

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, December 9, 2021

PLACE: Videoconference

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

ABSENT: Danziger, Fisher, Kalita, Peiravian, Wink

GUESTS: Avijit Ghosh, Timothy Killeen

Professor Kar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Ghosh

President Killeen provided updates on the pandemic. A third mRNA vaccine is being recommended to be fully vaccinated. Covid-19 positivity rates at the universities are low compared to overall state rates. As of now, there is no requirement to get the booster. Close attention is being given to variants. The SHIELD T3 financial report looks good. Debt has been paid down and customers have been added. SHIELD Illinois is performing well, too. The Test to Stay is helping children stay in school rather than being in quarantine for fourteen days.

President Killeen provided some general updates. The Discovery Partners Institute (DPI) design is well underway. Enrollment numbers are good. The budget request for the next fiscal year is being prepared.

There was a discussion about whether there might be changes in requirements that employees be “on-campus” for fulfilling their duties. President Killeen said that we should take advantage of the digital world but also recognize that we have strong residential components. EVP Ghosh added that it can be hard to recruit talent, so there could be advantages. Civil Service requires employees to live in-state. There is a culture of collaboration and connectivity that should be sustained. He said that there is not a policy at this point. This issue will come up more since there are programmatic discussions for online teaching. The President commented that digital means can enrich the overall experience. Members commented that the important issue is for employees to fulfill their obligations regardless of where they are located and to fulfill the needs of units. The group also discussed the need to provide more assistance to urban and rural students who are not in the pipeline for continuing education after high school and address student mental health issues.

President Killeen asked EVP Ghosh to provide an update on long-term strategic planning. Dr. Ghosh indicated that he has been having discussions with the provosts about the challenges facing higher education. One important issue is preparing the workforce to succeed and meet the needs of the future, which includes upscaling and re-skilling, and lifelong learning. He said that the state has asked IBHE to prepare a strategic plan for the

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future of public higher education. EVP Ghosh commented that we need to be in the forefront of this. We need to collaborate within our institution as well as work with other institutions to leverage our assets. Affordability of higher education needs to be a part of the discussion as well as how our programs are structured to help students graduate on time. Online learning could help meet these needs.

President Killeen discussed the successes of SHIELD, describing the start-up process and research initiatives, how students have participated, the finance progression, and the benefits to the university communities as well as the state and beyond. He commented that this came about as a crisis. The President suggested that thought be given to finding other solution-solving problems that could be addressed in such a successful manner.

(The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. for a break and committee meetings.)

II. Business Session Call to Order

The session began at 1:30 p.m.

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of November 4, 2021

The minutes were not available for approval.

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.

Professor Maher moved to accept the proposed classification of senate minutes. Professor Burbules 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 Springfield, November 5, 2021

Res. 51-07 Formation of a Certificate in Gerontology

Res. 51-08 Formation of a Certificate in Nursing Home Administration

2. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 15, 2021

EP.22.023 International Education Administration and Leadership, CERT -- Establish campus graduate certificate in International Education Administration and Leadership, CERT

EP.22.024 Design for Responsible Innovation, PhD -- Establish a new PhD in Design for Responsible Innovation, in the School of Art + Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts

EP.22.025 Voice, BMUS -- Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Voice, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts

EP.22.026 Instrumental Music, BMUS -- Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Instrumental Music, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts

EP.22.027 Music, BA -- Revision to the Bachelor of Arts in Music, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts

EP.22.028 Business Administration: Executive Program, MBA -- We are initiating the phasedown of the EMBA and Warsaw EMBA programs. The College only offers the MBA through the online program – iMBA

EP.22.031 Music Composition, BMUS -- Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Music Composition, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts

EP.22.032 Music-Open Studies, BMUS -- Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Open Studies, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts

EP.22.033 Musicology, BMUS -- Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Musicology, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts

EP.22.034 Jazz Performance, BMUS -- Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance, School of Music, College of Fine and Applied Arts

- EP.22.037 Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications:
Agricultural Education, BS -- Change the requirement from “EPS
201 or EPS 202” to “EPOL 201 or EPOL 202
- EP.22.038 Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications:
Agricultural Communications - Advertising, BS -- Phasing down
the AGCM-Advertising concentration
- EP.22.039 Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications:
Agricultural Communications - Journalism, BS -- Phasing down
the AGCM-Journalism concentration
- EP.22.040 Agricultural Leadership, Education, & Communications:
Agricultural Communications, BS -- Institute a new undergraduate
degree program (B.S.) in agricultural communications within the
Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications (ALEC)
program
- EP.22.043 Polymer Science and Engineering Minor - Elimination of Polymer
Science and Engineering Minor

3. University of Illinois at Springfield, November 19, 2021

- Res. 51-09 Creation of the College of Health, Science, and Technology
- Res. 51-10 Transition Child & Family Studies Concentration from Blended to
Entirely Online
- Res. 51-11 Elimination of MA in English

4. University of Illinois at Chicago, December 1, 2021

- PR-22.11 Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Architecture
- PR-22.12 Proposal to Revise the Minor in Global Asian Studies
- PR-22.13 Proposal to Establish the Minor in Logic, Argumentation, and
Writing
- PR-22.14 Proposal to Revise the Preparatory Course Requirement in the
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Applied
Psychology and the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and
Sciences, Major in Psychology
- CP-22.02 Proposal to Rename the Educational Research Methodology
Campus Certificate

5. University of Illinois at Springfield, December 3, 2021

Res. 51-07 Formation of a Certificate in Gerontology

Res. 51-08 Formation of a Certificate in Nursing Home Administration

6. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, December 6, 2021

EP.22.044 World Literature Minor -- Revise the Minor in World Literature

EP.22.045 Mathematics, BSLAS -- Revision to the BSLAS in Mathematics, Major in Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

EP.22.046 Actuarial Science, BSLAS -- Revision of the BSLAS in Actuarial Science, Department of Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

EP.22.047 Mathematics: Data Optimization, BSLAS -- Revision to the BSLAS, Major in Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The Operations Research Concentration will be Renamed to Data Optimization

EP.22.048 Mathematics: Applied Mathematics, BSLAS -- Revision to the BSLAS, Major in Mathematics, Applied Mathematics Concentration, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

EP.22.049 Mathematics: Math Doctoral Preparation, BSLAS -- Revision to the BSLAS, Major in Mathematics, Math Doctoral Preparation concentration, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The Graduate Preparation concentration will be renamed to Math Doctoral Preparation

EP.22.050 Mathematics: Mathematics Teaching Option, BSLAS -- Revision to the BSLAS, Major in Mathematics, Mathematics Teaching Option, Department of Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

EP.22.051 Computer Science, MCS (on-campus & online) -- These revisions are to: (i) Incorporate Internship Opportunities for Master of Computer Science (MCS) Students and, (ii) Add a Chicago, Illinois, Location as a New Approved Location for the MCS Program

EP.22.052 Computer Science, PhD -- To Provide Clarity to Current Requirements by Removing Graduate Handbook Footnotes and to Add a Third Requirement Category to Support Cross-disciplinary Research and PhD Students Entering from a Non-CS Background

- EP.22.053 Slavic Languages and Literatures, PhD -- Modified Some Ph.D. Course Requirements. New Requirement of the Professionalization Workshop (SLAV 575) Course and Reduce Repetition of the Slavic Languages Pedagogy Seminar (SLAV 577). Requiring Sequence of Four Graduate-level Survey Courses of Russian Literature (RUSS 511, 512, 513 and 514). No Longer Require the GRE Test for Admission
- EP.22.058 Data Science and Engineering - Floating -- Establish a Graduate Concentration in Data Science and Engineering in the College of Engineering
- EP.22.060 Japanese Arts and Aesthetics Minor, UG -- Establish the Undergraduate Minor in Japanese Arts and Aesthetics in the College of Fine and Applied Arts

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

7. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 15, 2021

- SP.20.23 Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article I, Section 5 Chancellors and Vice Presidents, Article II, Section 3a(1) – Faculty Role in Governance, and Article III, Section 1 – The University

8. University of Illinois at Chicago, December 1, 2021

The UIC Senate provided advice regarding the proposed revisions to the *Statutes* (USC ST-83 following ST-77) (USC ST-83), which is in an attached letter.

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

9. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 15, 2021

- uNc,s EP.22.036 Report of Administrative Approvals Through October 25, 2021
- EP.22.042 Report of Administrative Approvals through November 8, 2021

10. University of Illinois at Chicago, December 1, 2021

- cNs,u Approved Resolution in support of principles for safe learning environments

11. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, December 6, 2021

- uNc,s EP.22.061 Report of Administrative Approvals through November 29, 2021

V. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VI. USC Committee of the Whole Discussion: Follow-up items from morning session

There was no discussion of the morning session.

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

VII. Old Business - Action Items

There was no old business for action.

VIII. Today's Business

1. USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, January 20, 2022 Chicago Ann Strahle

2. USC Presenter to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, January 20, 2022 Chicago Nicholas Burbules

3. USC Committees Reports from Breakout Session:

- Academic Affairs and Research Committee: Aria Razfar

The committee plans to share a memorandum on mentorship of faculty with the Board of Trustees in May.

- Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee: Roy Campbell

The committee discussed how the system makes investment decisions and what policies might be developed to guide the process. The group also discussed sports budgeting and the legislative budget.

- Statutes and Governance Committee: Nick Burbules

The committee completed a review of the *USC Bylaws*, which will be on the next USC agenda. There is also an item on today's agenda that will be discussed.

4. Guests to consider for future meetings.

USC discussed possible guests to invite.

5. Topic to consider for discussion with next scheduled guest.

Chancellor Amiridis will attend the January 26 meeting.

6. University Updates.

Professor Weuve reported that UIS passed a resolution requesting the formation of a new college, the College Health, Science, and Technology. She discussed the process that led to approval of the resolution. Professor Kar made suggestions on what could be included in a letter of advice from USC.

Professor Wink reported that the UIC Senate is ready to transmit comments to USC regarding ST-83.

7. ST-87. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article I, Section 5 – Chancellors and Vice Presidents, Article II, Section 3a (1) – Faculty Role in Governance, and Article III, Section 1g – The University. Passed UIUC Senate 11/15/21.

Professor Burbules reported that the USC Statutes and Governance Committee reviewed the revisions proposed by the UIUC Senate. He recommended that the proposal be transmitted to the Chicago and Springfield Senates for review. Professor Burbules said that the committee recommends that the senates be advised to complete their reviews of ST-83 before dealing with these new revisions. USC approved by roll call vote to transmit the letter with the recommendation to complete ST-83 first.

IX. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

1. 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. USC discussed moving forward on 6/24/21.

Professor Kar noted that this item is still working its way through the process.

2. 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. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes* (USC ST-83 following ST-77) transmitted to UIS, UIC, and UIUC Senates 9/2/21.

3. 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.

4. ST-85. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, 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.

5. 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.

[2-5: ST-83, ST-84, ST-85, and ST-86] Professor Burbules said that there was no new information to report.

6. OT-142. Updates from 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 Jenkins commented on the retreat, which included a visit to the research park.

UI System PAC: Professor Stroschio said the meeting included discussions of DPI, IIN, and SHIELD.

7. Observer report from Board of Trustees meeting, November 17, 2021:

Professor Wink provided a written report.

8. Observer reports from Board of Trustee Committees:

Academic and Student Affairs Committee; November 16, 2021: Aria Razfar

Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee; November 8, 2021: Roy Campbell

Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee; November 16, 2021: Nick Burbules

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.