I. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson

(The meeting will recess at noon for lunch.)

II. Remarks from the USC Chair

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of August 25, 2017

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes

   A. University of Illinois at Chicago – None

   B. University of Illinois at Springfield – September 15, 2017

   C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – September 18, 2017

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


   The proposed revisions to the Statutes and General Rules were reviewed by President Killeen, Executive Vice President Wilson, and Legal Counsel. USC will review the documents that indicate which proposed changes have been accepted and which have not. USC will also discuss areas that need further review, such as the definition of faculty.
VII. New Business

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

   Thursday, November 16, 2017    Chicago

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


   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.


   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. In addition, a background statement has been transmitted to the senates.


   This item has been transmitted to Vice President Wilson.


   All three senates approved identical language, which has been transmitted to President Killeen.
7. OT-339. Audit of the University Senates Conference.
   The audit process is complete and a report has been issued. USC plans to consider the recommendations in the report over this academic year.

8. OT-340. Search for a Vice President/Chief Financial Officer.
   Professor Villegas will serve on the search committee.

9. OT-341. USC 2017 Retreat.
   The retreat will be held September 20 and 21.

10. OT-326. USC Presentations to the Board of Trustees.
    The Conference will discuss the next presentation, which will be on November 16.

11. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.
    Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

12. Report of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:
    Thursday, September 7, 2017 Urbana Bettina Francis

13. Campus Updates.
    Discussion of campus matters for information.

14. 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 (Burbules, DeBerry-Spence, LaDu, Tolliver); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, Miller, Wheeler).
    Positions will be filled as needed and as the vice presidents reorganize their groups.

15. 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 will be held on October 24 in Urbana-Champaign.
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.


   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.

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.