I. Remarks from the USC Chair

II. Meeting with Vice President Christophe Pierre (10:00 a.m.)

III. Meeting with Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares (11:00 a.m.)

IV. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of January 17, 2013

V. Classification of Senate Minutes
   A. University of Illinois at Chicago – January 31, 2013
   B. University of Illinois at Springfield – January 18; February 1; February 15, 2013
   C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – February 4, 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

VI. Old Business - Action Items

No items for action.

VII. New Business

No new business.

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

1. ST-78/GR-47. Proposed Revisions to the Statutes and The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedures – to change throughout both documents “Vice President/Chancellor at the (Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, or
Springfield) Campus” to “Chancellor at the (Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, or Springfield) Campus/Vice President”. Passed UIC Senate 11/29/12. Passed UIS Senate 11/30/12. Passed UIUC Senate 12/3/12. Transmitted to the President 1/18/13. Approved by the Board of Trustees 1/24/13.

This item was approved by the Board of Trustees on January 24.

   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.

   This item has been transmitted to President Easter.


   Professor Burbules will provide an update.


   The Conference will continue the discussion from the last meeting.

5. OT-296. Proposal that USC should be able to initiate revisions to the Statutes.

   The Conference approved this recommendation. Professor Burbules will carry it forward into the current Statutes and General Rules revision process (ST-77/GR-46).

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

   This item has been referred to the USC Statutes and Governance Committee.

7. OT-291. Recommendation to establish Faculty Advisory Committees for all four Vice Presidents.

   No new information.

8. OT-123. Discussion of University Senates Conference guests.

   Discussion of possible guests to invite to future meetings.

9. Campus Updates.
Discussion of campus matters for information.

10. Report of Board of Trustees Meeting: Thursday, January 24, 2013, Chicago

Observer: Kouros Mohammadian
Faculty Report: Joyce Tolliver

11. Board of Trustees Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2013, Urbana

Scheduled Observer George Francis
Scheduled Faculty Report: Peter Boltuc

12. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

   Academic Affairs and Research Committee Matthew Wheeler
   Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee Peter Boltuc
   Hospital and Health Affairs Committee Donald Chambers
   Statutes and Governance Committee Joyce Tolliver

13. 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; UI Labs Task Force (Chambers); University Technology Management Team (Campbell); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, Chambers, Mohammadian, Villegas); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Boltuc, Chambers, Wheeler).


   Conference members are asked to review the addendum and comment if they know of any new information. Background information follows each item.

(The USC Committees will meet during lunch.)

IX. Meeting with Vice President Skip Garcia (1:00 p.m.)

X. Meeting with Associate Vice Chancellor Jennifer Woodard (2:00 p.m.)

XI. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 27, in Urbana.
OT-167. Faculty Representation to the Board of Trustees.

In June 2000, the Resolution on Faculty Representation to the Board of Trustees was transmitted to the President who in turn forwarded the resolution to the Board. The resolution, which was developed by the Conference and approved by each senate, requests a faculty voice from each campus at the Board table. (This resolution was also transmitted to Dr. Ikenberry in December 2009.)

OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

The Statutes state that: “The university officers are identified in The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure. Prior to recommending to the Board of Trustees the initial appointment of any university officer except the president and the vice presidents/chancellors the president shall seek the advice of the University Senates Conference. On the occasion of the reappointment of any university officer, the University Senates Conference may submit its advice if it so elects.” USC has routinely reviewed the vice presidents, but due to changes in leadership positions, the reviews have not been held on a regular basis for the last few years. The process should begin late in the spring.


After the Intellectual Property section of The General Rules was revised in September 2009, some Conference members felt that there were additional issues that needed to be addressed, such as what constitutes usual and customary resources that are provided.


The University Technology Management Team approved an interim University Information Security Policy that USC and the three campuses reviewed. The Information Security Policy, and other related IT policies, can be found at http://wwwaits.uillinois.edu/i_t_policies.

OT-262. Accelerated Degree Program.

The Conference decided to wait to see what the campuses do.

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

The Conference continues to monitor this item.

OT-268. Administrative Reorganization.

The Conference continues to review the various changes in Campus and University Administration.

OT-276. Performance Based Funding.

Dr. Charlie Evans gave a presentation to USC in October 2011. The VPAA occasionally reports the ramifications of this initiative.

OT-280. Faculty Participation in Shared Governance at the University of Illinois.

The Conference discussed best practices for providing advice to the President and to the Board of Trustees.

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

The Conference continues to monitor pension and benefit issues.