

Annual Report of the UIC Senate to the Board of Trustees

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Introduction

The University of Illinois *Statutes*, Article II, Section 1, provide for a senate to be constituted at each campus of the University to exercise legislative functions in matters of educational policy, such as requirements for admission to colleges and schools, requirements for degrees and certificates, and the academic calendar. Each senate shall also recommend candidates for honorary degrees, and may propose amendments to the *Statutes* through the University Senates Conference to the President and the Board of Trustees. The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Senate membership consists of 200 faculty members, 50 student members, and 3 academic professional members. Faculty senators are elected by and from the faculty of the colleges, schools, and the library for three-year terms. Student senators are elected for one-year terms from among the electorates of the three major academic divisions into which student programs are divided: undergraduate, graduate, and health professional. Academic Professional senators are elected by the Academic Professional Academic Council.

Meetings and Agendas

The UIC Senate held six meetings (September 28, October 25, November 30, 2017; January 31, March 7, and April 26, 2018) at which issues of interest to the faculty, students and staff were discussed and acted upon, plus an organizing meeting at which new

members were welcomed, the senate purpose and committees described, and elections for Senate officers and membership on standing committees was held.

The UIC Senate Executive Committee (SEC) held 12 meetings. The SEC acted on items forwarded from the Senate and Senate Standing Committees, and from University Senates Conference.

To promote shared governance and continue strong and effective communication between faculty and administration, the Chancellor, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (Provost/VCAA), and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs (VCHA) regularly attended both the Senate and the SEC meetings. In addition, the SEC Leadership Team (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Presiding Officer) met monthly with the Chancellor or Provost on an alternating basis.

Guests at UIC Senate Meetings

- John Coumbe-Lilley, Faculty Athletic Representative, was a guest at the September 28, 2017 Senate meeting. He discussed his responsibilities as the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) and provided an overview of the academic success of UIC athletes, as well as 2017-2018 Student-Athlete Accomplishments, Activities, and Community Service.
- Cynthia Klein-Banai, Associate Chancellor for Sustainability, was a guest at the October 25, 2017 Senate meeting and presented an overview of the Climate Action Implementation Plan (CAIP).
- President Killeen was a guest at the November 30, 2017 UIC Senate meeting. Barbara Wilson, Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Edward Seidel, Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation, were also with him and provided background about the Discovery Partners Institute and its development process. President Killeen also discussed the budget and fundraising campaigns.
- Michael Moss, Assistant Chancellor and Director from the Office of Business and Financial Services, was a guest at the April 26, 2018 UIC Senate meeting and presented on the budget.

Senate Action/Activities

- The Senate endorsed the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate Statement on Inclusion, Tolerance, and the Free Pursuit of Knowledge.
- The Senate approved a motion to have the UIC Senate develop a statement similar to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate Statement on Inclusion, Tolerance, and the Free Pursuit of Knowledge.
- The Senate endorsed the Climate Action Implementation Plan (CAIP).
- To increase engagement in the Senate, the Senators discussed the topic of “Safety and Perceptions of Safety.”
- The Senate approved the Resolution of the UIC Senate in Recognition of the Services of Professor David Hilbert.

- The UIC Senate rejected the motion to approve the proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8-to authorize the University Senates Conference to initiate revisions to the *Statutes* (**USC ST-79**).
- The Senate approved the Illinois Higher Education Budget Resolution.
- The Senate approved proposal **CI-18.01**, Establish the Center for Urban Education Leadership
- The Senate approved seven nominees for an honorary degree
- The UIC Senate rejected the motion to approve the proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference and the President to initiate revisions to the *Statutes* (**USC ST-79**)
- The Senate sent recommendations to the University Senates Conference for further consideration regarding the proposed revisions to the *General Rules*, Article III, Intellectual Property (**USC GR-46**).
- The Senate approved the proposed revisions to the *Policy on Conflicts of Commitment and Interest* and two new documents: *Policy on Organizational Conflicts of Interest* and *Policy on Financial Conflicts of Interest in Research* (**USC OT-342**)
- The Senate approved the Instructional Faculty Qualifications Policy.
- The Senate approved the proposal to Establish the John Marshall Law School
- The Senate website was updated in 2018

Guests at UIC Senate Executive Committee Meetings

- Timothy Koritz, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Timothy Killeen, President; Barbara Wilson, Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Edward Seidel, Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation, were guests at the November 15, 2017 SEC meeting and discussed the Discovery Partners Institute (DPI) and City Scholars program with the Committee.
- Janet Smith, President of UIC United Faculty, was a guest at both the January 24, 2018 and April 18, 2018 SEC meetings. She discussed how the process of preparing for the next round of bargaining is going; the issue of rising cost of health insurance; AAUP expert analysis of the UIC budget for UIC United Faculty; and the math behind the issue of union dues, as related to salary increases.
- Janet Parker, Associate Chancellor for Budget and Resource Planning, along with Michael Moss, Assistant Chancellor and Director from the Office of Business and Financial Services, were guests at the February 28, 2018 SEC meeting and shared a PowerPoint presentation depicting how ICR is distributed in the colleges and a Fiscal Year 2018 budget overview.
- Meena Rao, Chair of USC, was a guest at the May 23, 2018 SEC meeting and provided an overview of University Senates Conference issues under consideration.

Senate Executive Committee Action/Activities

- SEC discussed the priorities for SEC.
- SEC discussed how to improve engagement in the Senate.
- SEC followed up on and continued to discuss the topic of Student Success from the UIC Leadership Retreat.

- SEC approved a motion to place the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate Statement on Inclusion, Tolerance, and the Free Pursuit of Knowledge for endorsement on the September 28 UIC Senate agenda.
- SEC did not approve a motion to endorse the proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8-to authorize the University Senates Conference to initiate revisions to the *Statutes* (**USC ST-79**).
- SEC referred the review UIC Police policies concerning use of force and other interactions with the university and surrounding community members to the Senate Support Services Committee.
- SEC referred the topic of the effects of active learning on undergraduate teaching to the Senate Faculty Affairs Committee.
- SEC drafted the Illinois Higher Education Budget Resolution.
- SEC reviewed seven Honorary Degree nominations.
- SEC reviewed the proposed revisions to the *General Rules* (**USC GR-46**).
- SEC reviewed the proposed revisions to the *Policy on Conflicts of Commitment and Interest* and two new documents: *Policy on Organizational Conflicts of Interest* and *Policy on Financial Conflicts of Interest in Research* (**USC OT-342**).
- SEC reviewed the Instructional Faculty Qualifications Policy.
- SEC considered issues relevant to UIC United Faculty, such as: concerns regarding potential rising health insurance and the upcoming contract negotiations.

Activities of the Senate Standing Committees

Senate Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee reviewed UIC's own unique statement on Inclusion, Tolerance, and the Free Pursuit of Knowledge. The Committee also reviewed the Instructional Faculty Qualifications Policy.

Senate Budget, Planning and Priorities Committee met with Provost Poser to discuss budget and university priorities.

Senate Committee on Educational Policy reviewed 42 New and Revised programs, 6 Certificate programs, and 43 General Education Courses.

Senate External Relations and Public Service Committee reviewed nominations for honorary degrees.

Senate Faculty Affairs Committee provided feedback to Renee Taylor, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, regarding P&T Policies and Guidelines. The Committee reviewed the Instructional Faculty Qualifications Policy.

Senate Research Committee conducted a reviewed of the Institute for Leadership Excellence and Development in the College of Business Administration, the Center for Literacy in the College of Education, and the Institute for Health Research and Policy in the School of Public Health. The Committee reviewed the **CI-18.01** proposal to grant the Center for Urban Education Leadership in the College of Education permanent approval as an IBHE center, as well as the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs' proposal

to establish the Government Finance Research Center with temporary status. Vice Chancellor Dutta discussed Lab Safety with the Committee. Ranfen Li, Director of the Office of Academic Program Review and Assessment, received input from the Committee about the Report Guidelines and Charge to External Reviewers for Review of Centers and Institutes. With Scott R Zalatoris, Policy Specialist University of Illinois System - Office of Business and Financial Services (OBFS) Business Solutions & Support; Daniel Szajna, Associate Director - Compliance, Policy and Conflicts of Interest (OBFS); and Elaine Fluder, Director, Office for the Protection of Research Subjects (OPRS), the Committee discussed the Office of Business and Financial Services proposed policy and procedural changes for processing payments to human subjects (Section 8 and Section 18.10 of the Business and Financial Policies and Procedures Manual). The UIC Senate Executive Committee requested the Senate Research Committee review the proposed revisions to the *Policy on Conflicts of Commitment and Interest* and two new documents: *Policy on Organizational Conflicts of Interest* and *Policy on Financial Conflicts of Interest in Research (USC OT-342)*. The Committee interviewed Vice Chancellor for Research candidates.

Senate Support Services Committee reviewed UIC Police policies concerning use of force and other interactions with the university and surrounding community members. The Committee then developed a Lethal Force Report. The Committee met with Dave Taeyaerts, Associate Vice Chancellor, Learning Environments and Campus Architect, and his staff to discuss classrooms / instructional spaces. The Committee interviewed Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services candidates. The Human Resources Subcommittee of the Senate Support Services Committee convened, and participants in this meeting included members of the Senate Support Services Committee, along with Michael Ginsburg, Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources; an Academic Professional Advisory Committee representative; and a Staff Advisory Council representative. The UIC Senate Subcommittee on Buildings and Grounds met monthly to discuss a variety of campus issues and also celebrated 10 years of the Office of Sustainability.

This concludes the report of the UIC Senate for 2017-2018.

Respectfully Submitted,
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