

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

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Room 364, Henry Administration Building (10am-12pm)

Room 210 - General Lounge, Illini Union (remainder of meeting)

506 S. Wright Street, Urbana (HAB)

1401 W. Green Street, Urbana (IU)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

I. Meeting with President Killeen and Interim Vice President Marshall

(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 Minutes of August 31, 2016

V. Classification of Senate Minutes

A. University of Illinois at Chicago – None

B. University of Illinois at Springfield – September 9

C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – September 19

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

1. OT-337. Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Acceptance of Transfer Credit for Undergraduate Admission Purposes.

The policy was distributed at the last meeting. The senate chairs will be taking the policy to their respective senate for consideration. The item will be formally transmitted to the senates and USC may provide advice if it so chooses.

VII. New Business

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

Thursday, November 10, 2016 Chicago \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

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-336. USC 2016 Retreat.

The retreat will be held the evening of September 20 and during the day on September 21.

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

The next presentation to the Board will be on November 10.

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

This item will be discussed with President Killeen.

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

This item will be discussed with President Killeen.

12. 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.

13. 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?

14. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

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

Thursday, September 8, 2016      Urbana      Harley Johnson

16. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

17. OT-142. Updates on External Groups with USC Representatives: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Jackson); President's Executive Leadership Program (to be determined - begins 2017); 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 contains some groups that are active and some that might be starting back up when new administration is in place. The membership can be reviewed as needed.

18. Reports from USC Committees:

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

Meena Rao  
Harley Johnson  
Mary Jo LaDu  
Nick Burbules

#### IX. Adjournment

The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on October 26 in Chicago.

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.