

AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Thursday, January 22, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Videoconference:

414 Administrative Office Building, UIC
Hatmaker Room, Public Affairs Center, UIS
364 Henry Administration Building, UIUC

I. Remarks from the USC Chair

II. Meeting with President Easter, President-elect Killeen, and Vice President Pierre

(USC will break for lunch at noon.)

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of December 12, 2014

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois at Chicago – none

B. University of Illinois at Springfield – none

C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – December 8

Explanation of File Numbers

ST - University of Illinois *Statutes*

GR - *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*

NC - Nominating Committee

OT - All Other Items

V. Old Business - Action Items

None.

VI. New Business

1. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, March 19, 2015

Urbana

USC Report:

To be determined

2. OT-319. Proposed revisions to *University Senates Conference Organization and Functions*.

Consideration of adopting the *University Senates Conference Organization and Functions* document, which has been viewed by some as the Conference's governing document, as bylaws and changing the title as such. Additional revisions to the document would be considered at a later time.

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. ST-72. Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 2 (Academic Freedom). Passed UIUC Senate 12/6/10. Passed UIC Senate 9/22/11. Passed UIS Senate 12/14/12. Transmitted to the President 1/18/13. Revised language approved by USC 3/18/14. Transmitted to Senates 3/21/14. Passed UIUC Senate 11/17/14.

The revised proposed language is being considered by the UIC and UIS senates.

4. ST-77/GR-46. Revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* – Edits and Updates. *Statutes* transmitted to Senates 10/10/14. *General Rules* transmitted to the President 12/22/14.

The statutory changes have been transmitted to the senates. The Board of Trustees has requested a response by February 26. Additional revisions will be recommended, after the overall changes have been approved, that would define the presidential search committee.

The proposed revisions to the *General Rules* have been transmitted to the President. The section on Intellectual Property, Article III, will be transmitted to the senates along with the recommendation that this section be moved to the *Statutes*.

5. ST-79. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.b, and Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference to initiate revisions to the *Statutes*. Approved by USC 1/17/13. Transmitted to Senates 4/5/13. Revised language approved by USC 6/18/13. Transmitted to Senates 6/21/13. Passed UIC Senate 9/26/13. Revised language passed UIUC Senate 11/18/13. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 11/26/13. Passed UIS Senate 2/21/14. Passed UIC Senate 4/24/14. Transmitted to the President 6/11/14.

President Easter has been asked to provide an update.

6. OT-316. University Senates Conference White Paper.

At its retreat, the Conference decided to develop a white paper to address various topics, including its role in shared governance and relationship with the Board of Trustees.

7. OT-317. Actions of the State Universities Civil Service System (SUCCS) and preserving public universities' exemption authority. USC support of CIUS "Statement of Concern" 10/8/14. Letter to Chairman Kennedy and President Easter 10/13/14. All three senates have supported the CIUS statement.

No new information.

8. OT-318. Resolutions in honor of Chairman Christopher Kennedy and Trustee Pamela Strobel. Approved by USC 12/12/14.

The resolutions have been presented on plaques to Chairman Kennedy and Trustee Strobel.

9. OT-304. Open Access to Research Articles. Transmitted to Senates 10/21/14.

The Proposed Policy on Open Access to Research Articles at the University of Illinois has been transmitted to the senates. The Open Access Task Force reported to the Board at its November meeting.

10. OT-310. Recommendation for New Policy Language Related to Classified Research at the University of Illinois. Transmitted to Senates 6/25/14. Passed UIS Senate 9/12/14.

The UIC and UIUC Senates are still considering this item.

11. OT-313. Search for Executive Director of Governmental Relations.

Professors Tolliver and Villegas will provide an update.

12. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

13. USC Report:

Thursday, January 15, 2015
Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Chicago
ASAC

Mary Jo LaDu
Gay Miller

14. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

15. Reports from USC Committees:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee	Gay Miller
Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee	Roy Campbell
Hospital and Health Affairs Committee	Jorge Villegas
Statutes and Governance Committee	Nicholas Burbules

16. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: Pre- and Post-Award Research Money Policy group (Wheeler); Strategic Communications and Marketing Council (Villegas); UI Labs Task Force (Chambers); University Technology Management Team (Campbell); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Chambers, Mohammadian, Tolliver, Villegas); Vice President for Academic Affairs UA Budget Review Advisory Committee (Mohammadian, Villegas, Wheeler); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Boltuc, Chambers, Villegas, Wheeler).

VIII. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Chicago on February 25.

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Pending Items

OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

OT-265. Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government.

OT-288. Faculty/Staff Pension and Benefit Issues (formerly Resolution on Pensions/Pension Reform).

OT-298. Shared Governance in a Changing Environment.

OT-307. Leadership Development Program.

OT-315. Proposed University Senates Conference Resolution on Avoiding Cross-Campus Conflicts. Transmitted 8/27/14.