

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, February 19, 2008

PLACE: Colonial Room, Illini Union, UIUC

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

ABSENT: Anderson, Fossum, Grossman, O'Brien, Strom

GUESTS: Avijit Ghosh, Mrinalini Rao, Joseph White

Professor Vernon Burton, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 9:40 a.m.

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of January 25, 2008

The minutes were approved as written.

II. Classification of Senate Minutes

None

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. Old Business – Action Items

None

IV. New Business

1. OT-242. Awarding of Degrees.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of March 28, 2008

Professor Burbules said that the *Statutes* were changed in 1984 based on a proposal made by the UIUC Senate that let each campus decide how the faculty recommend candidates for earned degrees. The UIUC Senate decided to approve a list of candidates pro forma. Professor Weller said that, in the spring, the UIC Senate approves a motion to confer degrees as recommended by the departments. Professor Langley said that the UIS Senate does not take any action. Professor Burton said that the Conference would discuss this issue with the President.

2. OT-243. Resource Summit.

No new information.

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

Professor Chapman-Novakofski said that changes occurred with Pro-Quest dissertation publishing a few years ago without a good dialogue process with the faculty. Pro-Quest requires a copyright release if parts of a dissertation have already been published. This process can be timely. Graduate students have taken previously published parts out of their dissertations to avoid the problem, but this results in incomplete dissertations being deposited. While published parts are most likely reformatted somewhat from the actual dissertation, the material may not be substantially different enough to be exempt from getting a copyright release. She recommended that Pro-Quest have standard agreements with other publishers. Most graduate students need two publications before they can be awarded their degrees. Our students are responsible for publishing their entire dissertations because of open access. Professor Kaufman suggested that the individual senates take up this issue and involve the deans.

V. Executive Session

(Text suppressed due to confidential nature of material discussed.)

VI. Guest

Vice President Avijit Ghosh met with the Conference during lunch. He said that he was excited by the new opportunities and challenges of his position as Vice President for Technology and Economic Development. The main role and mission of his office is to leverage great intellectual property and discoveries to help the University, its employees, and the economy in accordance with the University's land-grant mission.

There are three main parts of the office: the Offices of Technology Management (OTM), the Research Parks, and Illinois Ventures. The OTM offices integrate the research mission of the University with bringing technology and intellectual discoveries to commercialization. The office assists with patents, marketing, and licensing. Vice President Ghosh has gathered a small group of people to promote collaboration among the campuses.

The UIUC Research Park brings high-tech companies to the area and provides opportunities for faculty and students. The research park and the incubator are becoming self-supporting. The Chicago Technology Park is part of the Illinois Medical District, but has not connected very well with UIC.

Illinois Ventures provides services to assist the University in creating new companies that commercialize University inventions. Illinois Ventures has invested in forty start-up companies. His office is looking into ways to keep these companies here, which benefits the faculty and students as well as the economy.

Vice President Ghosh said that he plans to improve communications concerning the activities of his office. The goal of the office is not all about making money. Excellent research is being done that could benefit many people, such as studies on malaria and HIV. The various operations also focus on recruiting, keeping, and supporting faculty.

Professor Burton thanked Vice President Ghosh for meeting with the Conference.

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

4. 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.

Professor Langley said that there has been a faculty/staff group working on domestic partner benefits for the three campuses for a number of years. After CMS began offering health care benefits under the Governor's executive order, other problems came up. For example, on the Chicago campus, some people were denied bereavement leave for partners who had died. The situation varied depending on the local supervisor. The group started meeting with Vice President Steve Rugg once or twice a year. Some progress has been made with implementation issues. The web is more accurate in describing benefits offered to domestic partners. Other issues that have been explored are the Family and Medical Leave Act and taking all taxes, since CMS benefits for domestic partners are taxable, out of one paycheck in December. The group seemed to be working well until recently when a meeting was cancelled without any explanation. Professor Langley thought that someone at the top level, perhaps the president, needed to make sure the campuses are aware of the policies. She suggested that this issue be put back on the agenda and discussed with President White at the next USC meeting.

5. OT-218. Proposed Guidelines for Multi-Institutional Degrees. Transmitted to Senates 11/10/05. Approved UIUC Senate 11/5/07.

This issue was discussed during the Executive Session with Vice President Rao.

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

None of the USC members of the committee attended the February 15 meeting.

7. ST-47. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Articles IX and X, to provide optional multi-year contracts, and related dismissal procedures, for certain academic staff. Passed UIC Senate 10/27/99. Rejected UIS Senate 3/3/00. Multi-Year Contracts Task Force Charged 4/11/02. Request to Senates to Consider MYC Issues 2/13/04. Passed UIUC Senate 2/14/05. Passed UIC Senate 4/28/05. Passed UIS Senate 5/6/05. Transmitted to Senates 1/10/06. Passed UIS Senate 4/7/06. Passed UIUC Senate 4/24/06. Passed UIC Senate 4/2/06. Transmitted to the President 5/12/06. Approved by the Board of Trustees 11/9/06. Campus Procedures – Passed UIC Senate 4/26/07.

Professor Schacht said that Urbana is close to having implementation procedures ready to go. The UIUC Chancellor and Provost will transmit the document to Professor Burbules, UIUC SEC chair, and John Prussing, UIUC GUP committee chair. Professor Schacht suggested that UIUC's document be transmitted to the other senates for information. Termination for cause is different from UIC's. Professor Kaufman said that UIC has set the campus ceiling at 10%. The campus has already been hiring on multi-year contracts. Professor Schacht said that UIUC is considering 15%. Professor Langley said that UIS plans to set the limit at 8%. Professor Schacht mentioned that the *Statutes* explicitly require that each senate have consent on the ceiling, oversight committee, and procedures on dismissal for cause.

8. OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

Professor Kaufman said that plans are being made for a dinner on April 21.

9. 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.

No new information.

10. OT-227. The Global Campus.

No new information.

11. OT-229. University Administration Reorganization.

Professor Kaufman suggested moving this item to the pending agenda.

12. OT-240. Chancellor Reviews.

No new information.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

14. Campus Updates.

Professor Langley commented on safety issue problems and concerns with student affairs. The campus does not have any behavioral programs for students. Professor Burbules said that the UIUC Senate is looking at aspects of the organization of the senate office and the operations of the senate. The Chief issue is becoming resurgent. Professor Kaufman commented on the search for a chancellor. Professors Weller and Kaufman commented on a fire in the Pharmacy Building.

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

No meetings were scheduled.

16. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Robert Fossum

17. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Pending USC Items
February 19, 2008

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.

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.

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.

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-219. Future USC Meeting Dates.

OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

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