AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Videoconference:
414 Administrative Office Building, UIC
Hatmaker – Public Affairs Center, UIS
364 Henry Administration Building, UIUC

I. Meeting with President Killeen and Vice President Wilson
(The meeting will recess at noon for lunch.)

II. Remarks from the USC Chair

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of December 1, 2016

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes
   A. University of Illinois at Chicago – None
   B. University of Illinois at Springfield – December 2
   C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – December 5

V. USC Committee of the Whole Discussion: Follow-up Items from Morning Session and Discussion of the State of Illinois Code of Personal Conduct

Explanation of File Numbers

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

VI. Old Business - Action Items

None.

VII. New Business

1. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:
   Wednesday, March 15, 2017 Urbana-Champaign

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


(Items 2-4) The Conference has advocated sending the changes to the Statutes where there are no concerns to the Board of Trustees.


This item has been transmitted to the Vice President Wilson.


All three senates approved identical language, which has been transmitted to President Killeen.

The proposed revisions to the *General Rules* were transmitted to Vice President Wilson with recommendations.


The policy was approved by all three senates and transmitted to Vice President Wilson.

9. OT-338. USC Statement on Faculty/Staff Salary and Benefits. Transmitted to President and Vice President for Academic Affairs 12/7/16.

The Conference approved the statement and transmitted it to President Killeen and Vice President Wilson.

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

The next USC report to the Board will be on March 15.

11. OT-327. University Strategic Framework. Approved by the Board of Trustees 5/19/16.

No new information.


No new information.


No new information.

14. OT-332. Levels of University Review.

Internal approval processes are often multi-level and time-consuming, resulting in a cumbersome system. Some are internal to the campuses; others occur between the campuses and upper levels of review. As we try to address procurement rules and other external constraints, are there ways to streamline our own operations in order to alleviate unnecessary burdens?

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 19, 2017       Chicago       Gay Miller

17. Campus Updates.

   Discussion of campus matters for information.

18. OT-142. Updates on External Groups with USC Representatives: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Jackson); President’s Executive Leadership Program (to be determined - begins 2017); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, DeBerry-Spence, LaDu, Mohammadian, Villegas); Vice President for Academic Affairs UA Budget Review Advisory Committee (Mohammadian, Villegas, Wheeler); Vice President for Finance Faculty Advisory Committee (DeBerry-Spence, Weech); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, Miller, Villegas, Wheeler).

19. Reports from USC Committees:

   Academic Affairs and Research Committee       Meena Rao
   Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee         Harley Johnson
   Hospital and Health Affairs Committee          Mary Jo LaDu
   Statutes and Governance Committee              Nick Burbules

   Any committee recommendations may be considered for action.

IV. Adjournment

   The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on February 23 in Chicago.
Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee

1. OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.
   USC will consider in the spring whether there will be a review.

2. OT-320. Salary increments and campus budgeting priorities.
   This item was referred to the USC Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee.

3. OT-330. Approval and Consultation Processes with the University Senates Conference and the Senates.
   This item was referred to the USC Statutes and Governance Committee.

4. 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? This item has been referred to the Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee.

   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.

6. OT-335. Differentiating Shared Governance Responsibilities from Union Responsibilities.
   The University of Illinois has a system of shared governance through the senates and other faculty groups, with some of the processes embedded in the University Statutes and other governing documents. It is of course the decision of the faculty whether to unionize. For the two entities to coexist there should be a clear line of which responsibilities devolve to which group. Typically, for example, the shared governance process would deal with academic issues and the union process, through negotiation, would deal with salary and benefits. How can we ensure that these appropriate spheres of responsibility are respected in both directions? This item has been referred to the Statutes and Governance Committee.