process from planning to review to implementation. State appropriations are
on a decline and we rely more on tuition dollars to fund our budget. We need to continue to grow
enrollment, which is one of the reasons we are pushing for the addition of academic programs.
We need to remain affordable and accessible to students. In closing, Pardie stressed the
importance of remembering who we are and what we do here at UIS. We educate students to be
successful in life by meeting the demands of life in this century. There are ever-increasing
challenges for students.

Pardie asserted that we are distinguished by four attributes: we provide a teaching focused
academic experience of the highest quality; we provide our students with abundant opportunities
to collaborate; we are right sized (even though we have room to grow); and we have a tradition
of educating public servants and leaders. Our students invest both literally and figuratively with
us and we have to do our part to enable them to achieve their goals. Our reputation is built on the
quality of experiences that our students have here. Our best representatives are our graduates. We
have to increase student retention and we must be able to show that students are achieving
desired learning outcomes. We have to continue to be good stewards of our resources and stay
connected to our community. While the future looks challenging, we are positioned well. Boltuc
and Dell both expressed interest in getting more information on strategic investments and how
spending decisions are made for those funds. Agarwal asked if there was a difference in budget
impact for graduate students versus undergraduates. Pardie said this was a complex question, and
that some of our academic programs contribute to the overall success of our students even if they
do not have a high number of graduates.

Boltuc moved to extend the meeting for five more minutes. Jill Stoops seconded. Unanimous
approval was attained.

Old Business
None
New Business

Resolution 42-8 Proposed Revision to the Statutes and General Rules

Fisher moved by unanimous consent that the senate spend the five minute extension of the meeting on resolution 42-8, a proposed revision to the Statutes and General rules. The BOT has proposed changing the campus Chancellors title from Vice-President and Chancellor of the campus to Chancellor of the campus and Vice-President of the University of Illinois. This is a change to the order of titles. In 2010, the Vice-President title was added to the Chancellor title to emphasize the important role that Chancellors play in the University of Illinois leadership team. The BOT is now recommending to keep the VP title but to move Chancellor first to emphasize the role of Chancellors as the heads of their campuses. According to the Statutes, when the BOT wants to change the Statutes, they send the proposal to the Senates Conference and they send it to the respective Campus Senates, who in turn make recommendations back to the Senates Conference.

Salela said she thinks this is a good philosophical statement reflecting the primary responsibility of the respective Chancellors to his or her campus. Boltuc asked if this was an instance where the Senate might suspend the second reading and vote on this resolution, especially since it is non-controversial and simply advisory. Fisher said that it has been the practice in all three Senates that whenever there is a change to University statutes there is an opportunity for two readings. The point of that being we want to make sure that everyone has a chance to read through the proposal and think about the implications. Transue said to suspend the rules the Senate would need a two-thirds vote. Fisher asked if there was a second to Boltuc’s motion to vote on the matter. Salela seconded. Transue said this was the type of resolution that could be handled quickly, but given the implication to the statutes he suggested postponing a vote. Boltuc withdrew the motion.

Adjournment

Bouray moved to adjourn; Transue second; passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 12:10 p.m.