I. Remarks from the USC Chair

II. Remarks from the President

III. Meeting with President Easter and Vice President Pierre

(The meeting will recess at noon for lunch with former UIC Chancellor Donald Langenberg.)

IV. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of August 23, 2012

V. Classification of Senate Minutes
   A. University of Illinois at Chicago – None
   B. University of Illinois at Springfield – September 14, 2012
   C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – September 10, 2012

   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

1. OT-289. USC 2012 Retreat.

   The Executive Committee has received suggestions of topics for the USC retreat. The topics covered during the Board of Trustees retreat in July and the President’s
goals are also being considered as retreat topics. The Executive Committee requests that the Conference authorize it to sort through the various topics and determine which will be discussed during the retreat.

VII. New Business

2. OT-290. Appointment of Members to the Committees of the University Senates Conference.

Nominations from the Executive Committee are enclosed for action.

3. OT-291. Recommendation to establish Faculty Advisory Committees for all four Vice Presidents.

This will also be discussed during the morning session with President Easter and Vice President Pierre.

4. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

   November 8, 2012  Springfield

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

5. OT-288. Resolution on Pensions/Pension Reform.

   No new information.


   The Board of Trustees Office is initiating a process to revise the Statutes and General Rules.

7. OT-266. Proposed revisions to the University Senates Conference Organization and Functions (including proposed revisions to the subcommittee structure).

   The Conference approved revisions at the August 23 meeting.

8. OT-269. Cross-Campus Dialogue (formerly Call for a University-wide Summit on Organization and Governance).

   No new information.
9. OT-271. University Senates Conference presentations to the Board of Trustees.

Professor Burbules will give the faculty report at the September 14 Board meeting. The next Board meeting is November 8 at UIS.


No new information.

11. OT-123. Discussion of University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of possible guests to invite to future meetings.

12. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

13. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

September 14, 2012 Urbana Mary Mallory

14. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: Common Application Consortium (Graber); Enrollment Management Policy Council (Leff); Pre- and Post-Award Research Money Policy group (Wheeler); Strategic Communications and Marketing Council; UI Labs Task Force (Chambers); University Technology Management Team (Campbell); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee; Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Boltuc, Chambers, Wheeler).

15. Review of Pending Items.

Conference members are asked to review the addendum and comment if they know of any new information. Background information follows each item.

IX. Adjournment

The USC retreat and next regular meeting are scheduled to be held on October 15 and 16 at the I Hotel in Champaign and Allerton Park and Retreat Center in Monticello.
OT-167. Faculty Representation to the Board of Trustees.

In June 2000, the Resolution on Faculty Representation to the Board of Trustees was transmitted to the President who in turn forwarded the resolution to the Board. The resolution, which was developed by the Conference and approved by each senate, requests a faculty voice from each campus at the Board table. (This resolution was also transmitted to Dr. Ikenberry in December 2009.)

OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

The Statutes state that: “The university officers are identified in The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure. Prior to recommending to the Board of Trustees the initial appointment of any university officer except the president and the vice presidents/chancellors the president shall seek the advice of the University Senates Conference. On the occasion of the reappointment of any university officer, the University Senates Conference may submit its advice if it so elects.” USC has routinely reviewed the vice presidents, but due to changes in leadership positions, the reviews have not been held on a regular basis for the last few years. The process should begin late in the spring.


After the Intellectual Property section of The General Rules was revised in September 2009, some Conference members felt that there were additional issues that needed to be addressed, such as what constitutes usual and customary resources that are provided.


The University Technology Management Team approved an interim University Information Security Policy that USC and the three campuses reviewed. The Information Security Policy, and other related IT policies, can be found at http://www.aits.uillinois.edu/i_t_policies.

OT-262. Accelerated Degree Program.

The Conference decided to wait to see what the campuses do.

OT-265. Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government Foundation.

The Conference continues to monitor this item.

OT-268. Administrative Reorganization.

The Conference continues to review the various changes in Campus and University Administration.

OT-276. Performance Based Funding.

Dr. Charlie Evans gave a presentation to USC in October 2012.

OT-280. Faculty Participation in Shared Governance at the University of Illinois.

The Conference has discussed best practices for providing advice to the President and to the Board of Trustees.