

**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

1. ST-77/GR-46. Revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* – Edits and Updates.  
*Statutes* transmitted to Senates 10/10/14. Passed UIC Senate as amended 12/3/15.  
Passed UIS 1/23/15. *General Rules* transmitted to the President 12/22/14. *General Rules* (Intellectual Property) transmitted to Senates 1/26/15.

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

3. NC-21. Nominating Committee for 2015-16 Officers, Executive Committee, and USC Committees.

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

4. 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.

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

5. ST-79. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.b, and Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference 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.

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.

6. ST-80/GR-48. Review of *Statutes* and *General Rules* in regards to policies on academic freedom and extramural speech (UIUC RS.15.06). Letter to Senates 4/6/15.

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.

9. OT-304. Open Access to Research Articles. Transmitted to Senates 10/21/14.

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.

11. OT-310. Recommendation for New Policy Language Related to Classified Research at the University of Illinois. Transmitted to Senates 6/25/14. Passed UIS Senate 9/12/14. Withdrawn UIC Senate 1/29/15.

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  
USC Report:

Springfield

Jorge Villegas  
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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  
Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee  
Hospital and Health Affairs Committee  
Statutes and Governance Committee

Gay Miller  
Roy Campbell  
Jorge Villegas  
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-298. Shared Governance in a Changing Environment.

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.