

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

# Annual Report to the Board of Trustees

**Academic Senate  
Urbana-Champaign**

**2010-2011**

**Joyce Tolliver, Sept. 9, 2011**



# Academic Senate: elected representatives of academic community

200 faculty-elected in departments

50 students-elected by students

8 academic professionals-elected by peers  
(New this year!)



# Senate and Campus Administration work together

- Vice President/Chancellor presides at Senate meetings
- VP/Chancellor, Provost, and Cabinets attend SEC meetings
- Administrators serve ex officio on Senate committees



# A year of discussion and improvements

- 10 meetings of the full Senate
- 20 meetings of the Senate Executive Committee



# Stewarding Excellence at Illinois

- Protect our core academic mission
- Involve all relevant parties in the decision-making



# Chancellor Search

- Senate selects search committee members  
(*Statutes I. 5*)



# Search committee procedures

- Include students, staff, administration and faculty
- Invite nominations from campus
- Compose slate very carefully
- Hold well-advertised election



# Admissions committee

- In-depth review of admissions practices:
  - Firewall works
  - Change of culture





## 9 Amendments to Senate rules

- To safeguard fair representation and transparency in our internal procedures
- University Statutes and Senate Procedures



# Changes to academic programs

- 15 programs revised to reflect current knowledge in field;
- 9 new minors or concentrations to make our students more competitive
- Educational Policy Committee



# Request for University-wide summit

- Planning our future together
- Statement sponsored by Senate Executive Committee; endorsed by UIC Senate
- Summit request endorsed by University Senates Conference



# Protection of academic freedom

- Proposed revision to Statutes to clarify rights of academic employees
- Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee



# Policies on Adjunct Professorships

- Committee on Academic Freedom & Tenure recommended ad hoc committee
- Ad hoc committee released recommendation for standardized policies



# Urbana Academic Senate and the Board

- Shared commitment to excellence and transparency
- Shared sense of pride
- Shared commitment to continuing the dialogue



- THANK YOU

