

## **Annual Report of the UIC Senate to the Board of Trustees**

**June 23, 2017**

### **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 regular meetings (2016: September 29, October 26, November 30, and in 2017: January 26; March 16; and April 26) at which issues of interest to the faculty, students and staff were discussed and acted upon, plus an organizing meeting at which elections for Senate officers and membership on standing committees were held.

The UIC Senate Executive Committee (SEC) held 14 meetings. The SEC acted on items coming 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**

- October 26, 2016: President Killeen was a guest at the UIC Senate meeting. At the meeting President Killeen discussed the University of Illinois Strategic Framework, the University of Illinois Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment (IPAC), the state budget situation, and the development of public private partnering to build innovation and to preserve human capital in Illinois.

- January 26, 2017: Jodi Joyce, Associate Vice Chancellor for Quality and Patient Safety in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, shared a PowerPoint presentation titled “Quality and Safety Metrics at UI Health.”
- January 26, 2017: Lindsay Anderson, Executive Director of the Office of Government Relations, and Melissa Haas, Acting Director of Federal Relations, provided an overview of the Office of Government Relations, the outlook in government currently, and some of their priorities.
- March 16, 2017: Joseph Hoereth, Director of the Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement, shared a PowerPoint presentation about the UIC Civic Action plan draft.
- April 26, 2017: Mitra Dutta, Vice Chancellor for Research, shared a PowerPoint presentation about START myResearch.
- April 26, 2017: Cynthia Herrera Lindstrom, Vice Provost for IT & Chief Information Officer & Executive Director, Academic Computing and Communications Center, shared information about the new ACCC funding model that was implemented this past fiscal year. She also discussed the new e-mail system.

### **Senate Action**

- Approved a motion that the UIC Senate send letters to John Cullerton, Senate President, and to Senator Antonio Munoz, Chair of the confirmation committee, opposing Governor Rauner's appointment of John Bambenek to IBHE.
- Approved a motion to start a campus-wide letter writing campaign to legislators about Governor Rauner's appointment of John Bambenek to IBHE.
- Approved the Amendment to the Statutes, Nondiscrimination Statement (**USC ST-81**).
- Approved the Revisions to the Statutes, Article IX, Sections 3. (Appointments, Ranks, and Promotions of the Academic and Administrative Staff) a., and 4 (Principles Governing Employment of Academic and Administrative Staffs) b. (**USC ST-82**).
- Approved a slate of eight faculty members to serve on the Health Affairs Task Force that had been developed by the Senate Executive Committee in collaboration with Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs.
- Approved the proposed revisions to the Policy on Acceptance of Transfer Credit for Undergraduate Admission Purpose (**USC OT- 337**).
- Approved the proposed revisions to Sections B (8), D (1), (2), (3), (5) and (13) of the “University of Illinois at Chicago Honorary Degree Guidelines.”
- Approved four nominees for an honorary degree.
- Approved the Academic Calendars between the 2021-2022 academic year and 2026-2027 academic year.
- Endorsed the “Make UIC a Sanctuary Campus” petition.
- Endorsed the UIC Senate Statement of Support for the Principles Underlying the Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment (IPAC) Proposal.
- Endorsed the Support the April 27<sup>th</sup> TEACH OUT for Illinois Higher Education Resolution.

- Endorsed the Revised Student Academic Grievance Procedures and new Policy.
- Endorsed the Senate Academic Services Committee Report about Creating an Open Educational Resource Portal for UIC Undergraduate Courses Resolution.
- Endorsed the Senate Academic Services Committee Report about Open Textbook Proposal.

### **Guests at UIC Senate Executive Committee Meetings**

- September 22, 2016: Nicole Kazez, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategy, and Anna Wojcik, Strategic Project Manager, presented the Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Plan.
- November 9, 2016: With Chairman McMillan and President Killeen, SEC discussed the University of Illinois Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment (IPAC), Carle Illinois College of Medicine and its relationship between the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System (UI Health), and their perspectives about the impact of limited salary increases and potential substantial health insurance cost increase on recruitment and retention of faculty and staff.
- November 16, 2016: Philip Weiler, Senior Executive Director of Marketing and Brand Management, and Sherri McGinnis Gonzalez, Senior Executive Director of Public Affairs, presented an overview of the Public and Government Affairs Office, UIC's digital marketing campaign, and how research efforts at UIC are promoted by the office.
- February 23, 2017: Brenda Russell, President, UIC chapter of the State Universities Annuity Association (SUAA) discussed how the Senate can collaborate with SUAA.
- March 8, 2017 SEC: Kevin Browne, Vice Provost for Academic and Enrollment Services, discussed the UIC Enrollment Management Strategic Planning Committee's report.
- April 6, 2017: Neal McCrillis, Vice Provost for International Affairs, shared his background. The Committee discussed their concerns and desires regarding international affairs at UIC with him.
- April 19, 2017: Michael Ginsburg, Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, shared a PowerPoint presentation about the growing issue to convert academic professionals to civil service positions, especially in the pre-award area.

### **Senate Executive Committee Action**

- Participated in the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Mock Site Visit on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, a preparatory session on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, and the HLC accreditation visit on April 24-25, 2017.
- Discussed with Chancellor Amiridis and Provost Poser concerns about the process by which ICR/carry over funds from colleges are being placed into escrow within the central administration.
- Reviewed responses that had been sent from both the Senate Committee on Educational Policy and the Graduate College to SEC about the issue of the Review of Graduate Academic Program Revision Proposals.
- Completed review of the Senate Bylaws section related to SEC.

- Worked to integrate the Senate Executive Committee Strategic Priorities and the Chancellor's Strategic Priorities.
- Discussed a number of ways to increase service by faculty, as well as improving engagement in the Senate.
- Discussed UIC United Faculty concerns related to the New State of Illinois Code of Personal Conduct, the Health Care Task Force Report, faculty involvement in the decision-making process about merit raise salary programs, and the work of the UIC United Faculty's ad hoc committee on health insurance premium increases.

#### **Activities of the Senate Standing Committees:**

**Senate Academic Services Committee** reviewed the Open Textbook Proposal and the Creating an Open Educational Resource Portal for UIC Undergraduate Courses Resolution.

**Senate Budget, Planning and Priorities Committee** met with Provost Poser; Robert Barish, Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs; and Janet Parker, Associate Chancellor for Budget and Resource Planning, and discussed the budget situation and plans for the future.

**Senate Committee on Educational Policy** reviewed 40 New and Revised programs, 2 Certificate Programs, 2 Educational Policy, and 23 General Education Courses, and the proposed revisions to the Policy on Acceptance of Transfer Credit for Undergraduate Admission Purpose (**USC OT- 337**).

**Senate External Relations and Public Service Committee** reviewed nominations for honorary degree and revised Sections B (8), D (1), (2), (3), (5) and (13) of the "University of Illinois at Chicago Honorary Degree Guidelines" due to the addition of the fall commencement ceremony.

**Senate Faculty Affairs Committee** worked with the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs to examine and explain how digital classroom student evaluations are implemented in the various colleges and departments. This initiative will help to ensure consistency, clarity and usefulness in how these important evaluations are included in faculty teaching assessment, promotion and tenure. The Committee also reviewed two issues referred by the Senate Executive Committee about: faculty involvement in the decision-making process about merit raise salary programs, a process referenced in both the *Statutes* and Faculty Handbook, and also the issue of faculty college level executive committee involvement in the budget processes.

**Senate Research Committee** reviewed proposed changes to the COCI policy; the College of Medicine's proposal to establish the Center for Global Health; **CI-17.01**, Proposal to Transfer the Center for Research on Women and Gender from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research to the College of Medicine; and the Energy Resource Center. The Committee developed a protocol for the review of Centers and Institutes. Vice Chancellor Dutta provided the Committee an update on START myResearch.

**Senate Student Affairs Committee** reviewed the revised Student Academic Grievance Procedures and new Policy, the Student Disciplinary Policy, Red Car Service, the U and I Care program, UIC Impact and the Co-curricular transcript.

**Senate Student Recruitment, Retention and Admissions Committee** reviewed the proposed revisions to the Policy on Acceptance of Transfer Credit for Undergraduate Admission Purpose (**USC OT- 337**).

**Senate Support Services Committee** discussed topics related to campus construction, the Envisioning Our Future a 2017-2027 Campus Master Plan, and reviewed the Academic Calendars between the 2021-2022 academic year and 2026-2027 academic year.

This concludes the report of the UIC Senate for 2016-2017.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Chair, UIC Senate Executive Committee.