

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Friday, January 22, 2010

PLACE: Room 206, Student Center West, Chicago

PRESENT: Burbules, Campbell, Chambers, Eisenhart (Chair), Fadavi, Francis, Jones, Kaufman, Koronkowski, Martin, Massat, O'Brien, Patston, Ramsey, Ting, Tolliver

ABSENT: Barrett, Finnerty, Weech, Wheeler (Vice Chair)

GUESTS: Stanley Ikenberry, Walter Knorr, Mrinalini Rao

Professor Kathryn Eisenhart, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:10 a.m.

I. Executive Session

President Ikenberry commented that the most challenging aspect of the budget situation right now is its ambiguity. The state's inability to pay the University has caused a cash crisis, not a budget crisis. In the short term, the University is drawing on reserves to meet payroll. The next fiscal year will be even more difficult because stimulus monies go away and the state will most likely not take any action before November elections that could provide relief.

Vice President Knorr reported that the University had received only 6%, or \$46M, of its state appropriation as of December 31. Last year, the University had received one-third, or \$246M, of its state appropriation by December 31. The University received \$48M on January 21. At the beginning of the fiscal year, the University put aside \$20M. Savings from furloughs will also help get the University through this fiscal year. The state currently has \$5.1B due to vendors, including the University of Illinois. Vice President Knorr commented on the administrative review that is underway. The study will look at administration at all levels of the University and find ways to improve performance and reduce costs. Vice President Rao discussed increasing regulatory burdens, such as in procurement rules and ethics requirements, that decrease the efficiency of the University.

Responding to a comment that the general public seems unaware that there could be real financial crisis and collapse of the state, President Ikenberry said that the word needs to be put out in the public domain. There are no easy answers. One kind of solution to putting us on the path to recovery would be for the state government and higher education to cut expenses by 15% and increase taxes, but a tax bill this session is unlikely.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of February 23, 2010

The group discussed the various reactions from faculty to the University's budget situation and furloughs. President Ikenberry encouraged faculty to have more of an aggressive role in influencing decisions. He said that the spotlight is and should be on the state's inability to pay bills. The President was receptive to a suggestion that the faculty from each campus go to the state capital to lobby for higher education. He suggested that students go as well. He also discussed efforts to get the Alumni Association and Illinois Connections involved in helping the University.

President Ikenberry said that there is a lot of respect for the University. People understand the importance of the U of I to the health and vitality of the community as well as the state.

Professor Eisenhart commented that faculty leaders were very involved in furlough discussions, but the decision to offer the 2% pay cut option did not involve such consultation. President Ikenberry said that he was reluctant to offer the option of pay reductions until he was convinced that there were legitimate problems associated with furloughs for certain faculty and academic professions, especially in the medical fields. At that point, action needed to be taken immediately. Some Conference members supported the President's decision to respond to faculty needs in a timely manner. Vice President Rao suggested that contact information for the faculty leaders outside of business hours be given to her and the President.

Professor Tolliver said that either option has problems. Faculty who take furlough days will most likely work on those days, and the "voluntary" pay reduction for faculty who choose that option is not really voluntary.

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of November 19, 2009

Professor Chambers moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. Professor O'Brien mentioned that OT-244, Pro-Quest Dissertation Publishing, was still listed on the agenda addendum. She said that the item should have been removed. The minutes were approved.

III. 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 O'Brien moved approval of the Classification of Senate Minutes. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

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

1. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, December 7, 2009

- EP.09.65 Rename the Teaching of Social Studies Concentration in the BALAS in History as the Social Science: History Teaching Concentration in the BALAS in History, LAS
- EP.10.10 Proposal from GRAD and ENGR to Revise the M.S. and Ph.D. in Bioengineering
- EP.10.16 Proposal from Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Civil Engineering
- EP.10.18 Proposal from Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Engineering Physics
- EP.10.24 Proposal from the College of Media to Rename the Department of Advertising as the Charles H. Sandage Department of Advertising
- EP.10.25 Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Physics
- EP.10.26 Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Engineering Mechanics
- EP.10.27 Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the B.S. in Mechanical Engineering
- EP.10.28 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Eliminate the BSLAS in Biology Honors
- EP.10.29 Proposal from the College of LAS to Revise the BALAS in Geography
- EP.10.30 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in English as a Second Language

2. University of Illinois at Chicago, January 28, 2010*

- PR-10.19 Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre (*Directing/Design and Performance Concentrations*) and the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance
- PR-10.20 Establishment of a Concentration in Hazardous Substances Management, Master of Science in Public Health
- PR-10.21 Establishment of a Concentration in Occupational Safety, Master of Science in Public Health
- PR-10.22 Revision of the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program
- PR-10.23 Redesignation of the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Electronic Visualization as the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in New Media Arts
- PR-10.24 Revision of the Master of Arts in Hispanic Studies and the Doctor of Philosophy in Hispanic Studies
- PR-10.25 Revision of the Master of Science in Medical Biotechnology

*Approved pending the approval of the UIC Senate on January 28.

B. The following item was classified N by the University Senates Conference:

3. University of Illinois at Chicago, December 3, 2009

Approved Resolution on Civil Service Job Classifications

4. University of Illinois at Springfield, December 4, 2009

- R39-16 Change Minimum Course Load for Full-Time Graduate Student Status from Twelve Semester Hours to Nine Semester Hours

Explanation of File Numbers

ST - University of Illinois *Statutes*

GR - *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*

BG - University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee

NC - Nominating Committee

OT - All other items

IV. Old Business – Action Items

There were no action items.

V. New Business

1. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Wednesday March 10, 2010, Chicago

Joseph Finnerty

2. OT-261. Short-Term and Long-Term Budget Planning.

The Conference decided to request that a faculty member or members be included in the administrative review group discussions. Professor Kaufman was asked to serve as the liaison. He agreed to serve. Professor Eisenhart said that she would contact the President to make the request.

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items3. ST-74. Proposed Revision to the *Statutes*, Article I, Sections 2 – Term used to clarify the role of the President. Transmitted to Senates 10/26/09. Retransmitted with revisions 11/25/09. Endorsed UIS Senate 12/7/09. Accepted by UIC Senate 12/15/09.

Professor Eisenhart noted that the UIS and UIC Senates have responded, but the UIUC Senate has not as of yet.

4. OT-167. Faculty Representation to the Board of Trustees. UIUC Resolution 9/27/99. UIS Resolution 11/5/99. UIC resolution 12/2/99. USC Resolution to Senates 2/3/00. Endorsed by UIS 2/18/00. Endorsed by UIC 3/9/00. Endorsed by UIUC 4/24/00. Transmitted to the President 6/30/00. Transmitted to the Board 7/6/00. Letter from Trustee Eppley institutionalizing process for meetings with Chair of BoT Academic Affairs Committee and senate observers 12/1/04. Letter to Ikenberry 12/10/09.

Professor Eisenhart mentioned that there was no time to discuss this issue with President Ikenberry during the Executive Session, but she did not want to lose sight of this initiative. Professor Kaufman commented that the faculty received an invitation to attend the meetings of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees from Trustee Hasara, but he would like for there to be a more codified process for including the faculty. Professor Ting reminded the Conference that Michele Thompson sent a meeting notice to the faculty leadership. Professor Tolliver suggested that the Conference send Trustee Hasara a letter thanking her for including the senates and Senates Conference leadership in the meeting and suggesting that this be a practice that she might want to continue to get faculty input in a structured way. The Conference agreed to her suggestion.

5. OT-256. Positive Time Reporting.

The Conference discussed positive and negative time reporting among the various units of the University and related information that was distributed about Western Illinois University.

6. OT-257. Role of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty in University Governance.

No new information.

7. OT-258. Presidential Search.

Professor Ting reported that the search committee will meet February 8. There is a long list of prospects, some of which are high-profile.

8. OT-259. Conflict of Commitment and Interest Policy.

Professor Campbell said that a subcommittee of the Conflict of Commitment and Interest Policy committee is looking at the implementation of the policy and the proposal is to automate the data base and cross-tabulate information. There was concern from Conference members that personal information and information that could be misinterpreted could be obtained from outside inquiries.

9. OT-211. Process for Selecting Board of Trustees Members.

Professor Eisenhart said that the Conference should discuss this item at the next meeting.

10. OT-253. Program Review Process Collaboration among the Campuses (formerly Classification of Senate Minutes).

No new information.

11. ST-66. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII – Changes in Academic Organization. Passed UIUC Senate 4/24/06. Transmitted to Senates 7/10/06. Passed UIC Senate 3/15/07. Passed UIS Senate 9/26/08. Revised document transmitted to Senates 1/16/09. Passed UIS Senate 2/13/09. Passed UIC Senate 4/23/09. Passed UIUC Senate 4/27/09. Passed UIUC Senate 4/27/09. Transmitted to President 5/7/09.

Professor Tolliver thought that this item would go to the UIUC Senate in February.

12. GR-41. Review of language in The General Rules, Article V, Section 3 – Private Use of University Property Forbidden.

No new information.

13. OT-252. Vendor Code of Conduct.

No new information.

14. ST-72. Consideration of the language in the Statutes, Article X, Section 2 (Academic Freedom).

No new information.

15. OT-123. Discussion of University Senates Conference guests.

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

16. Campus Updates.

Professor Burbules provided an update on the Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government. Faculty responses to furloughs were discussed. The Conference decided to write a letter calling upon the state to fulfill its financial obligations.

17. OT-142. Updates on the Management Teams: Academic Affairs; External Relations; Technology and Economic Development Cabinet; University Technology.

AAMT	January 8, 2010	Eisenhart, Kaufman, Wheeler
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ERMT	December 17, 2009	O'Brien
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18. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, January 21, 2010, Chicago	George Francis
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19. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Pending USC Items
January 22, 2010

OT-185. Senate Resolutions on Benefits for Domestic Partners. Passed UIUC Senate 4/23/01. Passed UIS Senate 9/14/01. Letter of reaffirmation of USC support transmitted to the President 11/14/01. Benefits approved by the Board of Trustees 7/17/03.

OT-202. Review of the *University Senates Conference Organization and Functions*.

OT-210. Tuition and Fees Executive Committee.

OT-219. Future USC Meeting Dates.

OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

OT-239. Senate Joint Resolution – IBHE master plan for Illinois Higher Education.

OT-243. Resource Summit.

OT-247. USC Budget.

OT-248. Intellectual Property Issues.

OT-249. Exit Interviews.