

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 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

- David Ibrahim, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services in the Office of Preparedness and Response, was a guest at the September 20, 2018 Senate meeting. He shared background information about the Emergency Preparedness Syllabus Insert.
- Timothy Killeen, President, and William Sanders, Interim Director of the Discovery Partners Institute (DPI), were guests at the November 29, 2018 Senate meeting. President Killeen discussed the state of the University of Illinois System, the UIC Campus Master Plan, the outcome of the recent state election, and recent legislation proposed by the University of Illinois. William Sanders provided an overview of the DPI and an update on its progress.
- John Coronado, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, and Kevin Booker, Chief of UIC Police were guests at the February 4, 2019 Senate meeting. John Coronado presented an overview of the Campus Master Plan. Both Vice Chancellor Coronado and Chief Booker provided information about the Report on the October 25, 2017 Senate Topic Discussion: “Safety and Perceptions of Safety.”
- Janet Parker, Associate Chancellor for Budget and Financial Administration, and Michael Moss, Assistant Chancellor and Director of the Office of Budget and Financial Analysis, were guests at the March 20, 2019 Senate meeting and shared a PowerPoint presentation about UIC’s budget.
- J. Rex Tolliver, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, was a guest at the March 20, 2019 Senate meeting and shared the vision for Student Affairs.

Senate Action/Activities

- A governance audit of the University of Illinois at Chicago Senate took place during the year. Findings from the audit have been distributed to appropriate parties.
- The Senate endorsed the Senate Support Services Committee Report on UIC Police Policies Regarding Use of Lethal Force and its recommendations.
- The Senate endorsed faculty members’ optional and supplemental use of the Emergency Preparedness Syllabus Insert for a period of one semester.

- The Senate approved the proposal to create the position of Vice Chancellor for Innovation.
- The UIC Senate approved a number of amendments to the proposed revisions to the *Statutes (USC ST-77)*.
- The UIC Senate approved the proposed revisions to the *General Rules*, Article III – Intellectual Property (**USC GR-46**).
- The UIC Senate approved the proposed revisions to the University of Illinois at Chicago Promotion and Tenure Committee Policies and Procedures to reflect the addition of John Marshall Law School (JMLS).
- The Senate approved the proposed revisions to the UIC Senate Bylaws, Article V, Section 1 (b), to reflect the addition of John Marshall Law School (JMLS) Senators.
- The Senate approved the proposed revisions to the UIC Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 1 (a); Article V, Section 1 (b)(7); and Article VI, Section 1 (b)(2) to reflect the addition of student Senators from John Marshall Law School (JMLS) to the health professional student program/division of the electorate.
- The Senate endorsed the Academic Analytics Policy.
- The Senate reviewed proposed revisions to the Statutes, Article IX, Section 3 (c) to permit the use of “teaching” as a modifying term for faculty appointments (**ST-19.01**).
- The Senate failed to endorse the Discovery Partners Institute (**USC OT-356**).
- The Senate provided advice about the proposed revisions to the General Rules, Article III – Intellectual Property (**USC GR-46**).
- The Senate endorsed the Resolution to Support Increased Funding for the UIC Counseling Center.
- The Senate endorsed the Principal Investigator (PI) Status Qualifications and Approval Procedures.
- The Senate approved two nominees for an honorary degree.

Guests at UIC Senate Executive Committee Meetings

- John Coronado, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services; Kevin Booker, Chief of UIC Police; and David Ibrahim, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services in the Office of Preparedness and Response, were guests at the September 12, 2018 SEC meeting and discussed the Report on the October 25, 2017 Senate Topic Discussion about “Safety and Perceptions of Safety,” the Senate Support Services Committee Report on UIC Police Policies Regarding Use of Lethal Force, and also the Emergency Preparedness Syllabus Insert.
- Timothy Killeen, President; Edward Seidel, Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation; William Sanders, Interim Director of DPI; and Phyllis Baker, Visiting Special Assistant to the President, were guests at the October 4, 2018 SEC meeting and discussed by video conference how the academic side of Discovery Partners Institute (DPI) is developing.
- Michael Ginsburg, Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, was a guest at the October 4, 2018 meeting and discussed the new State Universities Civil Service System exemption procedures.

- SEC met with Timothy Koritz, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, on November 14, 2018 and discussed how the increase in the capital building budget will impact UIC, his perspective on having faculty representation on the Board of Trustees, the potential of removing the criminal history question from the undergraduate common application, and how the election outcome may impact the Board of Trustees.
- Timothy Killeen, President, and William Sanders, Interim Director of DPI, met with SEC on November 14, 2018 and discussed collaboration with Northwestern University and the University of Chicago about the Discovery Partners Institute (DPI), how the increase in the capital building budget will impact UIC, how the election outcome may impact DPI.
- Janet Smith, President of UIC United Faculty, and Aaron Krall, UIC United Faculty Executive Vice President and bargaining co-chair, were guests at the December 5, 2018 SEC meeting and discussed the faculty concern about rising health insurance and provided an update on the UIC United Faculty union negotiations.
- J. Rex Tolliver, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, was a guest at the February 28, 2019 SEC meeting and presented the vision for Student Affairs.
- Nikos Varelas, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, and Josephine Volpe, Assistant Vice Provost for Advising Development, were guests at the March 13, 2019 SEC meeting and provided information about the UIC iAdvise system.

Senate Executive Committee Action/Activities

- SEC discussed how to improve engagement in the Senate.
- To increase engagement in the Senate, SEC continued to discuss the topic of “Safety and Perceptions of Safety” from the October 25, 2017 Senate meeting.
- SEC worked to increase community engagement within DPI.
- SEC reviewed the Senate Support Services Committee Report on UIC Police Policies Regarding Use of Lethal Force.
- SEC reviewed the proposed revisions to the *Statutes (USC ST-77)*.
- SEC reviewed the proposed revisions to the *General Rules, Article III –Intellectual Property (USC GR-46)*.
- SEC endorsed the proposal to create the position of Vice Chancellor for Innovation.
- SEC provided feedback on the proposed revisions to the *Statutes, Article VIII, Section 4 – Changes in Existing Units (USC ST-84)*.
- In preparation for the addition of John Marshall Law School (JMLS), SEC reviewed the proposed revisions to the University of Illinois at Chicago Promotion and Tenure Committee Policies and Procedures to reflect the addition of John Marshall Law School (JMLS); the proposed revisions to the UIC Senate Bylaws, Article V, Section 1 (b) to reflect the addition of John Marshall Law School (JMLS) Senators; and the proposed revisions to the UIC Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 1 (a); Article V, Section 1 (b)(7); and Article VI, Section 1 (b)(2) to reflect the addition of student Senators from John Marshall Law School (JMLS) to the health professional student program/division of the electorate.
- SEC leaders met with a few undergraduate student senators about concerns they had raised for possible Senate consideration related to free speech issues, a transfer credit policy for O and A level exams - the British secondary school subject examinations

used as a qualification for university entrance, Senate Standing Committee student membership, and funding for the Student Counseling Center.

- SEC provided feedback on the Academic Analytics Policy.
- SEC endorsed the proposed revisions to the Statutes, Article IX, Section 3 (c) to permit the use of “teaching” as a modifying term for faculty appointments (**ST-19.01**).
- SEC reviewed two honorary degree nominations.
- SEC reviewed the proposal for the Discovery Partners Institute (**USC OT-356**).
- SEC reviewed the proposed revisions to the *General Rules*, Article III – Intellectual Property (**USC GR-46**).
- SEC reviewed the Principal Investigator (PI) Status Qualifications and Approval Procedures that came from the Senate Research Committee.
- SEC provided feedback on the Resolution to Support Increased Funding for the UIC Counseling Center.

Activities of the Senate Standing Committees

Senate Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee worked to develop UIC’s own unique statement on Inclusion, Tolerance, and the Free Pursuit of Knowledge, which was referred from SEC.

Senate Budget, Planning and Priorities Committee met with Janet Parker, Associate Chancellor for Budget and Financial Administration, and Michael Moss, Assistant Chancellor and Director of the Office of Budget and Financial Analysis, to discuss the Fiscal Year 2019 current year budget/issues, the Fiscal Year 2020 budget planning process, possible state budget outcomes, and UIC needs and priorities.

Senate Committee on Educational Policy reviewed 77 New and Revised programs, 2 Certificate programs, and 29 General Education Courses.

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

Senate Faculty Affairs Committee reviewed the proposed revisions to the General Rules, Article III – Intellectual Property (**USC GR-46**). The Committee also discussed concerns raised by a Senator about the University Medical Savings Account provider, "Connect Your Care."

Senate Research Committee implemented a program review process of the following Centers and Institutes: Software Technologies Research Center; the Center for Cardiovascular Research; the Center for Lung and Vascular Biology; the National Center for Rural Health Professions (Rockford); the Sickle Cell Center; the Cancer Center; the Institute for Juvenile Research; the Center for Research on Women and Gender Studies; and the Center for Economic Education. The Committee met with the new Vice Chancellor for Research and Ex Officio member, Joanna Groden, and endorsed the

Principal Investigator (PI) Status Qualifications and Approval Procedures that she had developed. The Committee approved the following proposals: **CI-19.01**, Transfer the UIC Cancer Center from the College of Medicine to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs; **CI-19.02**, Elimination of the Center for Cognitive Medicine; and **CI-19.03**, Elimination of the Parkinson's Disease Center for Excellence. The Committee met with William Sanders, Interim Director of DPI; and Phyllis Baker, Visiting Special Assistant to the President, to review the Discovery Partners Institute [DPI] (**USC OT-356**) proposal. The Senate Research Committee reviewed and worked to update the documents the Committee had developed in 2007 titled "Policy for Approval of Centers and Institutes at the University of Illinois at Chicago" and "Centers and Institutes at UIC a *Vade Mecum*."

Senate Student Affairs Committee reviewed the Undergraduate Student Government Resolution to Support Increased Funding for the UIC Counseling Center.

Senate Support Services Committee presented to the UIC Senate the Committee's report on UIC Police Policies Regarding Use of Lethal Force and its recommendations. The Committee discussed concerns raised by a Senator about the University Medical Savings Account provider, "Connect Your Care." The Committee raised issues related to snow and ice removal with Ex Officio member, John Coronado, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services. David Taeyaerts, Associate Vice Chancellor, Learning Environments and Campus Architect, and Robert Dixon, Registrar, met with the Committee to share information about classroom scheduling and classroom availability during a period of rapidly expanding undergraduate enrollment, as well as to share details about the campus master plan. The UIC Senate Subcommittee on Buildings and Grounds held a safety walk and also discussed spring beautification of the campus. Sustainability.

This concludes the report of the UIC Senate for 2018-2019.

Respectfully Submitted,
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