

AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 29, 2019
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 Executive Vice President Wilson

(The meeting will recess at noon for lunch.)

II. Meeting with Chancellor Michael Amiridis – 12:30 p.m.

III. USC Committee Meetings

IV. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of April 30, 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

None.

VIII. New Business

1. USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Chicago

2. OT-359. Periodic Assessment of the *University of Illinois Policy on Background Checks*.

The revised background check policy from 2016 has a provision that there be a periodic assessment of the policy at least every three years. USC has been asked for assistance with providing faculty representation in the process. USC will discuss the appointment of a member to serve on the three-year review committee.

IX. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. 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. Transmitted to President 5/7/19.

The Conference transmitted its advice and the advice of the senates to the President. There will be a discussion during the morning session with the President and Executive Vice President regarding the remaining steps in the approval process outlined in the *Statutes*.

4. 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. This, along with other ways to foster alumni connections, will be discussed during the morning session with the President and Executive Vice President

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

USC asked the Academic Affairs and Research Committee to take the lead in drafting a one-page document in support of the hiring plan. A draft document is enclosed.

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

The committee members, Nick Burbules, chair, Danilo Erricolo, and Magic Wade, will provide a slate of nominees for officers and a proposed list of committee members for the June 21 meeting. The Committee has requested nominations.

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.

No new information.

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. Revised UIUC Senate document transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 5/7/19.

The UIUC Senate approved a revised document on April 22, which was transmitted to the other two senates on May 7.

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

The May presentation was presented by the Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee. The July presentation will be the annual report given by Professor Tolliver.

16. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

17. Report of the USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Springfield

Bettina Francis

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

No new information.

19. University Updates.

Discussion of university 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 June 21 at UIUC.

Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee

1. 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. These meetings will begin in Fall 2019.

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

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.