

**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

1. OT-356. Discovery Partners Institute. Transmitted to Senates 2/28/19. Endorsed UIS Senate 3/22/19. UIC Senate did not pass; sent list of concerns 3/27/19. Endorsed UIUC Senate 4/22/19.

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

##### 3. GR-50. Proposed Revision to the *General Rules*, Article IV, Employment Policies, Section 1(i) (1) a) - Proposed Change to Postdoctoral Research Associates Compensable Vacation. Response to President Killeen 4/10/19.

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.

##### 6. NC-25. Nominating Committee for 2019-20 Officers, Executive Committee, and USC Committees.

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

7. ST-77. Revisions to the *Statutes* – Edits and Updates (A File). Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. Transmitted to Senates 10/10/14. Passed UIC Senate 12/3/14. Passed UIS Senate 1/23/15. Passed UIUC Senate 5/4/15. Transmitted to the President 5/29/15. Transmitted to Senates 9/4/18. Amendments passed by UIC Senate 10/24/18. Passed UIS Senate with amendment 11/9/18.

The UIC and UIS Senates have acted on this item.

8. GR-46. Revisions to the *General Rules* – Edits and Updates. Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. Transmitted to the President 12/22/14. 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. Intellectual Property transmitted to the President 5/29/15. Revised IP to Senates 4/4/18. UIC Senate response 4/26/18 (not approved, provided recommendations) UIUC Senate response 4/30/18 (not approved, provided recommendations). Transmitted to Senates (Article III, Intellectual Property) 9/4/18. Passed UIC Senate 9/20/18. Passed UIUC Senate 10/15/18. Passed UIS Senate 11/9/18. New proposed revisions transmitted to Senates 3/6/19.

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

9. 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. Referred back to UIUC Senate USSP Committee in consultation with CAFT 2/23/17.

No new information.

10. ST-79. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.b, and Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference and the President 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. USC new proposed revisions 4/27/17. Transmitted to Senates 5/11/17. Background statement to Senates 9/6/17. Passed UIS Senate 9/15/17. Voted down UIC Senate 11/30/17. Passed UIUC Senate with revisions 12/11/17. USC reconciled language to Senates 1/29/18. Passed UIUC Senate 4/2/18. Passed UIS Senate 4/6/18. Failed UIC Senate 4/26/18. Approved USC 5/3/18. Transmitted to President 6/1/18 with UIC response.

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

11. 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. UIUC Senate version transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 3/31/16. Passed UIS Senate 4/22/16. Passed UIC Senate 9/29/16. Transmitted to Vice President Wilson 11/22/16.

No new information.

12. ST-82. Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Sections 3. (Appointments, Ranks, and Promotions of the Academic and Administrative Staff) a., and 4 (Principles Governing Employment of Academic and Administrative Staffs) b. Approved by the UIUC Senate 5/2/16. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 6/6/16. Passed UIS Senate 9/23/16. Passed UIC Senate 10/26/16. Transmitted to President 12/5/16.

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.

14. 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.

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.

16. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

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  
Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee  
Statutes and Governance Committee

Gay Miller, Chair  
Danilo Erricolo, Chair  
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.

3. 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? 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.

5. OT-352. University Senates Conference Statement on System Governing Documents and Collective Bargaining Contracts. Approved by USC 11/28/18. Transmitted to the Board and various senior administrators 12/5/18.

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.