AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE
Wednesday, March 27, 2013
10:00 a.m.
Meeting: 314A Illini Union
Luncheon: 314B Illini Union
1401 W. Green Street
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

I. Remarks from the USC Chair

II. Meeting with President Easter and Vice President Christophe Pierre

III. Meeting with Kappy Laing, Executive Director of Governmental Relations (1pm)

IV. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of February 19, 2013

V. Classification of Senate Minutes
   A. University of Illinois at Chicago – March 14, 2013
   B. University of Illinois at Springfield – March 1, 2013; March 22, 2013
   C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – March 4, 2013; March 25, 2013

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

VI. Old Business - Action Items

   No items for action.

VII. New Business


   Professor Burbules 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: Kim Graber (Chair), Tim Shanahan, and Jorge Villegas. The committee will nominate members for Chair, Vice Chair, the remaining Executive Committee Members, and vacant USC Committee positions.

2. Board of Trustees Meeting: Thursday, May 23, 2013, Chicago

Designation of Observer

Faculty Report: ______________

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


This item has been transmitted to President Easter.


Professor Burbules will provide an update.


The resolution was approved at the February 19 USC meeting and transmitted to the Board of Trustees, the President, and the senates.


The Conference will discuss process and timeline.

7. OT-296. Proposal that USC should be able to initiate revisions to the Statutes.

The Conference approved this recommendation. Professor Burbules will carry it forward into the current Statutes and General Rules revision process (ST-77/GR-46).

8. OT-297. Implications of the Open Meetings Act to the operations of the University Senates Conference.
This item has been referred to the USC Statutes and Governance Committee.

9. OT-291. Recommendation to establish Faculty Advisory Committees for all four Vice Presidents.

No new information.

10. OT-123. Discussion of University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of possible guests to invite to future meetings.

11. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

12. Report of Board of Trustees Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2013, Urbana

Observer: George Francis
Faculty Report: Peter Boltuc

13. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

- Academic Affairs and Research Committee: Matthew Wheeler
- Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee: Peter Boltuc
- Hospital and Health Affairs Committee: Donald Chambers
- Statutes and Governance Committee: Joyce Tolliver

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

15. Review of Pending Items.

Conference members are asked to review the addendum and comment if they know of any new information. Background information follows each item.

IX. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 18, in Springfield.
OT-167. Faculty Representation to the Board of Trustees.

In June 2000, the Resolution on Faculty Representation to the Board of Trustees was transmitted to the President who in turn forwarded the resolution to the Board. The resolution, which was developed by the Conference and approved by each senate, requests a faculty voice from each campus at the Board table. (This resolution was also transmitted to Dr. Ikenberry in December 2009.)


After the Intellectual Property section of *The General Rules* was revised in September 2009, some Conference members felt that there were additional issues that needed to be addressed, such as what constitutes usual and customary resources that are provided.


The University Technology Management Team approved an interim University Information Security Policy that USC and the three campuses reviewed. The Information Security Policy, and other related IT policies, can be found at http://www.aits.uillinois.edu/i_t_policies.

OT-262. Accelerated Degree Program.

The Conference decided to wait to see what the campuses do.

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

The Conference continues to monitor this item.

OT-268. Administrative Reorganization.

The Conference continues to review the various changes in Campus and University Administration.

OT-276. Performance Based Funding.

Dr. Charlie Evans gave a presentation to USC in October 2011. The VPAA occasionally reports the ramifications of this initiative.

OT-280. Faculty Participation in Shared Governance at the University of Illinois.

The Conference discussed best practices for providing advice to the President and to the Board of Trustees.

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

The Conference continues to monitor pension and benefit issues.