AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Tuesday, March 31, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Meeting will be held by Zoom web conferencing

I. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson

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

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of February 20, 2020

III. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois at Chicago – March 19, 2020

B. University of Illinois at Springfield – February 28, 2020

C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – March 9, 2020

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

No old business for action.

VII. New Business

1. OT-366. Research Integrity Policy.

   The draft policy will need to be sent to the senates.

2. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

   Thursday, May 21, 2020       Springfield
VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


The final draft of the proposed statutory revisions was sent to the senates for information. UIC and UIS had no comments. The UIUC Senate provided a minor edit for consideration. This item will need to be sent to the President.


The General Rules revisions, including the section on Intellectual Property that was acted on by the senates, were transmitted to the President.


The proposed revisions have been sent to the President and will be included in the overall revisions to the Statutes (ST-77).


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9. **ST-83.** Revisions to the *Statutes* – new proposed revisions and proposed revisions from ST-77 that need further discussion (B File).

No new information.


The amended version from the UIC Senate has been transmitted to the UIS and UIUC Senates.

11. **OT-326.** USC Presentations to the Board of Trustees.

USC will discuss how to move forward with future reports to the Board of Trustees. The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 21 in Springfield.

No new information.


No new information. This item could be considered for removal from the agenda.

14. OT-363. Recognizing and Rewarding Faculty Participation in Shared Governance.

No new information. This item could be considered for removal from the agenda.

15. OT-364. Student Mental Health Services Summit.

No new information.


This item will be discussed with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson.

17. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

18. OT-339. Audit of the University Senates Conference.

No new information.

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

Thursday, March 12, 2020 Urbana Magic Wade

20. University Updates.

Discussion of university matters for information.

21. OT-142. External Groups with USC Representatives: Policy on Background Checks Review Committee (Maher); Enrollment Management Policy Council (Wade); President’s Executive Leadership Program (Dallesasse); Establish UI System Guidelines for Invited Speakers Task Force (Span); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee for System Academic Affairs (Tolliver); Student Mental Health Services Summit Working Group (Hunt) System-wide Committee to develop a process for identifying terminated employees who are not eligible for rehire (Strahle, Stroscio, Tolliver).

22. Reports from USC Committees:
IX. Adjournment

The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 29, in Springfield.
Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee

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

After discussion with the President, the Conference decided to invite each vice president to meet with USC each year for a discussion of their accomplishments and priorities. The meetings would take place during the session with the President. These meetings are taking place in 2019-2020.

2. OT-320. Salary increments and campus budgeting priorities.

This item was referred to the USC Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee.

3. 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?

The Executive Vice President’s Office is doing a review of the TEM system and invited USC members to participate. An update has been requested.


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.