

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Wednesday, February 25, 2015

PLACE: Room 206 Student Center West, Chicago

PRESENT: Burbules, Campbell, Chambers (Chair), Deberry-Spence, De Groot, Erricolo, Fadavi, Francis, Graber, Kalita, LaDu, Li, Maher, McDermott, Miller, Mohammadian*, Tolliver (Vice Chair), Villegas, Vincent (*ex officio*)

ABSENT: Jackson

GUESTS: Ricardo Estrada, Eric Gislason

*Attended by phone in the afternoon

Professor Donald Chambers, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. Remarks from the USC Chair

Professor Chambers reviewed the schedule for the day. He commented that the Conference would be discussing the proposal from Urbana for a new College of Medicine. He said that his role would be to facilitate an open discussion. The meeting recessed for committees to meet and resumed at 10am.

II. Meeting with Trustee Ricardo Estrada

Professor Chambers invited Trustee Estrada to discuss the tremendous period of transition at the University. Trustee Estrada, who has been a Board member for four years, mentioned that he is from the Pilsen area. He grew up with Ramon Cepeda, who was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees and is a UIC alumnus. The other new trustee, Jill Smart, was on the presidential search committee and is an alumnus of UIUC. He commented that Pam Strobel and Chris Kennedy would be missed on the Board in many ways, pointing out Ms. Strobel's roles in mentoring and in long-term planning for the Board and Mr. Kennedy's political thinking.

Trustee Estrada discussed budget concerns and strategies to communicate with the legislature the value of the University as one of the most talent and revenue generating engines of the state. He believes that the Governor is interested in providing some relief from regulatory burdens, particularly in procurement, in exchange for a greater level of budget cuts.

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Trustee Estrada commented on plans for a strategic planning process that will begin sometime after President-elect Killeen is fully engaged with the University. The Board will announce a formal process after Dr. Killeen has the opportunity to seek input. Trustee Estrada said people will need to be involved who can consult deeply and then make decisions quickly.

Trustee Estrada believes that there should be more interaction between the Board and the faculty, while understanding the bureaucracy of the University. He encouraged individual and informal interactions with him by the members of the faculty. Trustee Estrada said that he supported strengthening the Board committees to include experts on the issues the Board must deal with.

Trustee Estrada commented on diversity issues. The University is missing opportunities to support underrepresented students. There should be better advocacy and mentoring groups for minority students. In addition, there needs to be more diversity in the administration and faculty.

Trustee Estrada stressed the importance of dialogue and putting the best interest of the University as a whole first. He believes that each campus should chart its own path and aspire to be as great as it can be while also creating better partnerships.

III. Meeting with Interim Chancellor Eric Gislason

Professor Chambers commented that Chancellor Gislason has served as Head of Chemistry, Dean of LAS, Interim Provost and Interim Chancellor.

Chancellor Gislason thanked the Conference for the good work it does for the University and for UIC. He highlighted some of the strengths of the campus, which is known for its diversity in the student body. ACT scores and the graduation rates have risen. Enrollments are holding up. There is a broad range of academic disciplines and some highly ranked programs. He loves being located in Chicago.

Chancellor Gislason commented that budget cuts from the state, however much, are likely to be painful. He said that the number one priority should be protecting the academic core, which includes faculty strength and student enrollment. The campus will be looking carefully at administrative units and functions. Recruiting students could become more difficult as there are fewer college-bound students in Illinois compared to other Midwest states and there is competition from other nearby universities. UIC provides an enormous amount of money to students in institutional aid. Another problem is the loss of grant money due to fewer faculty and a drop in indirect cost recovery. HR issues have created challenges as well, particularly in the exercise that has led to academic professional positions being converted to civil service positions. UIC is spending about \$40M a year on deferred maintenance, which is estimated at a need of \$800M-\$900M.

Chancellor Gislason said that Chancellor-elect Amiridis will start on March 16. The transition process in the leadership of UIC is going well. Dr. Amiridis has been involved in all major issues at UIC. Chancellor Gislason believes it would be good for UIC to

develop a strategic planning process. The campus needs better strategic planning of enrollment and should market itself better. Other important tasks for the new Chancellor will be to recruit a new Provost and a Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs.

The group discussed the need for better channels of communication and mechanisms for better interactions among the campuses. Chancellor Gislason felt that the UIC administration has good communication with the faculty senate. Getting information to the faculty as a whole could be improved.

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-77/GR-46. Revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* – Edits and Updates. *Statutes* transmitted to the Senates 10/10/14. *General Rules* transmitted to the President 12/22/14. *General Rules* transmitted to Senates 1/26/15.

Professor Burbules said that the *General Rules* revisions have been sent to the President and are now in the hands of the Board.

The UIC and UIS Senates have completed their reviews of the *Statutes*. He commented that there are some additional revisions, some proposed by the senates, that should go back to the senates for review. Professor Burbules reviewed the new statutory revisions, which were included in a revised draft document. He noted that a proposed change to include the composition of the presidential search committee in the *Statutes* will come later.

Professor Villegas suggested “civil service” to the list of employee classifications that are eligible to participate in the senates (Lines 151-154). Because not all senates include civil service, Professor Burbules made a motion to add “and other eligible staff.” The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved. The Conference approved the revised draft document to be sent to the senates for approval.

Professor Chambers suggested skipping to the first item in New Business. Professor Tolliver made a motion as such, which was seconded, voted on, and approved.

V. New Business

2. OT-321. UIUC Senate EP.15.33 – Proposal to Create a College of Medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Partnership with Carle Health System.

Professor Chambers commented that the issue of campus autonomy has been percolating for a long time. He said that the creation of a new college is a very involved procedure, which the current USC has never had to deal with. Making the situation more difficult is that it is a medical college and there is some opposition from another campus. The goal is to have an outcome that is best for everyone.

Professor Chambers said that he received an official request from President Easter on February 18 for USC to provide advice to him on the Urbana College of Medicine proposal by March 6. In the absence of time for USC to do due diligence on the subject, he discussed with President Easter various ways to proceed. A meeting of the USC Executive Committee was scheduled for February 20 with President Easter, President-elect Killeen, and Dr. Susan Kies.

Professor Tolliver mentioned that the Board approved a resolution in November asking the President to respond to a number of issues concerning medical education and research at the University, including the Urbana proposal and a proposal from Chicago. Professor Chambers added that the UIC proposal for a combined engineering institute was no longer on the table.

Professor Chambers said that the Executive Committee decided that it could not deal with specific issues regarding the proposed Urbana College of Medicine, but could focus on a recommendation that would promote dialogue between Urbana and Chicago. Professor Chambers read the two USC documents; Statement on Excellence and Avoiding Cross-Campus Conflicts. He commented that the Executive Committee came to the conclusion that these documents should be the basis for the advice from USC, which should urge the administration and faculty leaders across the campuses to communicate. He referred to a draft document written by Professors Campbell and Tolliver, which had been ratified by the USC Executive Committee.

Professor Mohammadian expressed concern with the last paragraph, as it presumes the college will be approved. Professor Chambers said that the intent is to stress that there must be continued discussions. Professor Villegas, as Chair of the Hospital and Health Affairs Committee, apologized that the committee has been silent on the issue. He had assumed that information would be forthcoming concerning the two proposals.

Professor Deberry-Spence commented that she assumed a dialogue would continue. She felt that USC was not being asked to comment on what should happen after the new college is approved, which is described in the last paragraph. Professor Burbules suggested changing the first sentence of the last paragraph of the draft document to, "Should the Board of Trustees vote to approve a new College of Medicine at Urbana, the college would need to proceed through further stages of development and approval." Professor Deberry-Spence suggested that language be added to say what should happen if the college is not approved. Professor Tolliver seconded the suggested language. Professor Chambers confirmed that, whatever the Board decides, there should be further discussion. There was confusion as to the exact language in the motion, particularly if the original motion was being modified to include various outcomes. Professor Chambers suggested, "Whatever the outcome of the deliberations of the Board of Trustees, further discussion will be

required.” Professor Tolliver said that her intentions in drafting the last paragraph was to reflect that, whatever the Board decides in March, this is only the first step. There would be continued discussions and approval processes. Professor Burbules felt that the wording was being protective of UIC’s concerns.

The group discussed concerns with providing advice due to not having enough information and starting such an initiative during a difficult and uncertain state economy. Professor Tolliver commented on the extensive vetting that has taken place in Urbana. Professor Campbell added that the financial plan has been reviewed by business people on the senate as well as Tripp-Umbach. The conclusion is that the plan is financially feasible and, with fundraising and money from Carle, no General Revenue Funds will be needed. Professor Deberry-Spence asked if there had been a discussion concerning an alternative investment. Professor Miller described the tremendous amount of time and effort that has gone into creating the proposal for the new college. She commented that the Urbana campus needs a College of Medicine to maintain its stature in terms of its ability to attract faculty and grants. Professor Maher suggested that the Conference’s advice could be to say that the appropriate steps have been followed at the campus at which the college has been proposed. USC does not have the appropriate information to provide further advice on the substance of this proposal other than to say that it has been thoroughly vetted by the campus. Professor Chambers commented that, when there is a conflict between two campuses, it is the responsibility of USC to try to mitigate that conflict.

Professor Burbules favored a process that adheres to the principles in the two USC documents that Professor Chambers read earlier in the discussion. One principle being that it is up to the campuses to collaborate to work out conflicts.

Professor Campbell made a motion to drop the motion proposed by Professor Burbules and delete the last paragraph of the draft document. In order to adhere to proper procedure, the question was called on the motion to revise the first sentence of the last paragraph. The motion was defeated. Professor Campbell restated is motion to delete the last paragraph of the document. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

Professor Chambers asked if there were any other comments before the Conference voted on the entire document. Professor Deberry-Spence commented that the first paragraph indicates that the UIC Senate endorsed a motion to support a single and unified College of Medicine at the University of Illinois. She asked that the language reflect that the endorsement came after committee work had been done prior to the senate motion. Professor Tolliver explained that she used the wording that the Conference had received from the UIC Senate in the classification of senate minutes information item.

Professor Tolliver pointed out that the classification identified in the first paragraph needs to be determined. Professor Chambers responded that USC would classify the senate minutes as its next item of business.

Professor Burbules made a motion to approve the document, conditional on the decision of the appropriate classification. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved unanimously.

VI. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of January 22, 2015

The minutes were approved as written.

VII. Classification of Senate Minutes

Professor Chambers commented that, going forward, he would like for each campus to comment on any relative items in the proposed classification that would be of interest to the Conference.

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 23, 2015

Res. 44-6 Elimination of the Pathways to Principalship Program

Res. 44-7 Change the Online Degree Name of the M.A. in Teacher Leadership to M.A. in Education

Res. 44-8 Change the Name of the Graduate Certificate in Teacher Leadership to Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Learning

Res. 44-9 Addition of a Graduate Certificate I Higher Educational Technology and ISBE Technology Endorsement

Res. 44-10 Addition of a Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Online Pedagogy

2. University of Illinois at Chicago, January 29, 2015

- PR-15.11 Establish Three Concentrations in the Bachelor of Science in Information and Decision Sciences; Business Data Analytics; Management Information Systems; and Operations and Supply Chain Management
- PR-15.12 Establish a Minor in Linguistics
- PR-15.13 Establish a Minor in Architectural Studies
- PR-15.14 Establish a Minor in Geographic Information Systems
- PR-15.15 Rename and Revise the Minor in Urban Planning and Policy as the Minor in Urban Studies
- PR-15.16 Establish a Korean (KOR) Course Subject (Rubric)
- PR-15.17 Revision of the Master of Science in Chemical Engineering
- PR-15.18 Rename the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacology as the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology
- CP-15.02 Establish the Fellowship in Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy Campus Certificate
- CP-15.03 Establish the Post-Professional Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency Campus Certificate

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 9, 2015

- EP.15.27 Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College to establish a Graduate Minor in Dance
- EP.15.28 Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College to revise the M.F.A. in Dance
- EP.15.38 Proposal from the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES) to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics (ACE) with a Concentration in Agri-Accounting
- EP.15.33 Proposal to Create a College of Medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Partnership with Carle Health System

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

4. University of Illinois at Chicago, January 29, 2015

Approved a motion to withdraw the proposed Classified Research Policy and to revisit this policy conversation after new leadership at the University brings the item back to the Senate Committee for consideration.

C. The following items were classified III by the University Senates Conference:

5. University of Illinois at Springfield, January 23, 2015

Revision of the University of Illinois *Statutes* as amended October 24, 2014 (motions 1-8)

6. University of Illinois at Chicago, January 29, 2015

Approved a motion to amend the proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 2 – Academic Freedom (USC ST-72) to exclude the first sentence in Article X, Section 2 the new (d): “All the rights enumerated in sections X.w.a, b and c above are subject to the applicable standards of academic conduct.” The UIC Senate then approved the proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 2 – Academic Freedom (USC ST-72) as amended.

7. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 9, 2015

SP.15.13 General Revisions to the *Statutes*, Motions #4 and #5

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

8. University of Illinois at Springfield, February 6, 2015

sNc,u Res. 44-11 Modification of Article 8, Sabbatical Leave and Awards, Section F, Subsections 2, 3, and 4

9. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 9, 2015

uNc,s LB.15.01 Resolution on Intellectual Freedom and the University Library

RS.15.05 Resolution Regarding the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure Report

10. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 16, 2015

uNc,s RS.15.06 Recommendation about Shared Governance and Academic Freedom

Professor Burbules commented that UIUC Senate item RS.15.06 calls for a University-wide committee to be convened in order to look at academic freedom and extramural speech issues in relation to the *Statutes* and *General Rules*.

The remainder of the agenda was suspended until the next regular meeting due to the lateness of time.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.