AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE
Tuesday, April 21, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Meeting: 206 Student Center West
Committee Meetings and Luncheon: 213 Student Center West
828 S. Wolcott Avenue
University of Illinois at Chicago

I. USC Committee Meetings

II. Meeting with President Easter and Vice President Pierre (10am)

III. Meeting with Trustee Patrick Fitzgerald (11:15am)

(USC will break for lunch at noon.)

IV. Meeting with Chancellor Michael Amiridis (1pm)

V. Remarks from the USC Chair

VI. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of April 1, 2015

VII. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois at Chicago – April 15

B. University of Illinois at Springfield – April 10

C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – April 6

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

VIII. Old Business - Action Items

A draft Statutes document from the USC Statutes and Governance Committee is enclosed for action.

The proposed revisions to the General Rules have been transmitted to the President. The section on Intellectual Property, Article III, has been transmitted to the senates along with the recommendation that this section be moved to the Statutes. The UIS Senate has approved revisions to the intellectual property language, and the UIC and UIS Senates have approved moving this section to the Statutes.

2. OT-319. University Senates Conference Bylaws. (Formerly - Proposed revisions to University Senates Conference Organization and Functions).

The Conference approved Bylaws at the April 1 meeting with the understanding that the document would come back for the consideration of additional revisions.

IX. New Business


Professor Chambers 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, 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.”

The committee members are: Roy Campbell, Benet Deberry-Spence, and Jorge Villegas (Chair). The committee will nominate members for Chair, Vice Chair, the remaining Executive Committee Members, and USC Committee positions.

X. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


All three senates have approved language. The UIC Senate approval contains amendments.

This item has been approved by all three senates and is scheduled to go to the Board of Trustees along with the overall statutory revisions.


A University-wide committee created by the USC Academic Affairs and Research Committee concluded that the language in the *Statutes* and *General Rules*, as well as the proposed language in USC ST-72, are in accordance with the AAUP statement.

7. **OT-316.** University Senates Conference White Paper.

The most current draft will be distributed with finalization to be at the May meeting.

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

The USC members of the VPAA FAC will review Vice President Pierre.


The senates have been asked to respond by October 1.

10. **OT-307.** President’s Executive Leadership Program.

Professors Gay Miller and Kouros Mohammadian will participate in this year’s program.


The UIC Senate approved a motion to withdraw the proposed policy from its agenda. The UIUC Senate is still considering this item.
12. OT-313. Search for Executive Director of Governmental Relations.

Professors Tolliver and Villegas will provide an update.

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

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

14. Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, May 7, 2015           Springfield           Jorge Villegas
USC Report:                    Jorge Villegas

15. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

16. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

17. Reports from USC Committees:

   Academic Affairs and Research Committee        Gay Miller
   Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee          Roy Campbell
   Hospital and Health Affairs Committee           Jorge Villegas
   Statutes and Governance Committee               Nicholas Burbules

18. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: Pre- and Post-Award Research Money Policy group (Wheeler); Strategic Communications and Marketing Council (Villegas); UI Labs Task Force (Chambers); University Technology Management Team (Campbell); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Chambers, Mohammadian, Tolliver, Villegas); Vice President for Academic Affairs UA Budget Review Advisory Committee (Mohammadian, Villegas, Wheeler); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Boltuc, Chambers, Villegas, Wheeler).

XI. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on May 26 in Springfield.
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Pending Items

OT-265. Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government.

OT-288. Faculty/Staff Pension and Benefit Issues (formerly Resolution on Pensions/Pension Reform).


OT-317. Actions of the State Universities Civil Service System (SUCCS) and preserving public universities’ exemption authority. USC support of CIUS “Statement of Concern” 10/8/14. Letter to Chairman Kennedy and President Easter 10/13/14. All three senates have supported the CIUS statement.

OT-321. UIUC Senate EP.15.33 – Proposal to Create a College of Medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Partnership with Carle Health System. USC Advice to President 2/26/15. Approved by the Board of Trustees 3/12/15.