

AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Friday, August 25, 2017

10:00 a.m.

President's House

711 W. Florida Avenue, Urbana

I. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson

President Killeen and *Vice President Wilson will meet with USC at 10 a.m.

(The meeting will recess at noon for lunch.)

II. Remarks from the USC Chair

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of June 28, 2017
Approval of University Senates Conference Organizational Minutes of June 28, 2017

IV. 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

V. Old Business - Action Items

None.

VI. New Business

1. OT-341. USC 2017 Retreat.

The Conference will discuss plans and topics for the retreat to be held on September 20 and 21.

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

2. 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.

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.

3. 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.

The Conference has advocated sending the changes to the *Statutes* where there are no concerns to the Board of Trustees.

4. 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. USC new proposed revisions 4/27/17. Transmitted to Senates 5/11/17.

The Conference approved language that would permit the president to propose statutory revisions in collaboration with USC. The new proposed revisions have been transmitted to the senates.

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. Passed UIC Senate 9/29/16. Transmitted to Vice President Wilson 11/22/16.

This item has been transmitted to the Vice President Wilson.

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. Passed UIS Senate 9/23/16. Passed UIC Senate 10/26/16. Transmitted to President 12/5/16.

All three senates approved identical language, which has been transmitted to President Killeen.

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

Professors Novak and Rao will provide an update on the audit. *Darla Hill and Kevin Jones from University Audits will call into the meeting at 2pm. (See IX)

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

Professor Villegas will serve on the search committee.

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

The next presentation will be on September 7. There will be a discussion regarding the planning of reports to the Board.

10. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

11. Report of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, July 13, 2017	Chicago	Meena Rao
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12. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, September 7, 2017	Urbana	Bettina Francis
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13. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

14. OT-142. External Groups with USC Representatives: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Vacant); President's Executive Leadership Program; Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, DeBerry-Spence, LaDu, Mohammadian, Villegas); Vice President for Finance Faculty Advisory Committee (DeBerry-Spence, Weech); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, Miller, Villegas, Wheeler).

Positions will be filled as needed. A representative is needed for Enrollment Management Policy Council.

15. Reports from USC Committees:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee
Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee
Hospital and Health Affairs Committee
Statutes and Governance Committee

Any committee recommendations may be considered for action.

VIII. Review of the current and pending USC items to determine whether to keep them on the agenda

IX. *Discussion of the report from University Audits – Executive Session

X. Adjournment

The next USC meeting will be held on September 20 in Chicago beginning at 10 a.m. and ending around 3 p.m. The retreat will begin that evening and end on September 21 in the afternoon.

Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee

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

USC will consider in the spring whether there will be a review.

2. 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.

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.

6. OT-331. University of Illinois Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment (IPAC) – formerly U of I 2021 Initiative.

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.

9. 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.

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.

11. OT-338. USC Statement on Faculty/Staff Salary and Benefits. Transmitted to President and Vice President for Academic Affairs 12/7/16.

No new information.