

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Friday, February 18, 2011

PLACE: Videoconference: 414 AOB, 180G BRK, 364 HAB

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

ABSENT: Campbell, Gibori

GUESTS: Michael Hogan, Lisa Troyer

*Participated by phone

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

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of January 26, 2011

Professor Chambers moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. Professor Ting proposed that the minutes be revised to reflect that the President indicated that information he shares with USC during meetings could be shared with the larger faculty community unless he specifies that the information is confidential. She also requested that her report to Trustee Kennedy on the UIS Chancellor search be revised. Professor Tolliver requested that the third paragraph under Executive Session be revised to say, "President Hogan informed USC of his choices for the interim appointments..." Professor Burbules moved to accept the minutes as amended. The minutes were approved as revised.

II. 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.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of March 29, 2011

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

1. University of Illinois at Chicago, January 27, 2011

- PR-11.10 Revision of the Master of Public Administration (MPA)
- PR-11.11 Revision of the Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration
- PR-11.13 Rename the Department of Performing Arts as the Department of Theatre and Music
- CP-11.03 Proposal to Change Admission Requirement Criteria for Post-Baccalaureate Campus Certificate Programs

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

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, January 28, 2011

- R40-15 Clarification of Personnel Review Schedule for Joint-Appointed Faculty

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

III. New Business

1. OT-268. Administrative Reorganization.

The Conference discussed the new administrative position of Director of Enrollment Management that has been recommended by President Hogan and the significance of such a position. Professor Burbules commented that enrollment management is not part of the ARR report. He added that enrollment management is an academic matter which can have

implications for admissions, enrollment, financial aid, and recruitment, which are issues that the *Statutes* dedicate to faculty oversight. He suggested that the Conference ask President Hogan to share the full proposal for this position and any other information, including internal and external reports, with the Senates Conference before any decisions are made.

Professor Wheeler mentioned that outside consultants will be reviewing the University's enrollment management and Vice President Rao has a task force that will be issuing a report. Professor Tolliver recommended that, before going to the Board, any proposal should come to USC and also to the senates if it has anything to do with academic issues. Professor Burbules asked the Conference to approve a statement that could be given to the President when he joined the meeting. Professor O'Brien suggested that the Conference speak with the President about these concerns, but not issue a statement.

Professor Tolliver wanted to confirm that the sense of the Conference was that questions of admissions and recruitment, including common applications and automatic articulation, are the province of the senates. There was general agreement. Professor Ting asked the Conference to not presume that there is any type of centralization being proposed that would determine the admissions standards of all three campuses. Professor Struble thought the principal point was to inform the President that the Conference believes that, before a proposal or report on enrollment management goes to the Board, it needs to be reviewed by USC and the senates. Professor Tolliver made Professor Struble's statement a motion. The motion was approved.

The Conference discussed the use of outside consultant reports. Professor Andersen commented that consultants make recommendations, but decisions need to be made as part of the governance process. Professor Wheeler said that Information Technology issues will be discussed at the next USC meeting. He added that Michael Hites plans to attend part of the meeting with President Hogan.

2. GR-45. Proposed Amendments to the *General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, Article II, Sections 4, 5, and 6 – University Contracts.

Professor Wheeler said that only USC advice is being sought because the changes are to the *General Rules*. He asked the Conference to consider whether the changes should also go to the senates since changes to the approval processes of grants and contracts affect the faculty. Professor Wheeler commented that current contract procedures are very cumbersome, with multiple levels of people having to approve contracts. Many opportunities are lost due to the slow process.

A subcommittee was appointed to look at the changes to the *General Rules* and report back to the Conference. Professors Andersen, Chambers, and Martin volunteered to serve. The Conference decided to consider whether the proposed changes should go to the senates after the subcommittee reports.

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

Professor Wheeler noted that this item was to be discussed with President Hogan.

4. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Wednesday, March 23, 2011, Springfield

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IV. Old Business – Action Items

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

Professor Chambers moved to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

V. 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. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 2/7/11.

Professor Ting reported that this item was on the UIS SEC's agenda. Professor Chambers reported that the item had been referred to the UIC Senate's Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee.

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

Professor Wheeler noted that President Hogan would be providing an update.

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

Professors Burbules, Chambers, and Ting volunteered to work on the section of the *USC Organization and Functions* regarding subcommittees.

9. 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 Wheeler commented that he would be giving a faculty report on regulatory burdens at the Board's March meeting. He asked Conference members for examples of problems they are having or have had.

VI. Executive Session

President Hogan discussed some of the major areas that he indicated came out of the ARR report that still need to be addressed: enrollment management, communications/public relations strategies, and advancement. There are implementation teams working with University individuals and groups as well as outside consultants. Conference members wanted to ensure that USC would have the opportunity to review the enrollment management proposal before anything went to the Board of Trustees. President Hogan responded that the report from the consultants and any proposals would be circulated to USC beforehand. Replying to a comment, the President said that he would encourage the chancellors to protect and preserve scholarships for the Campus Honors Program.

President Hogan said that the IT initiatives address IT infrastructures and systems which operate above the college level. He commented that someone needs to be at the enterprise-level to coordinate activities. The IT implementation committee has discussed a report from an outside consultant, the Huron report, and there will be an assessment of this report and what the ARR report recommended. Professor Wheeler commented that input is needed from the chancellors and the faculty. Some Conference members were concerned that reporting lines to a university-level director circumvents the chancellors.

President Hogan provided updates on recent interim appointments, upcoming searches for administrative positions, and the status of the Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government Foundation.

President Hogan discussed the need for alternate revenue streams. He said that there could be opportunities for the Foundation and Alumni Association to create better synergies and coordinate strategic communications.

The group discussed current legislative bills that could affect pensions. The President commented that the University has a very active lobbying arm in Springfield. He also commented on the University's reserve funds.

Professor Wheeler told the President that the University Senates Conference has conducted annual evaluations of the vice presidents, when possible, in accordance with USC's statutory prerogative to submit its advice on the reappointment of University Officers. President Hogan voiced his support. Professor Tolliver commented that the ARR report attempted to reduce administrative costs, but there have been increases in University Administration. President Hogan replied that the structures being put into place are intended to cut costs and put money back into the academic mission.

(V.) Old Business – Information and Discussion Items (cont.)

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

The Conference discussed possible guests for future meetings.

11. Campus Updates.

UIS had nothing to report. Professor Massat said that the proposed legislation that would change pensions for current employees has caused many UIC employees to talk to SURS about retirement. UIC members indicated that there will be no further action by the faculty senate on the denial of emeritus status to Professor William Ayers. Professor Wheeler reported that the UIUC Senate Executive Committee voted to transmit a document to the senate regarding the role of the chancellor. Professor Francis discussed the IT changes to the telephone system that will be put into place soon.

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

No reports.

13. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 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.