AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Meeting: Excellence Room
Luncheon: Loyalty Room
I Hotel and Conference Center
1900 S. First Street, Champaign

I. Meeting with President Killeen, Executive Vice President Wilson, and Vice President Ghosh

(The meeting will recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and resume at 1:00 p.m.)

II. Meeting with Julie Zemaitis, Executive Director of University Audits

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of October 29, 2019

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes

   A. University of Illinois at Chicago – None
   
   B. University of Illinois at Springfield – November 8, 2019; November 22, 2019
   
   C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – November 11, 2019

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


   All three senates have acted on the statutory revisions. The document needs to go back to the senates once the USC Statutes and Governance Committee reconciles the proposed amendments from the senates.
VIII. **New Business**

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

   Thursday, January 16, 2020    Chicago

IX. **Old Business – Information and Discussion Items**

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

   USC will discuss plans for the next presentation, which is scheduled for January 16 in Chicago.


   USC has requested an update from President Killeen.

5. OT-357. Lifelong Alumni Connections. USC Resolution approved 4/2/19. Transmitted to President 4/18/19.

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

6. OT-363. Recognizing and Rewarding Faculty Participation in Shared Governance.

   At the last meeting, USC discussed the challenges of participating in shared governance and whether faculty should be recognized and compensated in ways such as stipends or time-release. The group will discuss whether there might be ways to encourage discussions at the appropriate levels.


   The *General Rules* revisions, including the section on Intellectual Property that was acted on by the senates, was transmitted to the President.

The language approved by the UIUC Senate on October 14 was transmitted to the other senates.


No new information.


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No new information.

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

No new information.

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.

14. **OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.**

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

15. **Report of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:**

Thursday, November 14, 2019 Chicago Ann Strahle

16. **OT-339. Audit of the University Senates Conference.**

No new information.

17. **University Updates.**

Discussion of university matters for information.

18. **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); System-wide Committee to develop a process for identifying terminated employees who are not eligible for rehire (Strahle, Stroscio, Tolliver).

Update on activities of the external groups. Professor William Maher will join the meeting to provide an update on the review of the background checks policy.

19. **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

X. **Adjournment**

The next USC meeting is scheduled to be held by videoconference on Thursday, January 23.
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.