AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE
Thursday, May 3, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Meeting: Room 222C Student Union
Luncheon: Room 223D Student Union
One University Plaza
University of Illinois at Springfield

I. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson

II. Meeting with Chancellor Koch during luncheon, 12:00 p.m.

III. USC Committee Meetings, 1:00 p.m.

IV. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of April 2, 2018

V. Classification of Senate Minutes
   A. University of Illinois at Chicago – April 26, 2018
   B. University of Illinois at Springfield – April 6, 2018; April 20, 2018
   C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – April 2, 2018; April 30, 2018

VI. Remarks from the USC Chair

VII. 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

VIII. Old Business - Action Items


   The policies were sent to the senates for review. The USC Academic Affairs and Research Committee will provide recommendations. If the senates have responded, USC will consider recommending that the policies move forward.

If the senates have responded to the proposed revisions to the General Rules, Article III (Intellectual Property), USC will consider forwarding the entire General Rules document to the President.


USC sent revised language to the senates in order to reconcile language from the UIC and UIUC Senates. If the senates have responded, USC will consider transmitting the document to the President.

IX. New Business

4. OT-344. Proposed Revision to the University Senates Conference Bylaws, 4.3.1 – Chair of the Nominating Committee.

The proposed revisions will be considered.

X. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


Professor Rao will appoint the committee.

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

The next presentation to the Board will be on May 17 in Springfield. The USC FBBC will provide an update.


The Statutes and Governance Committee will provide an update.

The UIUC Senate has been asked to reconsider the language by sending the document back to its USSP Committee for further consideration in consultation with CAFT.


No new information.


No new information.

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

No new information.

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

Since the VPF/CFO position is currently filled by someone who is interim, the VPEDI has not been in the position very long, and the VPAA position was revised fairly recently to include the EVP title, the USC Chair recommends that USC bypass the annual review this year.

13. OT-339. Audit of the University Senates Conference.

The audit process is complete and a report has been issued. USC plans to consider the recommendations in the report over this academic year.

14. OT-340. Search for a Vice President/Chief Financial Officer.

No new information.
15. OT-343. Proposed Revision to the University Senates Conference Bylaws, Section 3, 3.5 – Term Limits. Approved by USC 2/21/18.

USC approved revisions to its Bylaws at the February meeting. These revisions will be reported to the senates and to the Board of Trustees through the President.


Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

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

    Thursday, May 17, 2018                Springfield                Kathy Novak

18. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

19. OT-142. External Groups with USC Representatives: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Novak); President’s Executive Leadership Program (Johnson); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (DeBerry-Spence, Novak, Tolliver); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (TBD).

Positions will be filled as needed and as the vice presidents reorganize their groups.

20. Reports from USC Committees:

    Academic Affairs and Research Committee    Kathy Novak, Chair
    Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee      Harley Johnson, Chair
    Hospital and Health Affairs Committee
    Statutes and Governance Committee           Nicholas Burbules, Chair

Any committee recommendations may be considered for action.

XI. Adjournment

The next USC meeting will be held on May 24 in Chicago.
Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee


   No new information.

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

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

3. OT-327. University Strategic Framework. Approved by the Board of Trustees 5/19/16.

   No new information.

4. 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.


   No new information.

6. 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?

7. 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.

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.

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