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 ____________
VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


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


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


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.


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

No new information.


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: Gay Miller, Chair
  - Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee: Danilo Erricolo, Chair
  - Statutes and Governance Committee: 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.


   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
facing 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.