AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE
Thursday, February 23, 2017
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 and Executive Vice President Wilson

Ms. Lindsay Anderson, Executive Director of Governmental Relations, will join the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

(The meeting will recess at noon for lunch. Committees will have time to meet until 1:15 p.m.)

II. Remarks from the USC Chair

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of January 24, 2017

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois at Chicago – January 26, 2017

B. University of Illinois at Springfield – January 20, 2017

C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – February 6, 2017

V. 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

VI. Old Business - Action Items


   President Killeen has stated that he supports revisiting ST-72. USC has suggested sending it back to the Urbana USSP Committee for further consideration in consultation with CAFT.
VII. New Business

No new business.

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


The Conference will discuss the possibility of additional amendments to this section of the Statutes.


The Conference has advocated sending the changes to the Statutes where there are no concerns to the Board of Trustees.


This item has been transmitted to the Vice President Wilson.


All three senates approved identical language, which has been transmitted to President Killeen.
6. GR-49. Proposed Revisions to the *General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure* – Updates to Bereavement and Sick Leave Reporting Policies. Transmitted to Vice President for Academic Affairs 12/5/16. Approved by the Board of Trustees 1/19/17.

The proposed revisions to the *General Rules* were approved by the Board of Trustees on January 19.


The policy was approved by the Board of Trustees on January 19.

8. OT-338. USC Statement on Faculty/Staff Salary and Benefits. Transmitted to President and Vice President for Academic Affairs 12/7/16.

No new information.

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

The next USC report to the Board will be on March 15.

10. OT-327. University Strategic Framework. Approved by the Board of Trustees 5/19/16.

No new information.


No new information.


No new information.


Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.
14. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

   Wednesday, March 15, 2017      Urbana-Champaign      Gay Miller

15. Campus Updates.

   Discussion of campus matters for information.

16. OT-142. Updates on External Groups with USC Representatives: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Jackson); President’s Executive Leadership Program (to be determined - begins 2017); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, DeBerry-Spence, LaDu, Mohammadian, Villegas); Vice President for Academic Affairs UA Budget Review Advisory Committee (Mohammadian, Villegas, Wheeler); Vice President for Finance Faculty Advisory Committee (DeBerry-Spence, Weech); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, Miller, Villegas, Wheeler).

17. Reports from USC Committees:

   Academic Affairs and Research Committee       Meena Rao
   Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee         Harley Johnson
   Hospital and Health Affairs Committee          Mary Jo LaDu
   Statutes and Governance Committee              Nick Burbules

   Any committee recommendations may be considered for action.

IX. Adjournment

   The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on March 30 in Urbana.
Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee

1. OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.
   USC will consider in the spring whether there will be a review.

2. OT-320. Salary increments and campus budgeting priorities.
   This item was referred to the USC Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee.

3. OT-330. Approval and Consultation Processes with the University Senates Conference and the Senates.
   This item was referred to the USC Statutes and Governance Committee.

4. OT-332. Levels of University Review.
   Internal approval processes are often multi-level and time-consuming, resulting in a cumbersome system. Some are internal to the campuses; others occur between the campuses and upper levels of review. As we try to address procurement rules and other external constraints, are there ways to streamline our own operations in order to alleviate unnecessary burdens?

5. 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? This item has been referred to the Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee.

   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.

7. OT-335. Differentiating Shared Governance Responsibilities from Union Responsibilities.
   The University of Illinois has a system of shared governance through the senates and other faculty groups, with some of the processes embedded in the University Statutes and other governing documents. It is of course the decision of the faculty whether to unionize. For the two entities to coexist there should be a clear line of which responsibilities devolve to which group. Typically, for example, the shared governance process would deal with academic issues and the union process, through negotiation, would deal with salary and benefits. How can we ensure that these appropriate spheres of responsibility are respected in both directions? This item has been referred to the Statutes and Governance Committee.