

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

DATE: Wednesday, January 26, 2011

PLACE: Student Center West, UIC

PRESENT: Andersen, Burbules, Campbell, Chambers (Vice Chair)\*, Eisenhart\*, Fadavi, Finnerty, Francis, Gibori, Koronkowski, Martin\*, Massat, O'Brien, Patston, Ramsey, Struble, Ting, Tolliver, Weech\*, Wheeler (Chair)

GUESTS: Michael Hogan, Christopher Kennedy, Lisa Troyer

\*Participated by phone

Professor Matthew Wheeler, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. USC Discussion

The Conference members discussed ways in which USC could best give advice to the President. In general, the group believed that consultation with individual members should not be viewed as advice from USC. The Conference should have formal discussions in an attempt to reach some level of consensus and report the majority opinion in order to strengthen its position. Consultation and deliberation are not best conducted by email, especially for sensitive issues, but can be an acceptable means of communication for the Conference to share ideas and attempt to come to an agreement when it is not possible to meet together. The Conference thought that it should develop a protocol for handling these kinds of discussions. Most members thought that the majority opinion of USC members is what should be communicated to the President. The Conference was unsure whether the President expected USC to transmit information from him to the larger faculty community.

II. Executive Session

President Hogan discussed the search process for the positions of Vice President for Health Affairs and Vice President for Research. He said that USC would be represented on the search committees. He also indicated that he would bring the name of the final candidate for each search to USC for review.

The Conference asked President Hogan to be specific when discussions with USC are confidential and when discussions should be shared. The President said that information he shares with USC during meetings can be shared with the larger faculty community unless he specifies that the information is confidential. The group discussed what it meant

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<sup>1</sup>Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of February 18, 2011

for USC to be the President's primary faculty consultative body. Professor Wheeler asked the President to inform the Conference of the important issues he would be facing over the next six months so that the Conference could provide advice to him. President Hogan commented that the implementation of the information technology and the procurement areas of the ARR report is high priority.

President Hogan informed USC of his choices for the interim appointments to the positions of Vice President for Health Affairs and Vice President for Research.

President Hogan discussed plans for Human Resources and Enrollment Management. Each area will need an Executive Director. He plans to bring in outside consultants to look at enrollment management and is looking at an outside model for human resources information technology. The President confirmed that academic human resources, which consists of faculty and academic professionals that do faculty work, would be managed at the campus level.

During lunch, Professors Campbell and Ramsey gave short presentations about themselves and their careers.

### III. Guests

Trustee Christopher Kennedy, Chair of the Board of Trustees, asked for an update on the chancellor searches at the Springfield and Urbana campuses. Professor Ting reported that the search committee had narrowed the list to the finalists to be interviewed. Professor Burbules reported that the search committee is working on the job description and drafting the white paper.

Trustee Kennedy commented that the University of Illinois is different than the other public universities in Illinois. As a research university, the U of I has the obligation to create knowledge and ideas, which can lead to the creation of companies. This is critical to the state and to the country. The University needs to figure out how to get the most out of what it has.

Some Conference members said that they have been hearing about the need for more collaboration between the campuses, shared services, and synergies to help the University do more with a shrinking budget. While there was general support from the Conference, there was also concern that decisions regarding the future of campus academic units might be determined at the University level. Trustee Kennedy responded that those types of decisions, such as closing a department, need to be made at the campus level. Conference members also expressed concern with the multiple layers of administration there are to go through when trying to accomplish certain things.

Some of the UIC members discussed the implications of no longer being a guest member of the CIC. Trustee Kennedy thought that the contracts would be fine because the CIC needs UIC's purchasing power. He said that the things at stake should be itemized and then the University can figure out ways to retain the advantages UIC received from being a CIC guest member or make up for them.

IV. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of November 30, 2010

The minutes were approved as written

V. 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 Springfield, December 3, 2010

R40-14 Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management

2. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, December 6, 2010

EP.10.46 Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to Revise the BFA in New Media Degree in the School of Art and Design

EP.11.11 Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of LAS to Establish a Professional Science Master's Concentration in the MS in Plant Biology

EP.11.13 Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to Revise the Curriculum and Reduce the Required Minimum Hours for the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) Degree

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

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, December 6, 2010

SP.10.11 Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 2 – Academic Freedom

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

VI. Old Business – Action Items

1. 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. Transmitted to President 5/7/09. Passed UIUC Senate with revisions 3/29/10. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 4/9/10. Endorsed UIS Senate 4/23/10. Passed UIC Senate 9/30/10. Approved by the Board of Trustees 1/20/11.

Professor Wheeler reported that the proposed statutory revisions had been approved by the Board of Trustees. Professor Massat moved to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

2. OT-259. Conflict of Commitment and Interest Policy. Passed UIC Senates 9/30/10. Passed UIS Senate 10/8/10. Passed UIUC Senate 11/8/10. Approved by the Board of Trustees 1/20/11.

Professor Wheeler reported that the revised policy had been approved by the Board of Trustees. He thanked the Conference members for contributing to the email discussions over the break that helped move the item along. Professor Massat moved to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

VII. New Business

3. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Wednesday, March 23, 2011, Springfield

John Martin

4. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, January 20, 2011, Chicago

Michael Koronkowski

5. OT-267. Vice Presidential Searches and Interim Appointments.

The Conference discussed and approved the interim appointments for the positions of Vice President for Health Affairs and Vice President for Research that were recommended by the President and decided that Professor Wheeler would verbally transmit the Conference's advice to the President. The Conference also discussed other administrative changes.

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

6. ST-72. Consideration of the language in the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 2 (Academic Freedom). Passed UIUC Senate 12/6/10.

Professor Massat moved to transmit the proposed statutory language to the other senates for consideration. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

7. ST-75/GR-44. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* – Administrative Reorganization.

No new information.

8. OT-265. Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government Foundation.

Professors Tolliver and Burbules provided an update on the activities and status of the Academy.

9. OT-266. University Senates Conference Subcommittees Structure.

No new information.

10. 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 Tolliver commented that the Conference might want to consider ways to meet with some of the Board members in a similar manner to what was done during the breakfast meetings that used to be held before regular Board meetings. She noted that the change in schedule of the Board meetings would not permit the breakfast meetings. Professor Ting suggested meeting with Board members after the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meetings.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests for future meetings.

12. Campus Updates.

There were no campus updates.

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

ERMT	January 13, 2011	O'Brien
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14. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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

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

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

OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

OT-247. USC Budget.

OT-248. Intellectual Property Issues.

OT-249. Exit Interviews.

OT-252. Vendor Code of Conduct.

OT-253. Program Review Process Collaboration among the Campuses.

OT-256. Positive Time Reporting.

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

OT-260. University Information Security Policy.

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

OT-262. Accelerated Degree Program.