AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Friday, June 22, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Meeting: Excellence Room
Luncheon: Innovation Room
I Hotel and Conference Center
1900 S. First Street, Champaign

I. Meeting with President Killeen, Executive Vice President Wilson, and Chairman Koritz
   (The meeting will recess at noon for lunch.)

II. Meeting with Jami Painter, Interim Associate Vice President for Human Resources
   (The meeting will recess in order to hold the 2018-2019 USC Organizational Meeting.)

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of May 24, 2018

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
   None.

VII. New Business
   None.

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


The Statutes and Governance Committee continues to work on the revisions to the Statutes, including the addition of the system/university language.

In response to a request by USC, Vice President Wilson will be convening a group in August to consider the Intellectual Property language.


The UIUC Senate has been asked to reconsider the language by sending the document back to its USSP Committee for further consideration in consultation with CAFT. Advice from Legal Counsel has been sought. Vice President Wilson has been asked to provide an update.


The proposed statutory revisions and the response from the UIC Senate were transmitted to President Killeen.


No new information.

No new information.

7. 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 work of the committee (Professors Sandy De Groote, Bettina Francis, and Kathy Novak, Chair;) will be complete once the Organizational Meeting is held.

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

The next presentation will be the USC Chair’s annual report to the Board, which will take place at the July 19 meeting.

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

The audit process is complete and a report has been issued. USC has been considering recommendations in the report over this academic year.

11. OT-340. Search for a Vice President/Chief Financial Officer.

The search has been completed.


The comments from the UIUC Senate and the comments from the USC AARC were transmitted to Vice President Wilson.


USC approved revisions to its Bylaws at the February 22 meeting.

14. OT-344. Proposed Revision to the University Senates Conference *Bylaws*, 4.3.1 – Chair of the Nominating Committee.
USC approved revisions to its Bylaws at the May 3 meeting.

15. OT-345. UIC Proposal to establish a school of law by acquiring the John Marshall Law School. USC advice to President 5/25/18.

USC provided its advice, which was in support of the proposal, to the President.


Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

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

Thursday, July 19, 2018 Urbana Bettina Francis

18. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

19. OT-142. External Groups with USC Representatives: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Novak); President’s Executive Leadership Program (Johnson); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (DeBerry-Spence, Novak, Tolliver); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (TBD).

Positions will be filled as needed and as the vice presidents reorganize their groups.

20. Reports from USC Committees:

- Academic Affairs and Research Committee Kathy Novak, Chair
- Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee Harley Johnson, Chair
- Hospital and Health Affairs Committee
- Statutes and Governance Committee Nicholas Burbules, Chair

Any committee recommendations may be considered for action.

IX. Adjournment

The next USC meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on August 29 in Urbana.
Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee

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

No new information.


No new information.

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

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

4. OT-327. University Strategic Framework. Approved by the Board of Trustees 5/19/16.

No new information.

5. 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.


No new information.

7. 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?

8. 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.


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.

10. 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.