I. Meeting with President Killeen, Executive Vice President Wilson (10 a.m.), and Vice President Seidel (joining at 11 a.m.)

(The meeting will recess at noon for lunch.)

II. Meeting with Provost Poser, 1:00 p.m.

III. USC Committee Meetings

IV. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of May 3, 2018

V. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois at Chicago – None

B. University of Illinois at Springfield – None

C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – 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

None.

IX. New Business

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

   Thursday, July 19, 2018* Urbana __________________

   *The retreat will be held on July 20
2. OT-345. UIC Proposal to establish a school of law by acquiring the John Marshall Law School.

The Statutes, Article VIII, Section 3, states that:

c. Colleges and Independently Organized Campus Units. A college or other independently organized campus unit, such as a school, institute, center, or similar campus unit not within a school or college, may be proposed by the appropriate senate or chancellor/vice president. The president shall submit the proposal for the unit together with the advice of the appropriate senate, taken and recorded by a vote of the senate, of the appropriate chancellor/vice president, and of the University Senates Conference to the Board of Trustees for action.

USC will discuss the proposal in order to give its advice to the president as required by the Statutes.

X. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


The Statutes and Governance Committee continues to work on the revisions to the Statutes, including the addition of the system/university language.


The UIC and UIUC Senates recommended that there be further discussion of the language in Article III (Intellectual Property) and have provided advice. USC decided to ask the President to convene a group that would review the language.


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.

The reconciled language was approved by the UIS and UIUC Senates, but failed to pass the UIC Senate. At the May 3 meeting, USC approved moving the document forward.


No new information.


No new information.

9. 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 Nominating Committee has been charged. The members are Professor Novak, Chair; Professor De Groote, and Professor Francis.

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

The next presentation will be the USC Chair’s annual report to the Board, which will take place at the July 19 meeting.
12. OT-339. Audit of the University Senates Conference.

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

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

No new information.


At the May 3 meeting, USC approved sending the comments from the UIUC Senate and comments from the USC AARC to Vice President Wilson.

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 22 meeting. These revisions will be reported to the senates and to the Board of Trustees through the President.

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

USC approved revisions to its Bylaws at the May 3 meeting. These revisions will be reported to the senates and to the Board of Trustees through the President.

17. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

18. Report of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

    Thursday, May 17, 2018           Springfield           Kathy Novak

19. Campus Updates.

    Discussion of campus matters for information.

20. 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.
21. 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  Nicholas Burbules, Chair
- 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 June 22 in Urbana.
Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee

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

   No new information.


   No new information.

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

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

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

   No new information.

5. 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.

7. 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?

8. 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.

10. 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.