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


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.


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.


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.


The UIC and UIS Senates have acted on this item.

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


No new information.


No new information.


No new information.


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.

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 Gay Miller, Chair
- Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee Danilo Erricolo, Chair
- Statutes and Governance Committee 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.


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.


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.