

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

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

**9:00 a.m.**

Meeting: 210 (General Lounge) Illini Union

Luncheon: 209 Illini Union

1401 W. Green Street, Urbana

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

(The USC 2016-2017 Organizational Meeting will take place at the beginning of the meeting.)

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

**I. Old Business - Action Items**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

(Items 1-3) The Conference will discuss and possibly act on additional proposed changes to the *Statutes*.

II. Meeting with President Killeen and Vice President Pierre

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

III. Meeting with Interim Chancellor Wilson

IV. Remarks from the USC Chair

V. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of May 26, 2016

VI. Classification of Senate Minutes

None.

VII. New Business

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

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VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

5. 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.

The UIS Senate approved the revisions proposed by UIUC on April 22. The UIC Senate had first reading on April 27.

6. 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.

The revisions proposed by the UIUC Senate have been transmitted to the UIC and UIS Senates.

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

The work of the committee (Benet Deberry-Spence, Chair; Peter Boltuc; and Kim Graber) will be complete after the Organizational Meeting is held.

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 Framework.

The Board approved the document on May 19. Moving the Strategic Framework forward will be discussed with President Killeen and Vice President Pierre.

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

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

11. 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.

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

The Academic Affairs and Research Committee sent its report to the President.

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

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

14. 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.

15. 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?

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

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

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(Retreat will be held July 20)		

21. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

22. 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).

23. 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

IX. Adjournment

The next USC meeting will be held in August, date and location to be determined.