

AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Thursday, April 28, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Meeting: Hatmaker Room, Public Affairs Center

Luncheon: PAC Restaurant

One University Plaza

University of Illinois at Springfield

- I. Meeting with President Killeen, Chairman McMillan, Vice President Knorr, and Vice President Pierre

(The meeting will break from 12-1pm for lunch and committee meetings.)

- II. Meeting with Chancellor Koch

- III. Remarks from the USC Chair

- IV. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of March 29, 2016

- V. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois at Chicago – April 27

B. University of Illinois at Springfield – April 8, April 22

C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – April 4

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

- VI. Old Business - Action Items

None.

- VII. New Business

1. NC-22. Nominating Committee for 2016-17 Officers, Executive Committee, and USC Committees.

Professor Burbules will appoint 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.”

2. OT-332. Levels of University Review.

Internal approval processes are often multi-level and time-consuming, resulting in a cumbersome system. Some are internal to the campuses; others occur between the campuses and upper levels of review. As we try to address procurement rules and other external constraints, are there ways to streamline our own operations in order to alleviate unnecessary burdens?

3. 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?

4. 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? Does this have any relation to USC OT – 330?

5. OT-335. Differentiating Shared Governance Responsibilities from Union Responsibilities.

The University of Illinois has a system of shared governance through the senates and other faculty groups, with some of the processes embedded in the University *Statutes* and other governing documents. It is of course the decision of the faculty whether to unionize. For the two entities to coexist there should be a clear line of which responsibilities devolve to which group. Typically, for example, the shared governance process would deal with academic issues and the union process, through negotiation, would deal with salary and benefits. How can we ensure that these appropriate spheres of responsibility are respected in both directions?

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

6. 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.

This item has been transmitted to the President and is expected to be considered by the Board along with the overall statutory revisions.

7. ST-77/GR-46. Revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* – Edits and Updates. Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. *Statutes*: Transmitted to Senates 10/10/14. Passed UIC Senate 12/3/14. Passed UIS Senate 1/23/15. Passed UIUC Senate 5/4/15. *General Rules* transmitted to the President 12/22/14. *General Rules* (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. *Statutes* and *General Rules* (Intellectual Property) transmitted to the President 5/29/15.

The final versions of the *Statutes* and *General Rules* were transmitted to the President on May 29, 2015.

8. 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 transmitted to the President and is expected to be considered by the Board along with the overall statutory revisions.

9. 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. Transmitted to Senates 3/31/16.

The revisions to the Nondiscrimination Statement that were proposed by the UIUC Senate have been transmitted to the senates. The senates were asked to also consider the UIUC Senate's statement of position, which views the Nondiscrimination Statement as "a fully official and binding portion of the *University Statutes*..."

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

The next presentation will be the USC Chair's annual report on July 21.

11. OT-327. University Strategic Plan.

This item will be discussed with President Killeen, Vice President Pierre, Vice President Knorr, and Chair McMillan. In addition, members of the University Strategic Planning Steering Committee (Miller, Villegas, and Vincent) will be asked to provide an update.

12. OT-331. U of I 2021 Initiative.

This item will be discussed with President Killeen, Vice President Pierre, Vice President Knorr, and Chair McMillan.

13. OT-304. Open Access to Research Articles. Transmitted to Senates 10/21/14. Feedback from UIC Senate 10/19/15. Passed UIUC Senate with recommendations 10/19/15. Passed UIS Senate 12/11/15. Transmitted to President 3/14/16.

The proposed policy has been transmitted to the President.

14. 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. Passed UIUC SEC 4/17/15.

No new information.

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

The Academic Affairs and Research Committee will provide an update and seek advice on the review of Vice President Schook.

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

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

17. OT-330. Approval and Consultation Processes with the University Senates Conference and the Senates.

This item was referred to the USC Statutes and Governance Committee.

18. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

19. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, May 19, 2016	Springfield	Jorge Villegas
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20. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

21. OT-142. Updates on External Groups with USC Representatives: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Jackson); Pre- and Post-Award Research Money Policy group (Wheeler); President's Executive Leadership Program (Miller, Mohammadian); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, Deberry-Spence, Mohammadian, Villegas); Vice President for Academic Affairs UA Budget Review Advisory Committee (Mohammadian, Villegas, Wheeler); Vice President for Finance Faculty Advisory Committee (Deberry-Spence, Weech); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Boltuc, Burbules, Miller, Villegas, Wheeler).

22. Reports from USC Committees:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee	Gay Miller
Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee	Sally Jackson
Hospital and Health Affairs Committee	Jorge Villegas
Statutes and Governance Committee	Matt Wheeler

IX. Adjournment

The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on May 26 in Chicago.