

AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

10:00 a.m.

President's House

711 W. Florida Avenue, Urbana

I. Meeting with President Killeen

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

II. Remarks from the USC Chair

III. USC Committee Meetings

IV. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of June 22, 2016
Approval of University Senates Conference Organizational Minutes of June 22, 2016

V. Classification of Senate Minutes

None.

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

VI. Old Business - Action Items

None.

VII. New Business

1. OT-336. USC 2016 Retreat.

The Conference will discuss plans and topics for the retreat and meeting to be held in September.

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

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

The next presentation will be the new USC Chair's report on September 8. There will be a discussion regarding the direction of USC this academic year.

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 3-5) The Conference has advocated sending the changes to the *Statutes* where there are no concerns to the Board of Trustees.

6. 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 and plans to act on this item in the fall.

7. 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.

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

The next steps will be discussed with President Killeen.

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

President Killeen has been asked to provide an update.

10. 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.

11. 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?

12. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

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

Thursday, July 21, 2016	Urbana	Bettina Francis
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14. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, September 8, 2016	Urbana	Harley Johnson
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15. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

16. 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).

The list will be reviewed to determine whether the groups are still active and whether there needs to be membership changes.

17. Reports from USC Committees:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee	Meena Rao
Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee	Harley Johnson
Hospital and Health Affairs Committee	Mary Jo LaDu
Statutes and Governance Committee	Nick Burbules

IX. Adjournment

The USC meeting and retreat is scheduled to be held in September.

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-320. Salary increments and campus budgeting priorities.

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.