I. Remarks from the USC Chair

II. Meeting with President Easter, Vice President Knorr, and Vice President Pierre

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of March 27, 2013

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes

   A. University of Illinois at Chicago – none

   B. University of Illinois at Springfield – April 5, 2013

   C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – none

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

V. Old Business - Action Items

   No items for action.

VI. New Business


      Discussion of internal and external matters that affect or could potentially affect shared governance.

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

   2. ST-79/OT-296. Proposed revisions to the Statutes, Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference to initiate revisions to the Statutes. Transmitted to Senates 4/5/13.
This item has been transmitted to the senates.

3. **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.

   The USC Academic Affairs and Research Committee and the USC Statutes and Governance Committee plan to meet with President Easter to discuss this issue.

4. **ST-77/GR-46.** Revisions to the *Statutes and General Rules* – Edits and Updates.

   Professor Burbules will provide an update.

5. **NC-19.** Nominating Committee for 2013-14 Officers, Executive Committee, and USC Committees.

   The committee - Kim Graber (Chair), Tim Shanahan, and Jorge Villegas – will provide reports before the June 18 meeting.

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

   The Conference will discuss process and timeline.

7. **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.

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

   No new information.

9. **OT-123.** Discussion of University Senates Conference guests.

   Discussion of possible guests to invite to future meetings.

10. **Campus Updates.**

    Discussion of campus matters for information.

   Scheduled Observer: Lynn Fisher
   Faculty Report: Donald Chambers

12. 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

13. Report from ad hoc Committee on SB1900.

   Report from the ad hoc committee to look at SB1900, which creates the Open Access to Research Articles Act. Committee members are Peter Boltuc, Kouros Mohammadian, Leslie Struble, and Matthew Wheeler.

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.

VIII. Adjournment

   The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 15, in Chicago.
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.