AGENDA
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE
Friday, December 12, 2014
10:30 a.m.
Meeting: Room C, Public Affairs Center
Luncheon: PAC Restaurant, 12:00 p.m.
One University Plaza
University of Illinois at Springfield

I. Remarks from the USC Chair

II. Old Business - Action Items

   Transmitted to Senates 1010/14.

   The statutory changes have been transmitted to the senates. The Board of Trustees has
   requested a response by February 26.

   The proposed revisions to the General Rules are enclosed for discussion.

III. Meeting with President Easter and Vice President Pierre, 1:00 p.m.

IV. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of October 8, 2014

V. Classification of Senate Minutes

   A. University of Illinois at Chicago – October 29, December 3

   B. University of Illinois at Springfield – October 10 and 24, November 7 and 21

   C. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – October 20, November 17

Explanation of File Numbers

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

VI. New Business

2. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

   Thursday, January 15, 2015   Chicago

   USC Report:
   Wednesday, January 14, 2015   ASAC   Gay Miller
VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


The revised proposed language is being considered by the UIC and UIS senates.


The proposed statutory changes have been transmitted to the President and are being reviewed by Legal Counsel.


At its retreat, the Conference decided to develop a white paper to address various topics, including its role in shared governance and relationship with the Board of Trustees.


A letter was sent to Chairman Kennedy and President Easter from USC expressing concern with the actions of SUCCS and supporting the “Statement of Concern” from the Council of Illinois University Senates. All three senates have supported the CIUS statement.


The Proposed Policy on Open Access to Research Articles at the University of Illinois has been transmitted to the senates. The Open Access Task Force reported to the Board at its November meeting.

8. OT-307. Leadership Development Program.

Professors Deberry-Spence and Villegas will report.

This item can be removed from the agenda.


The UIS Senate approved the proposed policy language on September 12. The UIC Senate plans to consider the document on December 3.

11. OT-313. Search for Executive Director of Governmental Relations.

Professors Tolliver and Villegas will provide an update.

12. OT-123. University Senates Conference guests.

Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings.

13. USC Report:

- Thursday, November 13, 2014 Chicago Gay Miller
- Thursday, October 30, 2014 GPEC Donald Chambers

14. Campus Updates.

Discussion of campus matters for information.

15. Reports from USC Committees:

- Academic Affairs and Research Committee Gay Miller
- Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee Roy Campbell
- Hospital and Health Affairs Committee Jorge Villegas
- Statutes and Governance Committee Nicholas Burbules

16. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: Pre- and Post-Award Research Money Policy group (Wheeler); Strategic Communications and Marketing Council (Villegas); UI Labs Task Force (Chambers); University Technology Management Team (Campbell); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Chambers, Mohammadian, Tolliver, Villegas); Vice President for Academic Affairs UA Budget Review Advisory Committee (Mohammadian, Villegas, Wheeler); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Boltuc, Chambers, Villegas, Wheeler).

VIII. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on January 22 by videoconference.
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Pending Items

OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

OT-265. Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government.

OT-288. Faculty/Staff Pension and Benefit Issues (formerly Resolution on Pensions/Pension Reform).
