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


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.


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.


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


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

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.


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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