

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

1. ST-77/GR-46. Revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* – Edits and Updates.
Transmitted to Senates 10/10/14.

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

3. 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.

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

4. ST-79. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.b, and Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference 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.

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

5. OT-316. University Senates Conference White Paper.

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.

6. OT-317. Actions of the State Universities Civil Service System (SUCCS) and preserving public universities' exemption authority. USC support of CIUS "Statement of Concern" 10/8/14.

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.

7. OT-304. Open Access to Research Articles. Transmitted to Senates 10/21/14.

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.

9. OT-309. Presidential Search.

This item can be removed from the agenda.

10. 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.

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:

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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.

University Senates Conference
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).

OT-298. Shared Governance in a Changing Environment.

OT-315. Proposed University Senates Conference Resolution on Avoiding Cross-Campus Conflicts. Transmitted 8/27/14.