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:

   Thursday, March 11, 2021    Livestream


   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.


   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.


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


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


   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.

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.


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.


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


No new information.


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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:

Thursday, January 21, 2021 Livestream 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 Groote); 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, Stroscio); U of I System Going Forward: Excellence Amid COVID-19 Steering Committee (John Dallesasse).

21. Reports from USC Committees:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee Aria Razfar
Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee Roy Campbell
Statutes and Governance Committee Sandy De Groote

X. Adjournment

The next USC meeting will be held on February 24.