AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Thursday, February 20, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Meeting:  206 Student Center West
Luncheon:  213 Student Center West
828 S. Wolcott Avenue
University of Illinois at Chicago

I. Meeting with President Killeen, Executive Vice President Wilson, and Mr. William Jackson
(The meeting will recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and resume at 1:00 p.m.)

II. USC Committee Meetings

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of January 23, 2020

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes
   A. University of Illinois at Chicago – January 30, 2020
   B. University of Illinois at Springfield – January 17, 31, February 14, 2020
   C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – February 10, 2020

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

   No old business for action.

VIII. New Business

   1. OT-365. System Policies on Sexual Misconduct.

      USC will discuss draft policies on sexual misconduct and provide feedback.
IX. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


The language approved by the UIUC Senate on October 14 was transmitted to the other senates. The UIC and UIS Senates have approved the language passed by the UIUC Senate.


The UIUC Senate approved a revised document on April 22, which was transmitted to the other two senates on May 7. The UIS Senate approved the UIUC Senate revisions on August 30. The UIC Senate approved an amended version on January 30.

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

USC will discuss the draft report for the presentation to the Board on March 12 in Urbana.


DPI will be discussed during the morning session.


No new information.

7. OT-363. Recognizing and Rewarding Faculty Participation in Shared Governance.

No new information.

8. OT-364. Student Mental Health Services Summit.
Professor Hunt will participate in a working group that will plan a system-wide summit on meeting the mental health needs of students.


The final draft of the proposed statutory revisions was sent to the senates for information.


The General Rules revisions, including the section on Intellectual Property that was acted on by the senates, were transmitted to the President.


No new information.

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14. ST-83. Revisions to the Statutes – new proposed revisions and proposed revisions from ST-77 that need further discussion (B File).

No new information.

15. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

16. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, March 12, 2020 Urbana Magic Wade

17. OT-339. Audit of the University Senates Conference.

No new information.

18. University Updates.

Discussion of university matters for information.

19. OT-142. External Groups with USC Representatives: Policy on Background Checks Review Committee (Maher); Enrollment Management Policy Council (Wade); President’s Executive Leadership Program (Dallesasse); Establish UI System Guidelines for Invited Speakers Task Force (Span); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee for System Academic Affairs (Tolliver); System-wide Committee to develop a process for identifying terminated employees who are not eligible for rehire (Strahle, Stroscio, Tolliver).

20. Reports from USC Committees:

   Academic Affairs and Research Committee Aria Razfar, Chair
   Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee Roy Campbell, Chair
   Statutes and Governance Committee Nick Burbules, Chair

X. Adjournment

The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 31, in Urbana-Champaign.
Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee

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

   After discussion with the President, the Conference decided to invite each vice president to meet with USC each year for a discussion of their accomplishments and priorities. The meetings would take place during the session with the President. These meetings are taking place in 2019-2020.

2. OT-320. Salary increments and campus budgeting priorities.

   This item was referred to the USC Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee.

3. 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?

   The Executive Vice President’s Office is doing a review of the TEM system and invited USC members to participate. An update has been requested.


   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.