

AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 2, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Meeting: Excellence Room
Luncheon: Innovation Room
I Hotel and Conference Center
1900 S. First Street, Champaign

I. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson

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

II. Meeting with Chancellor Robert Jones – 1:15 p.m.

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of February 26, 2019

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois at Chicago – March 20, 2019

B. University of Illinois at Springfield – March 1, 2019; March 22, 2019

C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – March 4, 2019; April 1, 2019

V. Remarks from the USC Chair

VI. 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

VII. Old Business - Action Items

None.

VIII. New Business

1. USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Springfield

2. GR-50. Proposed Revision to the *General Rules*, Article IV, Employment Policies, Section 1(i) (1) a) - Proposed Change to Postdoctoral Research Associates Compensable Vacation.

The Conference will review the proposed revisions and prepare a response to the President.

3. OT-357. Lifelong Alumni Connections.

President Killeen asked the Conference to think about ways to engage alumni early on and to create lifelong connections.

4. NC-25. Nominating Committee for 2019-20 Officers, Executive Committee, and USC Committees.

Professor Tolliver has appointed 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, including summer session. Each senate shall be represented on the Nominating Committee. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be designated by the USC Chair. At least one member shall hold a term that continues into the following academic year.”

The members are Nick Burbules, who will also serve as committee chair, Danilo Erricolo, and Magic Wade.

IX. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

5. OT-356. Discovery Partners Institute. Transmitted to Senates 2/28/19.

The Conference transmitted the Discovery Partners Institute formal proposal to the Senates along with its advice.

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

USC has requested the accomplishments and goals of the vice presidents and will determine whether to conduct an in-depth review of one of the vice presidents.

7. ST-77. Revisions to the *Statutes* – Edits and Updates (A File). Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. Transmitted to Senates 10/10/14. Passed UIC Senate 12/3/14. Passed UIS Senate 1/23/15. Passed UIUC Senate 5/4/15. Transmitted to the President 5/29/15. Transmitted to Senates 9/4/18. Amendments passed by UIC Senate 10/24/18. Passed UIS Senate with amendment 11/9/18.

The UIC and UIS Senates have acted on this item.

8. GR-46. Revisions to the *General Rules* – Edits and Updates. Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. Transmitted to the President 12/22/14. 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. Intellectual Property transmitted to the President 5/29/15. Revised IP to Senates 4/4/18. UIC Senate response 4/26/18 (not approved, provided recommendations) UIUC Senate response 4/30/18 (not approved, provided recommendations). Transmitted to Senates (Article III, Intellectual Property) 9/4/18. Passed UIC Senate 9/20/18. Passed UIUC Senate 10/15/18. Passed UIS Senate 11/9/18. New proposed revisions transmitted to Senates 3/6/19.

Additional proposed revisions to the section on Intellectual Property have been transmitted to the senates.

9. 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. Referred back to UIUC Senate USSP Committee in consultation with CAFT 2/23/17.

No new information.

10. ST-79. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.b, and Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference and the President 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. USC new proposed revisions 4/27/17. Transmitted to Senates 5/11/17. Background statement to Senates 9/6/17. Passed UIS Senate 9/15/17. Voted down UIC Senate 11/30/17. Passed UIUC Senate with revisions 12/11/17. USC reconciled language to Senates 1/29/18. Passed UIUC Senate 4/2/18. Passed UIS Senate 4/6/18. Failed UIC Senate 4/26/18. Approved USC 5/3/18. Transmitted to President 6/1/18 with UIC response.

The proposed statutory revisions and the response from the UIC Senate were transmitted to President Killeen.

11. 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.

No new information.

12. 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.

No new information.

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

No new information.

14. 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.

The UIUC Senate approved statutory changes, which were transmitted to the other two senates. The UIC and UIS Senate leaders have been notified that the UIUC Senate is considering additional changes to the language.

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

The Academic Affairs and Research Committee gave a presentation to the Board on March 14. The next presentation to the Board will be given on May 16 by the Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee.

16. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

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

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Urbana

James Brennan

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

Follow-up items were discussed with University Audits and new target dates have been set for three items.

19. OT-343. Proposed Revision to the University Senates Conference *Bylaws*, Section 3, 3.5 – Term Limits. Approved by USC 2/21/18.

20. OT-344. Proposed Revision to the University Senates Conference *Bylaws*, 4.3.1 – Chair of the Nominating Committee. Approved by USC 5/3/18.

21. OT-353. Proposed Revisions to the University Senates Conference *Bylaws*, 5.5, 6.3(a), 6.3(d) – Removal of the Hospital and Health Affairs Committee and other minor revisions. Approved by USC 1/24/19.

[Items 19-21] USC approved these revisions to its *Bylaws*. The revisions have been transmitted to the President with the request that they be sent to the Board for information. The senates were copied on the transmittal letter. These items can be removed from the agenda.

22. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

23. OT-142. External Groups with USC Representatives: DPI Academic Governance Advisory Group (De Groote, Johnson); DPI Academic Executive Committee (Karri); Enrollment Management Policy Council (Wade); President's Executive Leadership Program (Erricolo); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee for System Academic Affairs (Tolliver).

Update on activities of the external groups.

24. Reports from USC Committees:

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

Gay Miller, Chair
Danilo Erricolo, Chair
Nicholas Burbules, Chair

X. Adjournment

The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on April 30 in Springfield.

Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee

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

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

2. 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.

The Executive Vice President's Office is doing a review of the TEM system and invited USC members to participate. There will be an update by the end of this academic year.

3. 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.

4. OT-351. Guidelines for Shared Governance and System-Wide Academic and Research Initiatives at the University of Illinois. Approved by USC 1/24/19.

The document was approved at the January 24 meeting and transmitted to various administrators and the senates.

5. OT-352. University Senates Conference Statement on System Governing Documents and Collective Bargaining Contracts. Approved by USC 11/28/18. Transmitted to the Board and various senior administrators 12/5/18.

The statement, which was approved by USC on November 18, was transmitted to the Board of Trustees, President Killeen, Executive Vice President Wilson, and various other senior administrators from the system and the universities.