

AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Thursday, March 30, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Meeting: Excellence Room

Luncheon: Loyalty Room

I Hotel and Conference Center

1900 S. First Street, Champaign

- I. Remarks from the USC Chair
- II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of February 23, 2017
- III. Classification of Senate Minutes
 - A. University of Illinois at Chicago – March 16, 2017
 - B. University of Illinois at Springfield – March 3, 2017; March 24, 2017
 - C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – March 6, 2017
- IV. USC Committee of the Whole Discussion: Preparation for the meeting with the President

Explanation of File Numbers

ST - University of Illinois *Statutes*

GR - *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*

NC - Nominating Committee

OT - Other Topics

V. Old Business - Action Items

None.

VI. New Business

- 1. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Springfield

- 2. NC-23. Nominating Committee for 2017-18 Officers, Executive Committee, and USC Committees.

Professor Novak will appoint the committee in accordance with the *University Senates Conference Bylaws*, 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.”

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. ST-79. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.b, and 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 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.

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

4. 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.

The UIUC Senate has been asked to reconsider the language by sending the document back to its USSP Committee for further consideration in consultation with CAFT.

5. ST-77/GR-46. Revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* – Edits and Updates. Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. *Statutes*: Transmitted to Senates 10/10/14. Passed UIC Senate 12/3/14. Passed UIS Senate 1/23/15. Passed UIUC Senate 5/4/15. *General Rules* transmitted to the President 12/22/14. *General Rules* (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. *Statutes* and *General Rules* (Intellectual Property) transmitted to the President 5/29/15.

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

6. 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.

This item has been transmitted to the Vice President Wilson.

7. 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.

All three senates approved identical language, which has been transmitted to President Killeen.

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

The most recent USC report to the Board was on March 15. The next Board meeting is May 11 in Springfield.

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

No new information.

10. OT-331. University of Illinois Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment (IPAC) – formerly U of I 2021 Initiative.

No new information.

11. 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.

12. OT-310. Recommendation for New Policy Language Related to Classified Research at the University of Illinois. Transmitted to Senates 6/25/14. Passed UIS Senate 9/12/14. Withdrawn UIC Senate 1/29/15. Passed UIUC SEC 4/17/15.

No new information.

13. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

14. Report of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Urbana-Champaign

Sally Jackson

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.

(The meeting will recess at noon for lunch. Committees will have the opportunity to meet during this time.)

VIII. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson

IX. Meeting with Chancellor Robert Jones (2:45 p.m.)

X. Adjournment

The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on April 27 in Springfield.

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.

6. 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.

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.