

AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Meeting: 210 (General Lounge) Illini Union

Luncheon: 209 Illini Union

1401 W. Green Street, Urbana

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

I. Remarks from the USC Chair

(The agenda will skip to item VI and continue until President Easter arrives.)

II. Meeting with President Easter, 10:30 a.m.

III. Meeting and luncheon with President Easter and Chairman Kennedy, 11:30 a.m.

IV. Meeting with Chairman Kennedy, 12:30 p.m.

(After USC meets with Chairman Kennedy, the group will continue with the business agenda until Chancellor Wise arrives.)

V. Meeting with Chancellor Wise, 2:00 p.m.

VI. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of February 27, 2014

VII. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois at Chicago – March 12, 2014

B. University of Illinois at Springfield – February 21, 2014; March 7, 2014

C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – March 10, 2014

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

VIII. Old Business - Action Items

1. OT-307. Leadership Development Program (UI Succession Planning).

President Easter would like for the Conference to submit one name for participation in the program. An initiative will be launched this spring.

IX. New Business

2. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting and USC Report Presenter:

Wednesday, May 14, 2014, Springfield: _____

USC Report: _____

3. NC-20. Nominating Committee for 2014-15 Officers, Executive Committee, and USC Committees.

Professor Villegas has appointed the committee in accordance with the *University Senates Conference Organization and Functions*, which state:

“The Chair of the University Senates Conference will appoint a three person Nominating Committee to be announced no later than the third from the last meeting of the academic year, and will designate the Chair of the Committee. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be a continuing member of the Conference, and each Senate shall be represented on the Nominating Committee.”

The committee members are: Kouros Mohammadian (Chair), Lynn Fisher, and Kim Graber. The committee will nominate members for Chair, Vice Chair, the remaining Executive Committee Members, and USC Committee positions.

4. OT-309. Presidential Search.

The Board approved the composition of the search committee at its March 6 meeting. The senates have been asked to suggest candidates for the committee.

5. OT-310. Recommendation for New Policy Language Related to Classified Research at the University of Illinois.

A working document from Vice President Schook is enclosed. He will meet with USC at the April 22 meeting.

X. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

6. 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. Letter to President 9/25/13.

President Easter has been given new draft language for consideration.

7. ST-79/OT-296. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference 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 Senates 11/26/13. Passed UIS Senate 2/21/14.

The UIUC and UIS Senates have approved identical language. The UIC Senate is scheduled to have a first reading on March 12.

8. ST-77/GR-46. Revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* – Edits and Updates.

Professors Deberry-Spence, Fisher, Kalita, and Tolliver are part of the committee reviewing these governing documents.

9. OT-298. Shared Governance in a Changing Environment.

At the last meeting, USC decided to have a discussion of best practices and principles of shared governance at the various levels.

10. OT-304. Open Access to Research Articles.

The members of the Task Force and the USC Committee will report.

11. OT-308. UA Annual Review Process.

At the request of Vice President Pierre, USC nominated members to serve on the evaluation committee.

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

No new information.

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

The USC Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee will conduct the review of Vice President Knorr and report back to the full Conference. Professor Campbell will lead the review.

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

This item is on the agenda of the USC Statutes and Governance Committee.

15. OT-301. Records and Information Management Services (RIMS).

No new information.

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

No new information.

17. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

18. Report of Observer for Board of Trustees Meeting and USC Report Presenter:

Thursday, March 6, 2014, Urbana:
USC Report:

Jorge Villegas
Matthew Wheeler

19. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

20. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

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

Matthew Wheeler
Peter Boltuc
Donald Chambers
Joyce Tolliver

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

XI. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on April 22 in Springfield.