

MINUTES<sup>1</sup>  
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Monday, January 25, 2016

PLACE: Videoconference: 414 AOB, 141A BRK, 364 HAB

PRESENT: Boltuc\*, Burbules (Chair), Deberry-Spence, Erricolo, Francis, Graber, Jackson, Johnson, Kalita, LaDu, Maher, Miller, Mohammadian, Novak, Rao, Villegas (Vice Chair), Vincent, Weech

ABSENT: De Groot, Wheeler

GUESTS: Michael Devocelle, Timothy Killeen, Christophe Pierre

\* Participated by phone

Professor Nicholas Burbules, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. Remarks from the USC Chair

Professor Burbules reported on possible upcoming guests at USC meetings. He also told the Conference that there will be a report later this spring regarding UI Foundation and Alumni Association collaborations and their relationship with the campuses.

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of December 10, 2015

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.

<sup>1</sup>Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of February 22, 2016

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 Springfield, December 11, 2015

Res. 45-08 Establish a Degree of Master of Science in Data Analytics

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, January 22, 2016

Res. 45-09 Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre

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

3. University of Illinois at Springfield, December 11, 2015

UIS Senate endorsement of Proposed Policy on Open Access to Research

UIS Senate endorsement of Nondiscrimination Statement

UIS Senate endorsement of Criminal Background Check Policy

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

IV. Old Business – Action Items

1. OT-327. University Strategic Plan.

Professor Burbules commented that the draft recommendations from USC were sent to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. He asked if the Conference wanted to formally approve the document. Professor Vincent said that she would like the opportunity for more feedback. Professor Burbules asked members to send modifications to him for a final document to be considered at the February meeting. Professor Vincent said that the faculty on the steering committee requested that a document be posted soon for faculty feedback.

V. New Business

## 2. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Wednesday, March 16, 2016      Urbana      Sally Jackson

## 3. OT-326. USC Presentations to the Board of Trustees.

The Conference discussed possible topics for future presentations to the Board.

## 4. OT-330. Approval and Consultation Processes with the University Senates Conference and the Senates.

Professor Burbules suggested that the USC Statutes and Governance Committee work on a document that would provide best practices for giving advice. Professor Maher agreed to work with Professor Wheeler on getting this started.

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

5. 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. Passed UIC Senate as amended 1/29/15. Passed UIS Senate 4/10/15. Transmitted to President 5/12/15.

No new information.

6. ST-77/GR-46. Revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* – Edits and Updates. Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. *Statutes*: Transmitted to Senates 10/10/14. Passed UIC Senate 12/3/14. Passed UIS Senate 1/23/15. Passed UIUC Senate 5/4/15. *General Rules* transmitted to the President 12/22/14. *General Rules* (Intellectual Property) transmitted to Senates 1/26/15. Passed UIS Senate 3/6/15. Passed UIC Senate 4/23/15. Passed UIUC Senate 5/4/15. *Statutes* and *General Rules* (Intellectual Property) transmitted to the President 5/29/15.

Professor Burbules reported that Vice President Pierre has asked Dr. Dick Wheeler to lead the review on the proposed changes. A majority of the changes should be ready to be enacted, while others might be rejected or require more review.

7. 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. Alternate language passed UIUC Senate 11/18/13. Transmitted to Senates 11/26/13. Passed UIS Senate 2/21/14. Passed UIC Senate 4/24/14. Transmitted to the President 6/11/14.

No new information.

8. ST-81. Revisions to University of Illinois Nondiscrimination Statement. Received from Vice President Pierre 10/9/15. Transmitted to Senates 10/12/15. Passed UIC Senate 10/28/15. Passed UIS Senate 12/11/15.

Professor Maher reported that the UIUC University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) Committee is formulating a statement that it intends to take to the senate at its next meeting.

9. OT-304. Open Access to Research Articles. Transmitted to Senates 10/21/14. Feedback from UIC Senate 10/19/15. Passed UIUC Senate with recommendations 10/19/15. Passed UIS Senate 12/11/15.

Professor Burbules suggested that a USC group look at the feedback and recommendations and attempt to reconcile any differences. If necessary, the document could be sent back to the senates. He asked Professors De Groot, Villegas and Weech to review the senate documents and report back to the Conference.

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. Withdrawn UIC Senate 1/29/15. Passed UIUC SEC 4/17/15.

Professor Burbules suggested that this item be discussed with Vice President Schook when he meets with USC in February.

11. OT-324. University Policy on Background Checks. USC Statement on Background Checks 8/26/15. UIUC Senate Resolution on Postponement of the Criminal Background Checks 9/21/15. UIC Senate Criminal Background Check Policy Resolution 9/24/15. UIS Senate Postponement of Criminal Background Check Policy Resolution 10/9/15. UIUC Senate Report in Response to the University Policy on Background Checks 10/19/15. UIUC Senate Report in Response to the University Policy on Background Checks 10/19/15. VPAA Working Group document transmitted to Senates 11/12/15. Updated document transmitted to Senates 11/30/15. Endorsed by UIC Senate 12/2/15. UIUC Senate Resolution on the Discriminatory Nature of the New University of Illinois Criminal Background Check Policy 12/7/15. Passed UIS Senate 12/11/15. Transmitted to President 12/15/15. Approved by the Board of Trustees 1/21/16.

The Conference agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

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

Professor Miller provided an update on AARC's plans for the review of Vice President Schook.

## 13. OT-320. Salary increments and campus budgeting priorities.

Professor Jackson discussed whether this issue should be brought back when it becomes timely, given that there has been no salary program since this item was put on the agenda. The group discussed what is happening with union contracts in regards to salary increases. Professor Burbules suggested that USC decide where to go with this item after a discussion with the President about a salary program.

## 14. OT-123. University Senates Conference Guests.

The Conference discussed possible future guests.

## 15. Report of USC Observer to Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, January 21, 2016  
USC Report

Chicago

Gay Miller  
Burbules, Mohammadian, Novak

## 16. Campus Updates.

Professor Vincent reported that the new UIC provost, Susan Poser will begin on February 1. Professor Burbules noted that the UIS Provost, Lynn Pardie, will be retiring this spring.

## 17. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

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

Gay Miller  
Sally Jackson  
Jorge Villegas  
Matthew Wheeler

There were no reports.

## 18. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: Enrollment Management Policy Council; Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, Mohammadian, Villegas); Vice President for Academic Affairs UA Budget Review Advisory Committee (Mohammadian, Villegas, Wheeler); Vice President for Finance Faculty Advisory Committee (Deberry-Spence, Weech); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Boltuc, Villegas, Wheeler).

Professor Weech reported that Vice President Knorr's FAC met and discussed the group's mission. Professor Jackson reported on the Enrollment Management Policy Council meeting.

VII. Meeting with President Killeen and Vice President Pierre

President Killeen discussed the effects of the state budget impasse and what is being done in response. Some of the public universities will be struggling to make payroll very soon.

The public university presidents have sent communications to the governor and legislature warning of the dire consequences of the impasse on the institutions and on the state. If the impasse continues through the fiscal year, the University will have taken a \$650M hit to its operational budget. The President discussed the University's 2021 Initiative, which proposes a compact with the state. The University would guarantee progress in certain areas and cost containment, which would be documented on a report card, and the state would guarantee a predictable budget and offer some regulatory relief. The President commented that the University is a world-class economic engine for the state. Vice President Pierre reported that searches are proceeding for the most part and enrollment figures are holding up. The University footed the MAP bill for the fall, which was around \$30M, but cannot continue to cover the expense.

President Killeen expects to have a draft of the strategic planning document available sometime in February. The steering committee has been meeting regularly. Campus cultural issues are being built into the document. He commented that he looks forward to full participation from USC and that input will be timely. The group discussed the importance of engaging the senates. The President said that there will be the need for shared governance on the metrics of the compact. Conference members asked that drafts of the strategic plan and of the compact be shared as soon as possible. President Killeen said that a number of things will be happening in parallel: the strategic plan, the compact, and the fundraising campaign.

Vice President Pierre reported that a committee will be looking at the academic program approval process. The process, which ends with IBHE, is too long. He asked for suggestions for the membership of the committee.

Vice President Pierre said that the Enrollment Management Policy Council is working on a 5-year plan. The group is taking a comprehensive look at increasing enrollment growth, including issues of added costs, tuition revenues, undergraduate and graduate numbers, in-state and out-of-state numbers, increasing community college transfers, the impact on diversity, retaining quality and reputation.

President Killeen provided an update on the hospital and medical enterprise. The hospital was in the black last year but is running close to the line. Payments that used to be made directly from the state to the hospital are no longer timely, so the cash position of the hospital is a concern. A transition team is addressing issues related to the change from a Vice President of Health Affairs to a Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs at UIC. Dr. Bob Barish arrives on February 1. There is a search underway for the Dean of the College of Medicine at Urbana.

Professor Burbules thanked President Killeen and Vice President Pierre for ending the background check policy process much better than it started. He suggested that, for future initiatives, consultation begin as early as possible.

## VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.