AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Wednesday, April 28, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Meeting will be held by web conference
(see Zoom information at end of the agenda)

   I.   Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson

        Joining the first hour of the meeting from the Discover Partners Institute will be Bill Jackson,
        Executive Director; Phyllis Baker, Director of Academic Affairs; and Omowale Casselle,
        Director of Pritzker Tech Talent Labs.

 (The meeting will recess at 12:00 p.m. and resume at 1:00 p.m. Guests, II., will join at 2:00 p.m.)

  II.   Chancellor Karen Whitney and UIS Student Government Association President Aislinn Diaz

 III.   Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of March 30, 2021

 IV.   Classification of Senate Minutes

        A. University of Illinois Chicago – April 22

        B. University of Illinois Springfield – April 9, April 23

        C. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign – April 5, April 26

  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

        1. ST-86. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article III, Sections 3 and 5, and Article VI –
            Dean, Director, or Campus Librarian. Passed UIUC Senate 4/27/20. Transmitted to UIC
            and UIS Senates 5/1/20. Passed UIC Senate 10/21/20. Passed UIS Senate 4/9/21.

            The statutory revisions proposed by the UIUC Senate have been approved by the UIC and
            UIS Senates. The language is ready to be transmitted to the President, pending approval
            by USC.

VIII.   New Business

   2. OT-381. Review of the Process for Revising the *Statutes*.

       The USC and senate chairs met with Executive Vice President Wilson to discuss the
       process for considering and approving revisions to the *Statutes*. The chairs will report on
       the meeting and there will be a follow-up discussion.

   3. NC-27. Nominating Committee for 2021-22 Officers, Executive Committee, and USC
       Committees.

       Professor Wade 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, 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."

 IV.   Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

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

       The next report to the Board will be May 20.

   5. OT-372. Proposal to establish a consultation process for system policies. Sent to
       Executive Vice President Wilson 2/3/21.

       Executive Vice President Wilson will be asked for an update during the morning session.

   6. OT-378. Higher Education, Post-Pandemic.

       President Killeen and EVP Wilson asked USC to consider what higher education should
       look like post-pandemic, and how the U of I System can help guide the narrative.

   7. ST-83. Revisions to the *Statutes* – new proposed revisions and proposed revisions from
       ST-77 that need further discussion (B File). Sent to Executive Vice President Wilson
       5/1/20.

       The new proposed revisions to the *Statutes* are being considered by Executive Vice
       President Wilson, University Counsel, System HR, and the USC Statutes and Governance
       Committee.

   8. ST-84. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII, Section 4 – Changes in Existing
       Units. Passed UIUC Senate 11/12/18. Transmitted to Senates 12/18/18. Revised UIUC

Senate document 4/22/19. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 5/7/19. Passed UIS Senate 8/30/19. Passed with amendments UIC Senate 1/30/20. UIC Senate amendments transmitted to UIS and UIUC Senates 3/2/20. Passed UIS Senate 4/3/20. Passed with amendments UIUC Senate 4/27/20. Reconciled language approved by USC 5/29/29. Reconciled language to Senates 6/2/20. UIUC Senate USSP response 6/5/20. UIC SEC response 6/10/20 (The UIC Senate Executive Committee recommended that the struck sentence in lines 10-12 be retained).

USC approved sending the reconciled language of the Statutes and Governance Committee to the senates for information and any last comments. UIC and UIUC Senate committees have provided advice.

9. ST-85. Proposed Revisions to the *Statute,* Article X, Section 1 (Tenure of Academic Staff) (a) 6 and 7 – to permit the use of five-year appointments for non-tenure track faculty. Passed UIC Senate 4/22/20. Transmitted to UIS and UIUC Senates 5/1/20. Passed UIUC Senate 3/8/21. Passed UIS Senate 3/26/21. Transmitted to the President 4/5/21.

The statutory revisions proposed by the UIC Senate and approved by the UIS and UIUC Senates have been transmitted to President Killeen.

10. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

11. USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, May 20, 2021   Livestream   _____

12. University Updates.

Discussion of university matters for information.

13. OT-142. Updates from External Groups with USC Representatives: Discovery Partners Institute Executive Committee (Jeffrey Eric Jenkins, Aria Razfar); Enrollment Management Policy Council (Magic Wade); President's Executive Leadership Program (Sandra De Groote); Student Mental Health Services Summit Working Group (Cecil Hunt); System-wide Digital Accessibility Policy (Magic Wade); U of I System Going Forward: Excellence Amid COVID-19 Steering Committee (John Dallesasse).

14. Reports from USC Committees:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee	Aria Razfar
Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee	Roy Campbell
Statutes and Governance Committee	Sandy De Groote

X.   Adjournment

The next USC meeting will be held on May 24.

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