

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

Tuesday, October 2, 2018  
8:00 a.m.  
Allerton Park and Retreat Center  
515 Old Timber Road, Monticello

- I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of August 29, 2018
- II. Classification of Senate Minutes
  - A. University of Illinois at Chicago – September 20, 2018
  - B. University of Illinois at Springfield – August 31, 2018; September 14, 2018
  - C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – September 24, 2018
- III. Remarks from the USC Chair
- IV. USC Committee of the Whole Discussion: Preparation for Meeting with the President and the Executive Vice President

Explanation of File Numbers

ST - University of Illinois *Statutes*  
GR - *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*  
NC - Nominating Committee  
OT - Other Topics

V. Old Business - Action Items

- 1. OT-348. Reassignment of Hospital and Health Affairs Committee members.

The USC Executive Committee recommends that this committee be dissolved, at least for the current year, and its members join one of the other three committees. The proposed transfers are: Professor Razfar to AARC; Professor Francis to FBBC; and Professor Vincent to SGC.

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

Discussion and planning of future reports.

VI. New Business

- 3. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Chicago

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VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

4. ST-77. Revisions to the *Statutes* – Edits and Updates (A File). Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. Transmitted to Senates 10/10/14. Passed UIC Senate 12/3/14. Passed UIS Senate 1/23/15. Passed UIUC Senate 5/4/15. Transmitted to the President 5/29/15. Transmitted to Senates 9/4/18.

The newest version of the proposed revisions has been transmitted to the senates.

5. GR-46. Revisions to the *General Rules* – Edits and Updates. Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. Transmitted to the President 12/22/14. 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. Intellectual Property transmitted to the President 5/29/15. Revised IP to Senates 4/4/18. UIC Senate response 4/26/18 (not approved, provided recommendations) UIUC Senate response 4/30/18 (not approved, provided recommendations). Transmitted to Senates (Article III, Intellectual Property) 9/4/18.

The revised section on Intellectual Property has been transmitted to the senates.

6. 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. Referred back to UIUC Senate USSP Committee in consultation with CAFT 2/23/17.

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. Advice from Legal Counsel has been sought.

7. ST-79. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.b, and Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference and the President 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. USC new proposed revisions 4/27/17. Transmitted to Senates 5/11/17. Background statement to Senates 9/6/17. Passed UIS Senate 9/15/17. Voted down UIC Senate 11/30/17. Passed UIUC Senate with revisions 12/11/17. USC reconciled language to Senates 1/29/18. Passed UIUC Senate 4/2/18. Passed UIS Senate 4/6/18. Failed UIC Senate 4/26/18. Approved USC 5/3/18. Transmitted to President 6/1/18 with UIC response.

The proposed statutory revisions and the response from the UIC Senate were transmitted to President Killeen.

8. 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. Passed UIC Senate 9/29/16. Transmitted to Vice President Wilson 11/22/16.

No new information.

9. 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. Passed UIS Senate 9/23/16. Passed UIC Senate 10/26/16. Transmitted to President 12/5/16.

No new information.

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

No new information.

11. OT-346. USC 2018 Retreat.

Follow-up discussion and recommendations for future retreats.

12. OT-347. Create a USC Descriptive Summary Document.

The newest version of the informational document is attached.

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

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Urbana

Bettina Francis

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

Follow-up items are being discussed with University Audits.

15. OT-343. Proposed Revision to the University Senates Conference *Bylaws*, Section 3, 3.5 – Term Limits. Approved by USC 2/21/18.

USC approved revisions to its Bylaws at the February 22 meeting. These will be reported to the senates and to the Board when the *Statutes* are revised.

16. OT-344. Proposed Revision to the University Senates Conference *Bylaws*, 4.3.1 – Chair of the Nominating Committee.

USC approved revisions to its Bylaws at the May 3 meeting. These will be reported to the senates and to the Board when the *Statutes* are revised.

17. OT-345. UIC Proposal to establish a school of law by acquiring the John Marshall Law School. USC advice to President 5/25/18.

USC provided its advice, which was in support of the proposal, to the President.

18. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

19. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

20. OT-142. External Groups with USC Representatives: Enrollment Management Policy Council; President's Executive Leadership Program (Erricolo); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (DeBerry-Spence, Tolliver); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (TBD).

Positions will be filled as needed. The Enrollment Management Policy Council position is vacant.

21. Reports from USC Committees:

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

Gay Miller, Chair  
Danilo Erricolo, Chair  
Nicholas Burbules, Chair

VIII. Review of Agenda Items (proposal to remove inactive items)

IX. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson, 10:00 a.m.

X. Adjournment

The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on October 31 in Chicago.

Pending Items and Items Referred to Committee

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

No new information.

2. 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.

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.

6. OT-331. University of Illinois Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment (IPAC) – formerly U of I 2021 Initiative.

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.

9. 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.

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.