AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Friday, June 21, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Meeting: General Lounge (Room 210), Illini Union
Luncheon: Room 407, Illini Union
1401 W. Green Street, Urbana
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

I. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson

(The meeting will recess at noon for lunch, followed by the 2019-2020 USC Organizational Meeting at 1:00 p.m.)

II. USC Committee Meetings

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of May 29, 2019

IV. Remarks from the USC Chair

V. 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

VI. Old Business - Action Items

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

A revised draft document is enclosed for discussion and consideration for approval.

VII. New Business

2. OT-360. USC Nominee to the President’s Executive Leadership Program (PELP).

Executive Vice President Wilson has asked USC to provide a nominee for the 2019-20 cohort of PELP.

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

The Conference transmitted its advice and the advice of the senates to the President. USC will discuss the status of the Academic Governance Advisory Group (AGAG).


USC plans to invite the alumni association leaders from each university to future USC meetings.

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

Professor Maher will be the USC representative to the review committee. This committee has been added to the *OT-142, External Groups with USC Representatives*, so this item can be removed from the agenda.


The work of the committee (Nick Burbules, chair, Danilo Erricolo, and Magic Wade) will be complete once the 2019-20 Organizational Meeting has been held.


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. The UIC Senate has provided advice.


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 July presentation will be the annual report given by Professor Tolliver.

   Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

17. USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:
   Thursday, July 25, 2019 Chicago    Sandy De Groote

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: Policy on Background Checks
   Review Committee (Maher); 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

IX. Adjournment
   The next USC meeting will be held in August; date to be determined.
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. An update has been requested.


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.