

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Friday, January 23, 2009

PLACE: Room 206 Student Center West, UIC

PRESENT: Burbules, Chambers, Chapman-Novakofski, Eisenhart (Vice Chair), Finnerty, Fisher, Jones, Kaufman (Chair), Langley, Massat, Schacht, Tolliver, Wood

ABSENT: Gillet, Koronkowski, Mallory, O'Brien, Strom, Weech, Wheeler

GUESTS: Mrinalini Rao, Joseph White

Professor Elliot Kaufman, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Executive Session

President White discussed budget planning. He said that the role of the faculty will be crucial in any decisions made in regards to academic programs. The primary venues for these discussions should be at the school and college levels and in the campus senates and Senates Conference. The number one guiding principle is academic quality. There are funds set aside to get the University through FY09. The President suggested that the Senates Conference provide advice to Vice Presidents Ghosh and Rao concerning FY10 tuition.

Conference members suggested that there be more effective collaborations and planning. Some shared ideas on ways that the University could streamline programs. The President responded that framing discussions at the right level was important. He added that ideas are precious, and there are mechanisms for considering new and innovative ideas. There was a suggestion from the Conference to get the President, Senates Conference, and AAMT together more often.

Vice President Rao said that the proposed revisions to *The General Rules* regarding courseware ownership had been sent to the provosts and Legal Counsel for feedback. Vice President Ghosh will convene the University Intellectual Property Committee to review the language. He plans to invite representatives from Senates Conference to participate. Professor Burbules said that some people are being told that all courseware belongs to the University, so this is an urgent matter. Professor Langley said that some faculty will not teach online courses if this is the case. Professor Kaufman commented that faculty could possibly negotiate courseware rights. Professor Schacht commented that precedent is being set that could drive away prospective faculty. Professor Kaufman said that Vice President Ghosh should be urged to move ahead quickly.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of February 25, 2009

Vice President Rao commented that budget decisions are being hampered by the state not announcing what the FY09 rescission amount will be. There are many different employee groups on the campuses with different types of appointments. The Human Resources task force group is gathering information for the administration in preparation of possible decisions that might have to be made in regards to the FY10 budget.

The group discussed the Global Campus. Professor Burbules commented that the Academic Policy Council (APC) had been formed and will begin work soon. He recommended that external representatives who would not have a financial stake in the Global Campus be added to the council in order to make the process more credible. He also recommended that a committee be set up in the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office to look at the relationship among all online education programs. Other Conference members expressed concern that the APC members were picked by the entity and are being paid a stipend for service on the council. Vice President Rao responded that she would recommend to Chet Gardner that one or two of the current academic council members be a part of the APC. She liked the idea of having another committee in place at the University level. Professor Kaufman said that the Academic Policy Council has been set up to meet accreditation requirements. The group plans to have its first meeting the following Tuesday and will begin the process of defining its role and membership. The Conference decided to send a letter to the President regarding its concerns.

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of December 16, 2008

The minutes were approved as written.

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.

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

1. University of Illinois at Chicago, January 29, 2009*

PR-09.17 Revision of the Master of Arts in History (Doctoral Track) and Doctor of Philosophy in History: Establishment of Ph.D. Concentrations in the History of Work, Race, and Gender in the Urban World and Encounters, Ethnographies, and Empires

PR-09.18 Revision of the Master of Science in Forensic Science

PR-09.19 Reactivation, Redesignation, and Revision of the Master of Science in Physical Therapy as the Master of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences

PR-09.20 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

PR-09.21 Revision of the Minor in Kinesiology

EP-09.02 Change in the Drop Deadline for Undergraduate Students from Six to Ten Weeks

CP-09.03 Request to Establish the Health Information Management IBHE Certificate

CI-09.02 Establish the Child and Family Development Center (CFDC)

*Approved pending the approval of the UIC Senate on January 29.

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

None.

V. New Business

1. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Joyce Tolliver

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

2. OT-227. The Global Campus.

This issue was discussed with Vice President Rao during the Executive Session. There were no further comments.

3. OT-243. Resource Summit.

This issue was discussed with Vice President Rao during the Executive Session. Conference members were concerned with the lack of faculty input and how decisions might affect employees in both the short term and long term.

4. GR-40. Proposed Revisions to *The General Rules*, Article III (Intellectual Property), Sections 1-8, and Article V (University Property), Sections 1-3. Transmitted to Senates 7/10/06. Approved by the Board of Trustees 3/13/07. Supporting Policy Documents to Senates 4/19/07. Additional Proposed Revisions to Article III, Sections 1-4, to President White 10/9/08.

This issue was discussed with Vice President Rao during the Executive Session. Professors Lynn Fisher, Mary Mallory, Carol Massat, and Richard Schacht were appointed to work with the University Intellectual Property Committee on the proposed language. Professor Schacht obtained permission from the Conference to default to a more general approach to courseware ownership if necessary. Professor Burbules felt that there needed to be clarification of what constitutes usual and ordinary support. Professor Kaufman thought that the best solution might be to have a separate policy for specific details rather than including everything in *The General Rules*.

5. 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.

Professor Kaufman reviewed the history of this item. The UIUC Senate originated the proposed changes. The UIC Senate approved the UIUC language and the UIS Senate made some revisions in consultation with Bill Maher of the UIUC Senate. The language approved by UIS has been transmitted to the UIC and UIUC Senates for consideration. Professor Langley commented that the differences are contained in Section 1, b. UIS has campus-wide standards rather than standards set at lower unit levels.

6. OT-218. Proposed Guidelines for Multi-Institutional Degrees. Transmitted to Senates 11/10/05. Approved UIUC Senate 11/5/07. *Policy for Consideration of Multi-Institutional Degrees* transmitted to Senates 11/4/08.

Professor Kaufman said that the policy document and the actual agreement between UIUC and the National University of Singapore was on the agenda of the January 15 Board of Trustees meeting. The items were withdrawn by the chair of the Board.

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

Professor Finnerty said that this item would be brought up in UIUC Senate committee.

8. OT-248. Intellectual Property Issues.

Professor Kaufman thought that there could be a policy statement formed to supplement the language in *The General Rules* concerning courseware ownership. Professor Schacht suggested that the provosts be asked to provide some clarification, with the advice of the faculty, on what is usual and customary support when determining courseware ownership. Professor Burbules volunteered to draft a letter to the provosts. Professor Schacht suggested that language and specific examples of usual and customary support be recommended to the provosts. Each campus could develop its own guidelines.

9. OT-249. Exit Interviews.

Professor Kaufman said that information is being gathered. UIUC has responded. Professor Chapman-Novakofski said that the information received does not indicate how many of the people who exited actually completed the interview. She added that none of the reasons listed for leaving received strong responses, so the process does not appear to capture the real reasons people are leaving. Professor Langley said that UIS does not conduct exit interviews.

10. OT-250. Rules for Awarding Emeritus Status.

Professor Kaufman said that information had been collected on campus policies. Professor Eisenhart moved to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

11. OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

Professor Kaufman commented that there had not been time during the Executive Session to have the discussion with the President as planned. He said that it would be put on the agenda for the next meeting. He also noted that there would not be written reports submitted to the President. Professor Chambers and Chapman-Novakofski provided an update on the work of the VPTED review group.

12. OT-219. Future USC Meeting Dates.

Professor Kaufman mentioned that the Conference might want to consider holding meetings by videoconference more often since it is cheaper than meeting together. The Conference decided to videoconference when the President was not available to attend, as long as there is no other pressing reason to meet face-to-face, and when the weather makes travel unsafe.

13. OT-244. Pro-Quest Dissertation Publishing.

No new information.

14. GR-39. Proposed Revisions to *The General Rules*, Article V, Section 4 – Naming of University Facilities and Programs. Transmitted to Senates 1/9/06. Recommendations to the President 2/27/06. Approved by the Board of Trustees 4/11/06. UIC Facility Naming Policy 2/21/07.

No new information.

15. 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.

No new information.

16. OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

No new information.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

18. OT-247. USC Budget.

No new information.

19. Campus Updates.

Professor Kaufman said that the new UIC Chancellor is now on campus. Professor Burbules said that Provost Katehi will give a budget report in February. He mentioned that the Provost has been very open and forthcoming about the budget. Professor Langley reported that the UIS administration plans to cut back on summer classes in order to save money. She said that this is a reduction in salary for those who rely on summer teaching as part of their income. Also, some students need the summer classes to graduate.

20. OT-210. Tuition and Fees Executive Committee.

No new information.

21. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Thursday, January 15, 2009

Joseph Finnerty

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

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January 9, 2009

USC

23. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VII. New Business Added to Agenda

The Conference discussed the USC chair position in regards to whether the person in the position should hold more than one position in an academic leadership role.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Pending USC Items
January 23, 2009

ST-54. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Section 10 – Nonreappointment of Academic Professional Staff. Passed UIUC Senate 3/19/01. Transmitted to Senates 5/18/01. Passed UIC Senate 9/28/01. Passed UIS Senate 11/30/01. Transmitted to President 2/14/02.

OT-161. Non-Tenure-Track Academic Staff Appointments.

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.

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

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

OT-229. University Administration Reorganization.

OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

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