I. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson

II. Alumni Leaders: Jennifer Dillavou - Urbana, Caryn Korman - Chicago, Charles Schrage - Springfield (joining the meeting at 11:15 a.m.)

(The meeting will recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and resume at 1:00 p.m.)

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of December 3, 2019

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois at Chicago – December 5, 2019

B. University of Illinois at Springfield – December 6, 2019

C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – December 9, 2019

V. Remarks from the USC Chair

VI. USC Committee of the Whole Discussion: Follow-up items from morning session

Explanation of File Numbers

ST - University of Illinois Statutes
GR - The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure
NC - Nominating Committee
OT - Other Topics

VII. Old Business - Action Items

1. OT-364. Student Mental Health Services Summit.

Executive Vice President Wilson has asked for USC to recommend one USC member to participate in a working group that will plan a system-wide summit on meeting the mental health needs of students.
VIII. New Business

2. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, March 12, 2020 Urbana ______________

IX. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. OT-326. USC Presentations to the Board of Trustees.

USC will discuss plans for the next presentation, which is scheduled for March 12 in Urbana.


DPI will be discussed during the morning session.

5. OT-357. Lifelong Alumni Connections. USC Resolution approved 4/2/19. Transmitted to President 4/18/19.

This will be discussed during the morning session with the alumni leaders from each university.

6. OT-363. Recognizing and Rewarding Faculty Participation in Shared Governance.

No new information.


The final draft of the proposed statutory revisions was sent to the senates.


The *General Rules* revisions, including the section on Intellectual Property that was acted on by the senates, were transmitted to the President.


The language approved by the UIUC Senate on October 14 was transmitted to the other senates. The UIS Senate approved the language passed by the UIUC Senate.


No new information.


No new information.


No new information.
13. ST-83. Revisions to the *Statutes* – new proposed revisions and proposed revisions from ST-77 that need further discussion (B File).

No new information.


The UIUC Senate approved a revised document on April 22, which was transmitted to the other two senates on May 7. The UIS Senate approved the UIUC Senate revisions on August 30.

15. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

16. Report of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

   Thursday, January 16, 2020    Chicago    Sandra De Groote

17. OT-339. Audit of the University Senates Conference.

No new information.

18. University Updates.

Discussion of university matters for information.

19. OT-142. External Groups with USC Representatives: Policy on Background Checks Review Committee (Maher); Enrollment Management Policy Council (Wade); President’s Executive Leadership Program (Dallesasse); Establish UI System Guidelines for Invited Speakers Task Force (Span); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee for System Academic Affairs (Tolliver); System-wide Committee to develop a process for identifying terminated employees who are not eligible for rehire (Strahle, Stroscio, Tolliver).

20. Reports from USC Committees:

   - Academic Affairs and Research Committee        Aria Razfar, Chair
   - Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee        Roy Campbell, Chair
   - Statutes and Governance Committee              Nick Burbules, Chair

X. Adjournment

The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 20, in Chicago.
Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee

1. OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

   After discussion with the President, the Conference decided to invite each vice president to meet with USC each year for a discussion of their accomplishments and priorities. The meetings would take place during the session with the President. These meetings are taking place in 2019-2020.

2. OT-320. Salary increments and campus budgeting priorities.

   This item was referred to the USC Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee.

3. OT-333. Travel and Expense Management (TEM) System.

   Of particular note concerning cumbersome approval processes is the OBFS TEM System. Purportedly it is taking over 30 days for reimbursements to employees, even for those using their own grant money. The system was supposed to necessitate fewer employees in OBFS to handle travel and expense reimbursements (often by moving more of the responsibility down to the unit level), yet the reason for the delay in reimbursements is supposedly due to fewer employees in this area. Other faculty have raised concerns about the growing requirements for justification, and resultant rejection of justified reimbursements. Is it time to look into fixing this system?

   The Executive Vice President’s Office is doing a review of the TEM system and invited USC members to participate. An update has been requested.


   While, hopefully, the value of shared governance is not disputed, are there ways to increase efficiency and ensure that the processes of shared governance are also happening in a timely and responsive manner? This item has been referred to the Statutes and Governance Committee.