

AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Meeting will be held by web conference

I. Meeting with President Killeen, Executive Vice President Wilson, and Chairman Edwards

(The meeting will recess at 12:00 p.m. and resume at 1:00 p.m.)

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of January 26, 2021

III. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois Chicago – January 28

B. University of Illinois Springfield – February 5, February 19

C. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign – February 8

IV. Remarks from the USC Chair

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

None.

VII. New Business

1. OT-379. Discovery Partners Institute Executive Committee – Designation of two members by the University Senates Conference.

According to the DPI Bylaws, USC designates two members of the DPI Executive Committee. The two representatives selected by USC should be submitted to Dr. Phyllis Baker before March 5.

2. OT-380. Proposed Revisions to Funeral/Bereavement Leave and Parental Leave.

Ms. Jami Painter, Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, has forwarded proposed changes to funeral/bereavement leave and parental leave benefits for eligible faculty and staff. She has indicated that these changes have been vetted by the university HR offices and the President's Cabinet. She also plans to share the proposed revisions with the system-level academic professional and civil service advisory groups (UPPAC and UIEAC). The proposed revisions are being shared with the University Senates Conference for any feedback and comments it wishes to provide by March 5.

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

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

The next report to the Board will be March 11.

4. OT-372. Proposal to establish a consultation process for system policies. Sent to Executive Vice President Wilson 2/3/21.

The document with proposed guidelines for a consultation process for systemwide policies has been sent to Executive Vice President Wilson.

5. OT-375. Discovery Partners Institute Bylaws. Approved by USC 1/26/21. Approved by the President 2/4/21.

The DPI Bylaws have been finalized.

6. OT-378. Higher Education, Post-Pandemic.

President Killeen and EVP Wilson asked USC to consider what higher education should look like post-pandemic, and how the U of I System can help guide the narrative.

7. ST-83. Revisions to the *Statutes* – new proposed revisions and proposed revisions from ST-77 that need further discussion (B File). Sent to Executive Vice President Wilson 5/1/20.

The new proposed revisions to the *Statutes* are being considered by Executive Vice President Wilson, University Counsel, System HR, and the USC Statutes and Governance Committee.

8. 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. Passed with amendments UIC Senate 1/30/20. UIC Senate amendments transmitted to UIS and UIUC Senates 3/2/20. Passed UIS Senate 4/3/20. Passed with amendments UIUC Senate 4/27/20. Reconciled language approved by USC 5/29/20. Reconciled language to Senates 6/2/20. UIUC Senate USSP response 6/5/20. UIC SEC

response 6/10/20 (The UIC Senate Executive Committee recommended that the struck sentence in lines 10-12 be retained).

USC approved sending the reconciled language of the Statutes and Governance Committee to the senates for information and any last comments. UIC and UIUC Senate committees have provided advice.

9. ST-85. Proposed Revisions to the *Statute*, Article X, Section 1 (Tenure of Academic Staff) (a) 6 and 7 – to permit the use of five-year appointments for non-tenure track faculty. Passed UIC Senate 4/22/20. Transmitted to UIS and UIUC Senates 5/1/20.

The proposed statutory revisions approved by the UIC Senate were transmitted to the UIS and UIUC Senates. The UIUC Senate had first reading on February 8.

10. ST-86. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article III, Sections 3 and 5, and Article VI – Dean, Director, or Campus Librarian. Passed UIUC Senate 4/27/20. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 5/1/20. Passed UIC Senate 10/21/20.

The proposed statutory revisions approved by the UIUC Senate were transmitted to the UIC and UIS Senates. The UIC Senate approved the revisions on October 21.

11. OT-366. Revisions to the *Policy on Integrity in Research and Publication*. Sent to USC by the Executive Vice President 3/16/20. Transmitted to Senates 4/2/20. UIUC Senate reviewed with no recommendations 4/27/20. UIC Senate advice 12/3/20.

The draft policy has been sent to the senates for review and feedback. The UIUC Senate reviewed the policy but has no recommendations. The UIC Senate provided its advice on 12/3.

12. OT-367. Clarification of the *General Rules* sections on intellectual property in relation to course materials. Approved by USC 5/29/20. Transmitted to Senates 6/2/20. UIC SEC response 6/10/20 (supports the USC document, will set up a task force).

No new information.

13. OT-369. Addressing Systemic Racism and Racial Justice (formerly Proposed action plan for Black Lives Matter). Letter to President Killeen 6/25/20.

No new information.

14. OT-374. System-wide Digital Accessibility Policy.

No new information.

15. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

16. USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, March 11, 2021 Livestream Mitra Dutta

17. University Updates.

Discussion of university matters for information.

18. OT-142. Updates from External Groups with USC Representatives: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Wade); President's Executive Leadership Program (De Groot); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee for System Academic Affairs; Student Mental Health Services Summit Working Group (Hunt); U of I System Going Forward: Excellence Amid COVID-19 Steering Committee (John Dallesasse).

19. Reports from USC Committees:

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

Aria Razfar
Roy Campbell
Sandy De Groot

IX. Adjournment

The next USC meeting will be held on March 30.