

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

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

**9:00 a.m.**

Videoconference:

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

(The meeting is scheduled until 1pm. There will not be a break for lunch.)

I. Remarks from the USC Chair

(The agenda will skip to item III and continue until President Easter and Vice President Pierre arrive.)

II. Meeting with President Easter and Vice President Pierre (10:00am)

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of November 21, 2013

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois at Chicago – December 4, 2013

B. University of Illinois at Springfield – November 22, December 13, 2013; January 24, 2014

C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – December 9, 2013

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

1. 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. Letter to President 9/25/13.

The Conference will consider the proposed revisions that were presented at the November meeting.

VI. New Business

2. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting and USC Report Presenter:

Thursday, March 6, 2014, Urbana:  
USC Report:

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3. OT-306. University Senates Conference Statement on Academic Freedom (in opposition of proposal to boycott Israeli institutions). Transmitted to the President 12/27/13.

The document is enclosed for information.

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

4. ST-79/OT-296. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, 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 Senates 11/26/13.

The UIUC Senate approved revised language on November 18, which was subsequently transmitted to the UIC and UIS Senates.

5. ST-77/GR-46. Revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* – Edits and Updates.

No new information.

6. OT-304. Open Access to Research Articles.

The members of the Task Force and the USC Committee will report.

7. OT-305. Report from the UIUC Senate Executive Committee Task Force on Faculty Issues and Concerns. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 1/17/14.

The report was transmitted to the UIC and UIS Senates for information. USC Committees are asked to review the report to identify issues that would be pertinent agenda topics.

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

This item will be discussed with President Easter during the morning session. USC approved a statement on pensions at its November 21 meeting.

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

The USC Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee will conduct the review of Vice President Knorr and report back to the full Conference.

10. OT-297. Implications of the Open Meetings Act to the operations of the University Senates Conference.

The USC Statutes and Governance Committee will take up the issue of how to deal with situations that arise between meetings and need to be acted on in an expeditious manner.

11. OT-298. Shared Governance in a Changing Environment.

A document from Professor Michael Grossman, *Faculty Participation in Shared Governance at University of Illinois*, is enclosed for information.

12. OT-301. Records and Information Management Services (RIMS).

No new information.

13. OT-265. Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government.

No new information.

14. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

15. Report of Board of Trustees Observer and Faculty Report Presenter:

January 23, 2014 (Thursday)  
Faculty report:

Chicago

Donald Chambers  
Lynn Fisher

16. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

17. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee  
Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee  
Hospital and Health Affairs Committee  
Statutes and Governance Committee

Matthew Wheeler  
Peter Boltuc  
Donald Chambers  
Joyce Tolliver

18. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: Common Application Consortium (Graber); Enrollment Management Policy Council (Leff); 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 Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Boltuc, Chambers, Wheeler).

VIII. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on February 27 in Chicago.