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.

9. **Old Business – Information and Discussion Items**


   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.


   The UIC and UIS Senates have acted on this item.

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


No new information.


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


No new information.

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.


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.


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.


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.


   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.


   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.