

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, November 4, 2021

PLACE: Videoconference

PRESENT: Benson, Burbules, Campbell, Dallesasse, Danziger, De Groot (Vice Chair), Erricolo, Jenkins, Kalita, Kar (Chair), Maher, Razfar, Strahle, Stroschio, Tolliver, Varden, Weuve, Wink

ABSENT: Peiravian, Sharma

GUESTS: Avijit Ghosh, Timothy Killeen, Jay Walsh

Professor Kar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He discussed the proposed meeting format for the next several meetings.

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of August 31, 2021

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of September 27, 2021

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Retreat Minutes of September 27, 2021

The minutes were not available.

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes

Class I:	Matters of policy affecting one campus only. Item is sent to the President and Board of Trustees for action.
Class II:	Matters affecting more than one campus. Item is sent to Senate(s) for action, then to President and Board of Trustees. At the time of this classification, the Conference member will file with the recording secretary an accurate final copy of the Senate action.
Class III:	Amendments to the <i>University of Illinois Statutes</i> . Procedure is the same as with Class II items. At the time of reporting this classification, the Conference member will file with the recording secretary an accurate final copy of the Senate action.
Class N:	This designation requires no USC action, but alerts one or more Senates to an item of interest from the originating Senate. The "N" is preceded by and followed by a lower case letter(s); c = Chicago; s = Springfield; u = Urbana-Champaign; usc = University Senates Conference. Example: "cNs,u" means that a matter has come up in the Chicago Senate, which may be of interest to Springfield and Urbana-Champaign.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of December 9, 2021

Professor Burbules moved to approve the proposed classification of senate minutes. Professor Strahle seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

A. The following items were classified I by the University Senates Conference:

1. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, September 20, 2021

- EP.21.095 Hospitality Management Minor, UG: -- Establish a BS minor in Hospitality Management in the department of Food Science & Human Nutrition
- EP.21.119 Game Studies & Design Minor, UG: -- Establish an undergraduate Game Studies and Design Minor as an Informatics Program
- EP.21.120 Game Studies & Design Minor, UG - Electives List: -- Proposed Electives list for the proposed Game Studies & Design Minor
- EP.21.121 JP: Law, JD and Library and Information Science, MS -- Establish a Joint Degree Program: Juris Doctor in Law and Masters of Science in Library and Information Science in the School of Information Sciences
- EP.21.133 Statistics Minor, UG -- Revise the Undergraduate Statistics Minor in the Department of Statistics within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- EP.21.134 Computer Science + Education: Secondary Education, BS -- Proposal to Establish the Secondary Education concentration for the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science + Education within the College of Education
- EP.21.135 Neural Engineering, BS -- Establish a major in Neural Engineering within the Bachelor of Science degree in the Grainger College of Engineering
- EP.22.003 Revision to the Policy Guidelines for Developing Academic Calendars and Update all Currently Approved Academic Calendars to Add the Juneteenth Holiday
- EP.22.004 Statistics, PhD -- Revision of the Ph.D. degree requirements in the Department of Statistics within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- EP.22.005 Instructional System Design Management and Leadership, CERT -- Establish the Online Campus Graduate Certificate in Instructional System Design Management and Leadership (ISDML) in the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership

- EP.22.006 Schools Specialization, CAS -- Creating the Schools Specialization, CAS
- EP.22.007 Translation & Interpreting Studies Minor, GR -- Establish New Graduate Minor in Translation and Interpreting Studies, Program in Translation and Interpreting Studies, in the School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics, within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- EP.22.008 Legal Studies Minor, UG -- Undergraduate Minor in Legal Studies: New Courses
- EP.22.009 UG-CHLH: Community Health UG Correlates -- Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Community Health to update correlates

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, October 8, 2021

- Res. 51-02 Tenure by Exception
- Res. 50-26 Elimination of BBA in Economics

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 18, 2021

- EP.22.012 Advanced Design Thinking, CERT -- Establish the Campus Graduate Certificate in Advanced Design Thinking
- EP.22.013 Engineering: Instrumentation and Applied Physics, Meng -- Establish a Graduate Concentration in Instrumentation and Applied Physics within the Master of Engineering in Engineering Degree
- EP.22.014 JP: Sustainable Design, BS and Art & Design: Design for Responsible Innovation, MFA -- Establish joint programs using the 4 + 2 model in the School of Art and Design for the BS of Sustainable Design (key 614, college-hosted major) and MFA in Art & Design, Design for Responsible Innovation (key 918, in School of Art and Design)
- EP.22.015 Learning Design and Leadership, CERT -- Establish the Campus Graduate Certificate in Learning Design and Leadership (LDL) (Online)
- EP.22.016 Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering, BS --A BS revision
- EP.22.021 Cancer Education Management in Underrepresented and Diverse Communities, CERT -- Establish the Campus Graduate Certificate in Cancer Education and Management in Underrepresented and Diverse Communities, CERT in the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership

EP.22.029 Health and Well-being for Designed Environments, CERT (online)
 -- This proposal seeks approval of a Campus Graduate Certificate
 in Health and Well-being for Designed Environments

4. University of Illinois at Springfield, October 22, 2021

Res. 51-06 Formation of a BBA Concentration in Economics

5. University of Illinois at Chicago, October 28, 2021

PR-22.01 Proposal to Revise the Master of Business Administration

PR-22.02 Proposal to Establish the Concentration in Business Law in the
 Juris Doctor

PR-22.03 Proposal to Establish Six Additional Concentrations in the Doctor
 of Pharmacy

PR-22.04 Proposal to Establish the Master of Science in Applied Behavior
 Analysis, Disability and Diversity in Urban Society

PR-22.05 Proposal to Establish the Master of Physiology for Therapeutic
 Development

PR-22.06 Proposal to Revise the Grading System of the Doctor of Medicine
 Degree in the College of Medicine

PR-22.07 Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Health Information
 Management for Students with Registered Health Information
 Technician (RHIT) Certification

PR-22.08 Proposal to Eliminate the Coordinated Program Concentration in
 the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition

PR-22.09 Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Management

PR-22.10 Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Human Resource
 Management

CP-22.01 Proposal to Establish the Campus Certificate in Co-operative
 Career Experience

B. The following items were classified N by the University Senates Conference:

6. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, September 20, 2021

- EP.22.001 Report of Temporary Suspension of Admission to Computational Genomics, MENG (on campus & online)
- EP.22.002 Report of Temporary Suspension of Admission to Pharmaceutical Engineering, MENG (on campus & online)
- EP.22.011 Report of Administrative Approvals Through September 13, 2021
- EC.21.06 Revision to the Election Rules for the Academic Professional Electorate, Section 3 – Eligibility

7. University of Illinois at Chicago, September 29, 2021

cNs,u Ratified the UIC Senate Statement on Support of the Latinx Community

8. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 18, 2021

- uNc,s SP.21.09 Revision to the Bylaws, Part F.5 (Evaluation of the Chancellor)
- EP. 22.017 Report of Administrative Approvals through September 27, 2021
- EP.22.018 Report of DD: Dance, BA and Kinesiology, BS -- Establish a Dual Degrees (DD) pathway for the BA Dance and BS Kinesiology undergraduate degrees, which will be housed within the College of Fine & Applied Arts
- EP.22.020 Report of Administrative Approvals through October 4, 2021
- EP.22.030 Report of Administrative Approvals Through October 11, 2021

9. University of Illinois at Chicago, October 28, 2021

cNs,u First Reading: Proposed revisions to the Statutes (USC ST-83 following ST-77) (USC ST-83)

V. Remarks from the USC Chair

Professor Kar said that President Killeen, Executive Vice President Ghosh, and Vice President Walsh would meet with USC in the afternoon.

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. Old Business - Action Items

There was no old business for action.

VII. New Business

1. USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

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2. USC Presentation to Board of Trustees

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USC decided to give a report on the various roles of the faculty during COVID-19. An *ad hoc* committee was created to prepare the presentation. Professor Burbules volunteered to chair the committee, which also included Professors Benson, Danziger, and Weuve.

3. USC Discussion: How Senates communicate with each other

USC members discussed protocols for interactions among the senates, especially when dealing with statutory revisions. There was agreement that each senate should be in control of its own procedures and time frame. Once a senate completes its review of proposed language, the document should come to USC. The role of USC is to coordinate the actions of the three senates. If at least two senates are in agreement, USC has the ability to move a proposal forward. Professor Kar made the following motion, "If individual senates or committees within senates are processing something from USC concurrently, and they have information that might be relevant to another senate, the information should be sent to USC for consideration as to whether and how the information should be distributed." Professor Burbules seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

4. OT-372. Proposal to establish a consultation process for system policies. Sent to Executive Vice President Wilson 2/3/21. Response from Executive Vice President 5/6/21.

There was no new information.

5. ST-83. Revisions to the *Statutes* – new proposed revisions and proposed revisions from ST-77 that need further discussion (B File). Sent to the Executive Vice President 5/1/20.

6. ST-84. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII, Section 4 – Changes in Existing Units. Passed UIUC Senate 11/12/18. Transmitted to Senates 12/18/18. Revised UIUC Senate document 4/22/19. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 5/7/19. Passed UIS Senate 8/30/19. Passed with amendments UIC Senate 1/30/20. UIC Senate amendments transmitted to UIS and UIUC Senates 3/2/20. Passed UIS Senate 4/3/20. Passed with amendments UIUC Senate 4/27/20. Reconciled language approved by USC 5/29/20. Reconciled language to Senates 6/2/20. UIUC Senate USSP response 6/5/20. UIC SEC response 6/10/20. UIS Senate response 4/30/21. Transmitted to President 6/3/21.

7. ST-85. Proposed Revisions to the *Statute*, Article X, Section 1 (Tenure of Academic Staff) (a) 6 and 7 – to permit the use of five-year appointments for non-tenure track faculty. Passed UIC Senate 4/22/20. Transmitted to UIS and UIUC Senates 5/1/20. Passed UIUC Senates 3/8/21. Passed UIS Senate 3/26/21. Transmitted to the President 4/5/21.

8. ST-86. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article III, Sections 3 and 5, and Article VI – Dean, Director, or Campus Librarian. Passed UIUC Senate 4/27/20. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 5/1/20. Passed UIC Senates 10/21/20. Passed UIS Senate 4/9/21. Transmitted to President 5/5/21.

[Items 5-8: ST-83, ST-84, ST-85, ST-86] Professor Burbules commented that there were no updates on the statutory items.

9. University Senates Conference Guests.

The Conference discussed guests to invite to future meetings.

10. University Updates.

Professor Wink said that the UIC Senate has been working on ST-83 and has been involved with Black Lives Matter issues. Professor Weuve reported that UIS is in the final stages of a massive reorganization effort and is searching for a new chancellor. Professor Kar said that the provost has issued a communication on promotion and tenure.

(The meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m. and resumed at 1:00 p.m.)

IX. Meeting with President Killeen, Executive Vice President Ghosh, Vice President Walsh

President Killeen congratulated USC members on the comprehensive and ambitious ten goals that USC developed. The budget request is ready to be presented to the Board in November. The budget request calls for a 10% increase, which is around \$60M. Elements of the budget include funds for competitive salaries, financial aid for students, the capital budget request, and faculty recruitment. The DPI contract with the architectural firm is in design mode. COVID-19 case numbers are being monitored. UIUC saw a post-Halloween spike. Both SHIELD Illinois and SHIELD T3 have ramped up. Approximately 2,000 schools are using SHIELD Illinois.

President Killeen discussed the state tour he, the chancellors, and others have completed. The two-leg tour covered 1,500 miles. They met with many people, including legislative

leaders, community leaders, business leaders, university system presidents, and faculty. Throughout the state, the 15 Hubs of IIN (Illinois Innovation Network) have convened local community leaders to help fund their projects. The President raised the question of what the statewide responsibility is for the system. The group visited many Extension offices. The Extension is extremely active. Food insecurity and health care insecurity can be found in many downstate communities. Connecting IIN and Extension could be amazingly productive for many parts of the state.

Vice President Walsh commented that a lot was learned on the tour. Building relationships on Zoom is not the same as meeting in person. There were many corporate-focused visits in addition to the community visits. IIN was put together to improve the state's economy through innovation, research, and education. President Killeen said that Lieutenant Governor Stratton has accepted an invitation to be the Executive Sponsor of IIN in the Governor's Office. President Walsh said that each IIN Hub is connected to a specific university in the state. He stressed that collaboration among the universities is very important in furthering the state's economy and improving the quality of life for people throughout the state. IIN can help foster collaborations that connect people and organizations to build equitable and sustainable communities. The IIN Council includes the heads of each Hub. He encouraged greater communication within shared governance to promote a better understanding of what IIN does, especially to faculty who might be uninformed or misinformed. Vice President Walsh clarified that DPI is a Hub of IIN.

President Killeen said that the system is working to create a means to distill progress and keep track of the pillars of our aspirations that represent who we are and what we value. He commented that many of these aspirations relate to the ten goals of USC. He envisions a balanced score card approach.

EVP Ghosh discussed some of the goals that would be part of the tracking process: the future financial stability of the system, expectations that society has for higher education, expectations of inclusion, the future of education related to online learning, bridge programs and readiness programs for students from smaller communities, and connections with community colleges. The Enterprise Risk Management group has identified some important issues as well.

President Killeen discussed enrollment numbers at UIS and the academic reorganization process.

The group discussed USC's retreat topic, Hybrid Teaching, Learning, and Working in a Post-Pandemic University. President Killeen commented that the system has so many assets and so much experience in remote learning. We have partnerships with international connections that have the potential for large student bodies. The system also has incredible successes with the growth of certain online programs. EVP Ghosh added that this is an opportunity to also think about reaching non-traditional students.

There was a discussion of creating a culture of respect and collegiality at the universities and throughout the system.

(Continuation of the Business Meeting.)

11. OT-142. External Groups with USC Representatives: Discovery Partners Institute Executive Committee (Jeffrey Eric Jenkins, Aria Razfar); Enrollment Management Policy Council (Donald Wink); President's Executive Leadership Program (Aria Razfar); U of I System Going Forward: Excellence Amid COVID-19 Steering Committee (John Dallesasse); University of Illinois System President's Advisory Council (Michael Stroschio).

DPI EC: Professor Razfar reported that the Executive Committee is planning a retreat.

EMPC: Professor Wink reported that the committee discussed the looming demographic cliff of a drop in eighteen-year-olds, which could affect enrollment.

PELP: Professor Razfar said that the group met virtually for its D.C. part of the program.

12. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee
Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee
Statutes and Governance Committee

Aria Razfar
Roy Campbell
Nick Burbules

AARC: Professor Razfar reported that the committee plans to write a statement that would include action items that would be presented to the Board of Trustees during the USC report.

FBBC: Professor Erricolo reported that the committee plans to focus on the topics of the challenges of higher education, the challenges of infrastructure for online and hybrid education, competitive salaries, and how SHIELD is being funded.

SGC: Professor Burbules reported that the committee is revising the USC Bylaws.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.