AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 30, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Meeting: Room 222C Student Union
Luncheon: Room 223D Student Union
2251 Richard Wright Drive
University of Illinois at Springfield

I. Meeting with Executive Vice President Wilson

Ms. Jennifer Creasey, Senior Director of State Relations, will join the meeting at
11:00 a.m.

(The meeting will recess at noon for lunch.)

II. Meeting with Chancellor Susan Koch – 12:30 p.m.

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of April 2, 2019

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois at Chicago – April 24, 2019

B. University of Illinois at Springfield – April 5, 2019; April 19, 2019

C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – April 22, 2019

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 Conference transmitted the Discovery Partners Institute formal proposal to the Senates along with its advice on February 28.

At its April 2 meeting, USC approved a motion recommending that the DPI team prepare an addendum to the proposal that addresses concerns raised by USC and the three senates (UIS through its endorsement of USC’s recommendations), and that the addendum be transmitted to USC.

The UIC Senate failed to endorse DPI, but requested that a list of items be examined and clarified before DPI becomes permanent. The UIS Senate endorsed the recommendations of USC, and the Senate Chair, Professor Ranjan Karri, transmitted a letter which further describes the support of the UIS Senate. The UIUC Senate approved the DPI proposal.

The Conference will discuss how it will communicate the advice of the three senates and its own advice to the President.

VIII. New Business

2. OT-358. Five-Year Faculty Hiring Plan.

The Conference will discuss the plan and decide how to offer its support.

IX. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


The Conference conveyed to the President that it supports the proposed revision. This item can be removed from the agenda.

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

After discussion with the President, the Conference decided to invite each vice president to meet with USC each year for a discussion of their accomplishments and priorities. The meetings would take place during the session with the President.

5. OT-357. Lifelong Alumni Connections. USC Resolution approved 4/2/19. Transmitted to President 4/18/19.

The Conference approved a resolution recommending that all graduates be permitted to retain their email addresses. The resolution was transmitted to the President on April 18.

Professor Tolliver appointed the committee. The members are Nick Burbules, who will also serve as committee chair, Danilo Erricolo, and Magic Wade.


The UIC and UIS Senates have acted on this item.


Additional proposed revisions to the section on Intellectual Property have been transmitted to the senates.


No new information.

The proposed statutory revisions and the response from the UIC Senate were transmitted to President Killeen.


No new information.


No new information.

13. ST-83. Revisions to the *Statutes* – new proposed revisions and proposed revisions from ST-77 that need further discussion (B File).

No new information.


The UIUC Senate approved statutory changes, which were transmitted to the other two senates. The UIC and UIS Senate leaders were notified that the UIUC Senate would be considering additional changes to the language. The UIUC Senate approved a revised document on April 22.

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

The next presentation to the Board will be given on May 16 by the Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee.


Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

17. USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Springfield

Bettina Francis

18. OT-339. Audit of the University Senates Conference.
Follow-up items were discussed with University Audits and new target dates have been set for three items.

19. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

20. OT-142. External Groups with USC Representatives: DPI Academic Governance Advisory Group (De Groote, Johnson); DPI Academic Executive Committee (Karri); Enrollment Management Policy Council (Wade); President’s Executive Leadership Program (Erricolo); Establish UI System Guidelines for Invited Speakers Task Force (Span); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee for System Academic Affairs (Tolliver).

Update on activities of the external groups.

21. Reports from USC Committees:

- Academic Affairs and Research Committee
  Gay Miller, Chair
- Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee
  Danilo Erricolo, Chair
- Statutes and Governance Committee
  Nicholas Burbules, Chair

X. Adjournment

The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on May 29 at UIC.
Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee

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

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

2. 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? This item has been referred to the Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee.

   The Executive Vice President’s Office is doing a review of the TEM system and invited USC members to participate. There will be an update by the end of this academic year.


   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? This item has been referred to the Statutes and Governance Committee.

4. OT-351. Guidelines for Shared Governance and System-Wide Academic and Research Initiatives at the University of Illinois. Approved by USC 1/24/19.

   The document was approved at the January 24 meeting and transmitted to various administrators and the senates.


   The statement, which was approved by USC on November 18, was transmitted to the Board of Trustees, President Killeen, Executive Vice President Wilson, and various other senior administrators from the system and the universities.