AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Monday, September 23, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Discovery Partners Institute
200 S. Wacker Drive, 4th Floor
Chicago

I. Meeting with President Killeen, Executive Vice President Wilson, and Chair Edwards 1:00 p.m.

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of August 29, 2019

III. Classification of Senate Minutes
    A. University of Illinois at Chicago – None
    B. University of Illinois at Springfield – August 30, 2019; September 13, 2019
    C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – September 16, 2019

IV. Remarks from the USC Chair

V. USC Committee of the Whole Discussion: Follow-up Items from Session with the President, Executive Vice President, and Chair of the Board of Trustees

   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


      USC will consider a draft response to the recommendations for the shared governance of DPI from the Academic Governance Advisory Group (AGAG).

VII. New Business

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

      Thursday, November 14, 2019    Chicago    ______________
VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

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

The September 19 presentation will be given by Professor De Groote and will focus on an overview of the USC agenda for the year. There will be a discussion of future reports.


No new information. USC plans to invite the alumni association leaders from each university to future USC meetings.

5. OT-361. System-wide committee to develop a process for identifying terminated employees who are not eligible for rehire.

Professors Strahle, Stroscio, and Tolliver will participate on the system-wide committee. This item can be removed from the agenda and the committee added to OT-142, External Groups with USC Representatives.


The retreat will be held on September 23 and 24 at the Discovery Partners Institute in Chicago.


The UIC and UIS Senates have acted on this item.


Additional proposed revisions to the section on Intellectual Property have been transmitted to the senates. The UIC and UIUC Senates have provided advice.

No new information.


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No new information.


No new information.

13. **ST-83.** Revisions to the *Statutes* – new proposed revisions and proposed revisions from ST-77 that need further discussion (B File).

No new information.

14. **ST-84.** Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII, Section 4 – Changes in Existing Units. Passed UIUC Senate 11/12/18. Transmitted to Senates 12/18/18. Revised UIUC

The UIUC Senate approved a revised document on April 22, which was transmitted to the other two senates on May 7. The UIS Senate approved the UIUC Senate revisions on August 30.

15. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

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

Thursday, September 19, 2019 Urbana Magic Wade

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

No new information.

18. University Updates.

Discussion of university matters for information.

19. OT-142. External Groups with USC Representatives: Policy on Background Checks Review Committee (Maher); DPI Academic Governance Advisory Group (De Groote, Johnson); DPI Academic Executive Committee (Karri); Enrollment Management Policy Council (Wade); President’s Executive Leadership Program (Dallesasse); Establish UI System Guidelines for Invited Speakers Task Force (Span); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee for System Academic Affairs (Tolliver).

Update on activities of the external groups.

20. Reports from USC Committees:

   Academic Affairs and Research Committee Aria Razfar, Chair
   Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee Roy Campbell, Chair
   Statutes and Governance Committee Nick Burbules, Chair

IX. Adjournment

The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 29, in Springfield.
Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee

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

   After discussion with the President, the Conference decided to invite each vice president to meet with USC each year for a discussion of their accomplishments and priorities. The meetings would take place during the session with the President. These meetings take place in 2019-2020.

2. OT-320. Salary increments and campus budgeting priorities.

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

3. 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?

   The Executive Vice President’s Office is doing a review of the TEM system and invited USC members to participate. An update has been requested.


   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.