

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2017

PLACE: Student Center West, Chicago

PRESENT: Burbules*, De Groote, Erricolo, Graber*, Johnson*, Kalita, Karri, LaDu, Miller, Mohammadian (Vice Chair), Novak (Chair), Rao, Vincent, Weech

ABSENT: DeBerry-Spence, Francis, Jackson, Maher, Villegas, Wheeler

GUESTS: Lindsay Anderson, Michael Devocelle, Avijit Ghosh, Thomas Hardy, Timothy Killeen, Barbara Wilson

* Participated by phone.

Professor Novak, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Meeting with President Killeen and Vice President Wilson

President Killeen welcomed Dr. Avijit Ghosh, Chief Financial Officer of the UIC College of Medicine, who is leading the implementation of the University Administration Alignment process. Dr. Ghosh commented that University Administration is now called University of Illinois System Offices. He listed some of the areas that benefit from being centralized, such as governmental relations, legal counsel, strategic procurement, advocacy, audits, ethics and compliance, and treasury. Operations at the system level should either provide cost savings or efficiency gains.

President Killeen provided updates on the current searches for the Special Assistant to the President, the Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation, and the Federal Director of Governmental Relations.

President Killeen mentioned that the last presentation to the Board on the University's strategic framework included strategic enrollment and the tuition announcement. The next presentation to the Board will focus on Pillar 2; scholarship and impact, highlighting new initiatives in the arts and humanities. The group discussed some of the challenges of recruiting faculty and explored ways to attract the best faculty and students.

President Killeen invited Ms. Lindsay Anderson, Executive Director of Governmental Relations, to provide a legislative update. Ms. Anderson said that the driving conversation will be on delivering a state budget. The University of Illinois Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment (IPAC) bill has been refiled in both the house and senate. IPAC attempts to redefine the relationship between the University and the state.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of March 30, 2017

Responding to a question, Ms. Anderson said that the University has aggressively opposed the bill that would automatically admit all Illinois high school graduates who are in the top 10% of their class. The President commented that it is very dangerous to have the legislature involved in the admissions process.

Ms. Anderson said that the “grand bargain” is a complex package of bills where the entire package fails if even one bill fails. She clarified that IPAC is a different, stand-alone initiative. Mr. Devocelle added that the grand bargain contains a state budget for FY17 and FY18 and both the grand bargain and IPAC include procurement relief. President Killeen said that the grand bargain includes 90% funding for FY17 and FY18. Regardless of what the state does, the University will present an FY18 budget to the Board of Trustees in September. The President said that the stop gap funding ended in January.

Ms. Anderson commented on the federal travel ban, saying that another executive order appears to be forthcoming to replace the January 25 executive order. She said that her office is advocating for green card and visa holders to be excluded. Concerns were expressed from the Conference regarding the impact the travel ban might have on students who come to the University from other countries and are important to research programs. Losing them would make a very negative impact on some programs.

Ms. Anderson said that there has been no new information on healthcare benefits that have to be negotiated with AFSCME or pension reform.

President Killeen discussed the University’s ongoing efforts to work with private sector companies in Illinois to help solve complex problems with the expertise of the three universities. Mr. Devocelle added that here are many opportunities for the University to help move the state’s economy forward; one being by helping companies remain technologically advanced.

Vice President Wilson said that there will be a review of the Institute of Government and Public Affairs (IGPA) to look at its functions, vision, and funding. She would also like to figure out how the unit can operate without permanent tenure-system lines.

President Killeen said that a UA Alignment group looking at the University Foundation and Alumni Association have made specific recommendations. Advocacy will still remain central, but focus will be more on each individual university. The governance structure is still being worked out. There will be more clarity in the direction of philanthropic efforts and donors will have a clearer understanding of strategic plans of the universities.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:30pm and resumed at 1:15pm.

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of January 24, 2017

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 Springfield, January 20, 2017

Res. 46-10 Eliminate the B.S. in Athletic Training

2. University of Illinois at Chicago, January 26, 2017

PR-17.11 Revision of the Doctor of Philosophy in Bioengineering

PR-17.16 Revision of the Master of Education in Youth Development

PR-17.17 Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in African American Studies and Revision of the Minor in African American Studies

PR-17.19 Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Performance

PR-17.20 Revision of the Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies

PR-17.21 Revision of the Doctor of Medicine (Chicago, Peoria, Rockford)

PR-17.22 Establish Three New Course Subjects/Rubrics for the Doctor of Medicine: MDC (Doctor of Medicine – Chicago); MDP (Doctor of Medicine – Peoria); MDR (Doctor of Medicine – Rockford)

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 6, 2017

- EP.17.31 Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Psychological Science and eliminate the Master of Arts in Psychology from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- EP.17.33 Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Musical Arts in Lyric Theatre from the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- EP.17.39 Proposal to Establish a New Major in Computer Science and Crop Sciences for the Bachelor of Science in the Department of Crop Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences
- EP.17.43 Proposal to Eliminate the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine
- EP.17.45 Proposal to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Journalism from the College of Media
- EP.17.49 Proposal to Modify the Undergraduate Minor in Arabic Studies, College of LAS
- EP.17.50 Report of Administrative Approvals through January 23, 2017
- EP.17.52 Report of Administrative Approvals through January 30, 2017

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

4. University of Illinois at Springfield, January 20, 2017

sNc,U Revisions to the B.S. in Biology

5. University of Illinois at Chicago, January 26, 2017

uNc,s Endorsed the UIC Senate Statement of Support for the Principles Underlying the Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment (IPAC) Proposal

Endorsed the “Make UIC a Sanctuary Campus” petition

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. 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.

Professor Novak reported that the President indicated by letter that he supports USC's request to reconsider this item and send it back to the Urbana Senate. Professor Novak asked Professor Miller to ask the Senate's USSP Committee to reconsider the language in consultation with CAFT.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

2. 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 mentioned that the big batch of proposed changes have now been reviewed by President Killeen and Vice President Wilson. He said that he would meet with them and bring back to USC the list of items that were not accepted.

Professor Burbules commented that the *General Rules* process might need to start over since there have been so many changes since the process began.

3. 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.

Professor Burbules suggested that USC might want to look at proposing revisions to the *Statutes* that would allow the president to initiate statutory changes. The group discussed the purpose of this request and how to proceed. USC decided to have Professor Novak talk to the President and then have a full discussion within the USC membership at the next meeting. Professor Burbules said that he has draft language for the USC SGC to consider.

4. 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. Passed UIUC Senate 3/7/16. UIUC Senate version transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 3/31/16. Passed UIS Senate 4/22/16. Passed UIC Senate 9/29/16. Transmitted to Vice President Wilson 11/22/16.

No new information.

5. ST-82. Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Sections 3. (Appointments, Ranks, and Promotions of the Academic and Administrative Staff) a., and 4 (Principles Governing Employment of Academic and Administrative Staffs) b. Passed UIUC Senate 5/2/16. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 6/6/16. Passed UIS Senate 9/23/16. Passed UIC Senate 10/26/16. Transmitted to President 12/5/16.

No new information.

6. GR-49. Proposed Revisions to the *General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure* – Updates to Bereavement and Sick Leave Reporting Policies. Transmitted to Vice President for Academic Affairs 12/5/16. Approved by Board of Trustees 1/19/17.

Professor Novak noted that this item had been approved by the Board of Trustees.

7. OT-337. Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Acceptance of Transfer Credit for Undergraduate Admission Purposes. Transmitted to Senates 10/4/16. Passed UIS Senates 11/4/16. Passed UIUC Senate 11/14/16. Passed UIC Senate 11/30/16. Transmitted to Vice President for Academic Affairs 12/5/16. Approved by the Board of Trustees 1/19/17.

Professor Novak noted that this item had been approved by the Board of Trustees

8. OT-338. USC Statement on Faculty/Staff Salary and Benefits. Transmitted to President and Vice President for Academic Affairs 12/7/16.

No new information.

9. OT-326. USC Presentations to the Board of Trustees.

Professor Novak reported that she has been working on the March presentation and Professors Johnson and Miller would give the presentation. The topic will be faculty and student collaborations in research.

10. OT-327. University Strategic Framework.

No new information.

11. OT-331. University of Illinois Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment (IPAC) – formerly 2021 Initiative.

No new information.

12. 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.

No new information.

13. OT-123. University Senates Conference Guests.

The Conference discussed possible future guests.

14. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 Urbana-Champaign Sally Jackson

15. Campus Updates.

No new information.

16. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee	Meena Rao
Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee	Harley Johnson
Hospital and Health Affairs Committee	Mary Jo LaDu
Statutes and Governance Committee	Nicholas Burbules

No reports other than the report from Professor Burbules regarding the ST items.

17. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Jackson); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, DeBerry-Spence, LaDu, 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 (Burbules, Miller, Villegas, Wheeler).

EMPC: Professor Novak reported on the meeting that she attended on behalf of Professor Jackson.

VPF FAC: Professor Weech commented that the committee has not met for some.

VPR FAC: Professor Rao suggested that there be USC representatives from all three campuses on this group.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.