

**AGENDA**  
**UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE**

Tuesday, January 26, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

Meeting will be held by web conferencing

- I. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson
- II. Jennifer Creasey and Paul Weinberger, Governmental Relations, joining at 11:00 a.m.  
(The meeting will recess at 12:00 p.m. and resume at 1:00 p.m.)
- III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of December 1, 2020
- IV. Classification of Senate Minutes
  - A. University of Illinois at Chicago – December 3
  - B. University of Illinois at Springfield – December 4, January 22
  - C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – December 7
- 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-372. Proposal to establish a consultation process for system policies.

The USC *ad hoc* committee working on this document will provide an update and possibly a document for USC to consider for approval.

- 2. OT-375. Discovery Partners Institute Bylaws.

The USC Statutes and Governance Committee will provide advice on the revised bylaws provided by Dr. Phyllis Baker, DPI. USC will consider approving the DPI Bylaws.

VIII. New Business

3. USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

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4. OT-378. Higher Education, Post-Pandemic.

President Killeen and EVP Wilson asked USC to consider what higher education should look like post-pandemic, and how the U of I system can help guide the narrative.

IX. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

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

The next report to the Board will be March 11.

6. OT-371. Proposed revisions to the University of Illinois Residency Status Policy. Responses to EVP Wilson 8/11/20, 10/8/20, and 12/3/20.

USC provided its final advice to EVP Wilson after the last meeting. This item could be removed from the agenda or moved to pending items for follow-up.

7. OT-374. System-wide Digital Accessibility Policy.

Professor Wade is part of the group working on this policy.

8. OT-376. Consideration of a New System Officer Position. USC provided advice to Jami Painter 11/12/20.

USC provided feedback to Jami Painter. Professor Razfar is a member of the search committee. This item could be removed from the agenda.

9. OT-377. Removing the *Academic Sick Leave Policy* from the *General Rules* and making it a separate Human Resources policy. USC advice to Jami Painter 12/7/20.

USC provided its advice to Jami Painter, Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer. This item could be removed from the agenda.

10. ST-83. Revisions to the *Statutes* – new proposed revisions and proposed revisions from ST-77 that need further discussion (B File). Sent to Executive Vice President Wilson 5/1/20.

The new proposed revisions to the *Statutes* are being considered by Executive Vice President Wilson, University Counsel, System HR, and the USC Statutes and Governance Committee.

11. ST-84. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII, Section 4 – Changes in Existing Units. Passed UIUC Senate 11/12/18. Transmitted to Senates 12/18/18. Revised UIUC Senate document 4/22/19. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 5/7/19. Passed UIS Senate 8/30/19. Passed with amendments UIC Senate 1/30/20. UIC Senate amendments transmitted to UIS and UIUC Senates 3/2/20. Passed UIS Senate 4/3/20. Passed with amendments UIUC Senate 4/27/20. Reconciled language approved by USC 5/29/20. Reconciled language to Senates 6/2/20. UIUC Senate USSP response 6/5/20. UIC SEC response 6/10/20 (The UIC Senate Executive Committee recommended that the struck sentence in lines 10-12 be retained).

USC approved sending the reconciled language of the Statutes and Governance Committee to the senates for information and any last comments. UIC and UIUC Senate committees have provided advice.

12. ST-85. Proposed Revisions to the *Statute*, Article X, Section 1 (Tenure of Academic Staff) (a) 6 and 7 – to permit the use of five-year appointments for non-tenure track faculty. Passed UIC Senate 4/22/20. Transmitted to UIS and UIUC Senates 5/1/20.

The proposed statutory revisions approved by the UIC Senate were transmitted to the UIS and UIUC Senates.

13. ST-86. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article III, Sections 3 and 5, and Article VI – Dean, Director, or Campus Librarian. Passed UIUC Senate 4/27/20. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 5/1/20. Passed UIC Senate 10/21/20.

The proposed statutory revisions approved by the UIUC Senate were transmitted to the UIC and UIS Senates. The UIC Senate approved the revisions on October 21.

14. OT-366. Revisions to the *Policy on Integrity in Research and Publication*. Sent to USC by the Executive Vice President 3/16/20. Transmitted to Senates 4/2/20. UIC Senate advice 12/3/20.

The draft policy has been sent to the senates for review and feedback. The UIC Senate provided its advice on 12/3.

15. OT-367. Clarification of the *General Rules* sections on intellectual property in relation to course materials. Approved by USC 5/29/20. Transmitted to Senates 6/2/20. UIC SEC response 6/10/20 (supports the USC document, will set up a task force).

No new information.

16. OT-369. Addressing Systemic Racism and Racial Justice (formerly Proposed action plan for Black Lives Matter). Letter to President Killeen 6/25/20.

No new information.

17. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

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

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James Brennan

19. University Updates.

Discussion of university matters for information.

20. OT-142. Updates from External Groups with USC Representatives: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Wade); President's Executive Leadership Program (De Groot); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee for System Academic Affairs; Student Mental Health Services Summit Working Group (Hunt); Sexual Misconduct Implementation Group (Kar, Strahle, Stroschio); U of I System Going Forward: Excellence Amid COVID-19 Steering Committee (John Dallesasse).

21. Reports from USC Committees:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee

Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee

Statutes and Governance Committee

Aria Razfar

Roy Campbell

Sandy De Groot

X. Adjournment

The next USC meeting will be held on February 24.