AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Wednesday, October 31, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Meeting: 206 Student Center West
Luncheon: 213 Student Center West
828 S. Wolcott Avenue
University of Illinois at Chicago

I. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson
(The meeting will recess at noon for lunch.)

II. Meeting with Dr. William Sanders, Interim Director, Discovery Partners Institute

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of October 2, 2018

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes
   A. University of Illinois at Chicago – October 24, 2018
   B. University of Illinois at Springfield – October 12, 2018; October 26, 2018
   C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – October 15, 2018

V. Remarks from the USC Chair

VI. 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

VII. Old Business - Action Items
1. OT-349. Discussion of the future of the USC Hospital and Health Affairs Committee.

   The USC approved dissolving this committee for the current year. Each of its members
   are now on one of the other three committees. Should the committee be dissolved
   permanently?

VIII. New Business
2. OT-350. Election of USC Executive Committee Member from UIC.

Professor Benet DeBerry-Spence has resigned from the Executive Committee. There will be an election to fill the vacant seat.

3. OT-351. Shared Governance and System-Wide Academic and Research Initiatives at the University Of Illinois: Guidelines

This topic was the focus of the USC retreat. A draft document will be discussed.

IX. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


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


The revised section on Intellectual Property has been approved by the UIC and UIUC Senates.


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.

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-326. USC Presentations to the Board of Trustees.

The USC Statutes and Governance Committee will give the presentation to the Board on November 15.

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

    Thursday, November 15, 2018    Chicago    Gay Miller

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

    Follow-up items were discussed with University Audits and new target dates have been set for three items.

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.

15. OT-344. Proposed Revision to the University Senates Conference Bylaws, 4.3.1 – Chair of the Nominating Committee. Approved by USC 5/3/18.

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.


Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

17. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

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

Update on activities of the external groups.

19. 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

X. USC Committee Meetings

XI. Adjournment

The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held on November 28 in Springfield.
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
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.