

**AGENDA**  
**UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE**

Thursday, May 26, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Meeting: 206 Student Center West

Luncheon: 213 Student Center West

828 S. Wolcott Avenue

University of Illinois at Chicago

I. Meeting with President Killeen and Vice President Pierre

(The meeting will break from 12-1pm for lunch.)

II. Meeting with Vice Chancellor Barish and Provost Poser

III. Committee Meetings (Duration of 1/2 Hour)

IV. Remarks from the USC Chair

V. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of April 28, 2016

VI. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois at Chicago – March 17 (correction), April 27

B. University of Illinois at Springfield – May 6

C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – May 2

Explanation of File Numbers

ST - University of Illinois *Statutes*

GR - *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*

NC - Nominating Committee

OT - All Other Items

VII. Old Business - Action Items

None.

VIII. New Business

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

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Urbana

(Retreat will be held July 20)

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2. 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.

The Urbana-Champaign Senate approved revisions to the *Statutes* “to Implement the Recommendations of the Hiring Policies and Procedures Review Committee.” The first part of the proposed revisions amends Article IX, Section 3.a, “to provide for the delegation of the Board’s authority over hiring, tenure, promotion, and setting of salaries to the President, who may further delegate authority over these matters to the respective campuses.” The second part of the proposal amends Article IX, Section 4.b, which gives the Board the authority to set salaries. The proposed revision “has the Board delegate power over salaries to the respective campuses.” The second proposal is intended to supersede the changes to Article IX, Section 4.b. that were transmitted to the President in May 2015 as part of the overall revisions to the *Statutes*.

#### IX. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. 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.

This item was transmitted to the President on May 12, 2015.

4. ST-77/GR-46. Revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* – Edits and Updates. Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. *Statutes*: Transmitted to Senates 10/10/14. Passed UIC Senate 12/3/14. Passed UIS Senate 1/23/15. Passed UIUC Senate 5/4/15. *General Rules* transmitted to the President 12/22/14. *General Rules* (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. *Statutes* and *General Rules* (Intellectual Property) transmitted to the President 5/29/15.

The final versions of the *Statutes* and *General Rules* were transmitted to the President on May 29, 2015.

5. ST-79. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.b, and Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference 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.

This item was transmitted to the President in June 2014.

6. 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.

The revisions to the Nondiscrimination Statement that were proposed by the UIUC Senate have been transmitted to the senates. The senates were asked to also consider the UIUC Senate's statement of position, which views the Nondiscrimination Statement as "a fully official and binding portion of the *University Statutes...*" The UIS Senate approved the revisions proposed by UIUC on April 22. The UIC Senate had first reading on April 27.

7. NC-22. Nominating Committee for 2016-17 Officers, Executive Committee, and USC Committees.

The committee members are: Benet Deberry-Spence (Chair), Peter Boltuc, and Kim Graber. The committee will nominate members for Chair, Vice Chair, the remaining Executive Committee Members, and USC Committee positions for approval at the June 22 meeting.

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

The next presentation will be the USC Chair's annual report on July 21.

9. OT-327. University Strategic Plan.

This item will be discussed with President Killeen and Vice President Pierre. The Board approved the final draft at its May 19 meeting.

10. OT-331. U of I 2021 Initiative.

This item will be discussed with President Killeen and Vice President Pierre.

11. OT-304. Open Access to Research Articles. Transmitted to Senates 10/21/14. Feedback from UIC Senate 10/19/15. Passed UIUC Senate with recommendations 10/19/15. Passed UIS Senate 12/11/15. Transmitted to President 3/14/16.

The proposed policy was approved by the Board at its May 19 meeting.

12. OT-310. Recommendation for New Policy Language Related to Classified Research at the University of Illinois. Transmitted to Senates 6/25/14. Passed UIS Senate 9/12/14. Withdrawn UIC Senate 1/29/15. Passed UIUC SEC 4/17/15.

No new information.

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

The Academic Affairs and Research Committee will report.

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

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

15. 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.

16. 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?

17. 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?

18. 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? Does this have any relation to USC OT – 330?

19. 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?

20. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

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

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Springfield

Jorge Villegas

22. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

23. OT-142. Updates on External Groups with USC Representatives: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Jackson); Pre- and Post-Award Research Money Policy group (Wheeler); President's Executive Leadership Program (Miller, Mohammadian); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, Deberry-Spence, Mohammadian, Villegas); Vice President for Academic Affairs UA Budget Review Advisory Committee (Mohammadian, Villegas, Wheeler); Vice President for Finance Faculty Advisory Committee (Deberry-Spence, Weech); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Boltuc, Burbules, Miller, Villegas, Wheeler).

24. Reports from USC Committees:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee

Gay Miller

Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee

Sally Jackson

Hospital and Health Affairs Committee

Jorge Villegas

Statutes and Governance Committee

Matt Wheeler

X. Adjournment

The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on June 22 in Urbana.