

**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

2. 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. Revised language approved by USC 3/18/14. Transmitted to Senates 3/21/14. Passed UIUC Senate 11/17/14. Passed UIC Senate as amended 1/29/15. Passed UIS Senate 4/10/15. Transmitted to President 5/12/15. Referred back to UIUC Senate USSP Committee in consultation with CAFT 2/23/17. Passed UIUC Senate 10/14/19. Transmitted to Senates 11/4/19. Passed UIS Senate 12/6/19. Passed UIC Senate 1/30/20.

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.

3. 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. Pass with amendments UIC Senate 1/30/20.

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.

5. OT-356. Discovery Partners Institute. Transmitted to Senates 2/28/19. Endorsed UIS Senate 3/22/19. UIC Senate did not pass; sent list of concerns 3/27/19. Endorsed UIUC Senate 4/22/19. Transmitted to President 5/7/19. USC Response to Recommendations for Shared Governance for the Discovery Partners Institute from the DPI Academic Governance Advisory Group 9/23/19.

DPI will be discussed during the morning session.

6. OT-357. Lifelong Alumni Connections. USC Resolution approved 4/2/19. Transmitted to President 4/18/19.

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.

9. ST-77. Revisions to the *Statutes* – Edits and Updates (A File). Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. Transmitted to Senates 10/10/14. Passed UIC Senate 12/3/14. Passed UIS Senate 1/23/15. Passed UIUC Senate 5/4/15. Transmitted to the President 5/29/15. Transmitted to Senates 9/4/18. Passed UIC Senate with amendments 10/24/18. Passed UIS Senate with amendment 11/9/18. Passed UIUC Senate with amendments 10/14/19. Transmitted to Senates 12/6/19.

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

10. GR-46. Revisions to the *General Rules* – Edits and Updates. Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. Transmitted to the President 12/22/14. Intellectual Property transmitted to Senates 1/26/15. Passed UIS Senate 3/6/15. Passed UIC Senate 4/23/15. Passed UIUC Senate 5/4/15. Intellectual Property transmitted to the President 5/29/15. Revised IP to Senates 4/4/18. UIC Senate response 4/26/18 (not approved, provided recommendations) UIUC Senate response 4/30/18 (not approved, provided recommendations). Transmitted to Senates (Article III, Intellectual Property) 9/4/18. Passed UIC Senate 9/20/18. Passed UIUC Senate 10/15/18. Passed UIS Senate 11/9/18. New proposed revisions (Article III, Intellectual Property) transmitted to Senates 3/6/19. Advice from UIC Senate 4/24/19. Advice from the UIUC Senate 9/16/19. Passed UIS Senate 10/11/19. Transmitted to President 11/4/19.

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

11. ST-79. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.b, and Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference and the President 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 UIC and UIS Senates 11/26/13. Passed UIS Senate 2/21/14. Passed UIC Senate 4/24/14. Transmitted to the President 6/11/14. USC new proposed revisions 4/27/17. Transmitted to Senates 5/11/17. Background statement to Senates 9/6/17. Passed UIS Senate 9/15/17. Voted down UIC Senate 11/30/17. Passed UIUC Senate with revisions 12/11/17. USC reconciled language to Senates 1/29/18. Passed UIUC Senate 4/2/18. Passed UIS Senate 4/6/18. Failed UIC Senate 4/26/18. Approved USC 5/3/18. Transmitted to President 6/1/18 with UIC response.

No new information.

12. ST-81. Revisions to *University of Illinois Nondiscrimination Statement*. Received from Vice President Pierre 10/9/15. Transmitted to Senates 10/12/15. Passed UIC Senate 10/28/15. Passed UIS Senate 12/11/15. Passed UIUC 3/7/16. UIUC Senate version transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 3/31/16. Passed UIS Senate 4/22/16. Passed UIC Senate 9/29/16. Transmitted to Vice President Wilson 11/22/16.

No new information.

13. ST-82. Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Sections 3. (Appointments, Ranks, and Promotions of the Academic and Administrative Staff) a., and 4 (Principles Governing Employment of Academic and Administrative Staffs) b. Approved by the UIUC Senate 5/2/16. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 6/6/16. Passed UIS Senate 9/23/16. Passed UIC Senate 10/26/16. Transmitted to President 12/5/16.

No new information.

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, Stroschio, Tolliver).

20. Reports from USC Committees:

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

Aria Razfar, Chair  
Roy Campbell, Chair  
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.

4. OT-334. Shared Governance – Increasing Efficiency.

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.