I. Meeting with President Killeen, Executive Vice President Wilson, Mr. Paul Weinberger and Ms. Melissa Haas

President Killeen was pleased to report that Governor’s Pritzker’s budget address recognized higher education as a priority and offered a positive multi-year approach. The proposed budget includes additional funds for MAP and Aim High, and for the first time in around ten years a capital spending plan. The Governor included in the budget the $500M that had been targeted for the Illinois Innovation Network and the Discovery Partners Institute. The University System would see its state appropriation increase to around $625M with the proposed 5% increase. President Killeen noted that the U of I state appropriation was $850M in 2002.

Vice President Wilson reported that applications are up 10% overall; mostly in Urbana and likely due to the Illinois Commitment program. President Killeen provided brief updates on the marketing campaign and the fundraising campaign. He believes that the fundraising goal of $3.1B will be reached. The President indicated that the Distinguished Faculty Recruitment Program has resulted in the hiring of 14 faculty who have brought a combined $28M of research with them.

President Killeen said that all three universities went up in the U.S. News and World Report rankings. He discussed some of the ranking factors, one of which is alumni giving. Only 7% to 8% of alumni give back. The President said that the University gets around 22,000 new alumni each year, and there need to be efforts to establish lifelong connections. Another ranking factor is faculty salaries.

Vice President Wilson discussed some proposed legislation that, if approved, may present problems for higher education. One example was a House bill that would require public universities in the State of Illinois to admit all freshman applicants who have graduated in the top ten percent of their class.

1Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of April 2, 2019
Professor Tolliver opened for discussion the Discovery Partners Institute proposal. She commented that the proposal came out of a group effort led by Dr. Phyllis Baker. Two governance documents also helped shape the proposal: one by the DPI Academic Governance Advisory Group (AGAG), and the other by USC. Professor Tolliver thanked President Killeen and Vice President Wilson for their roles in DPI and for the many discussions with USC.

Professor Tolliver suggested that the DPI Executive Committee, which is described in the AGAG governance document, should consist of two members to be designated by USC and ten members to be elected from among and by the faculty associated with DPI.

Professor Tolliver brought up the question of how revenue will be generated. She also brought up potential concerns with deciding on a formula for splitting ICR funds and tuition revenues. President Killeen responded that there would be an equitable distribution of funds between DPI and home units. The President commented that there would be no deviation of current funding due to DPI matching funds. He added that DPI will enable things to happen that would not have otherwise happened, such as the $25M gift for remodeling Illini Hall.

Professor Tolliver asked what other types of governance structures there could be in addition to the Executive Committee. President Killeen said that there could be a URO (University Related Organizations) group. Vice President Wilson said that there would need to be a leadership group that includes administrators, adding that provosts need to have a continued voice.

Dr. William Sanders and Dr. Phyllis Baker joined the meeting by phone at 11:00 a.m. to discuss four open DPI leadership positions. Dr. Sanders noted that USC members had received the position descriptions and search committee membership lists. He indicated that DPI is at the stage where it is critical to have the additional positions. Dr. Sanders specified that the positions are twelve-month Academic Professional positions. The Director of Academic Affairs is different from a position in a degree-granting unit. The person will be the interface with students interacting with DPI. He added that the person could be, but did not have to be, a tenured faculty member. Professor Tolliver thanked Dr. Sanders for providing the information.

Mr. Paul Weinberger and Ms. Melissa Haas joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Mr. Weinberger commented that he has been the Director of Federal Relations in the Office of Governmental Relations for two years, and Ms. Haas is Associate Director of Federal Relations and is based at UIC. Ms. Emily Tuttle, who was not at the meeting, is based in Washington, D.C. He coordinates with a group that spans across the system called the Council on Government Relations and External Relations.

Mr. Weinberger discussed the University System’s main federal priorities, which include advocacy for funding federal agencies, federally sponsored financial aid, immigration fairness, and ensuring safe campuses. He referred to a one-page handout that lists nine priorities with information about each item.
Ms. Haas described the efforts of a system-wide working group that provided a response to Secretary of Education DeVos on sweeping changes to the regulations under Title IX. She said that she would share the document, which includes a summary of concerns, with USC. Ms. Haas also discussed efforts that are being made to gain visibility and standing in Washington, D.C. Over the last couple of years, Federal Relations has focused on increasing the number of scheduled events with members of Congress and leaders of federal agencies.

Responding to a question, Mr. Weinberger said that students are a part of advocacy. A student day in D.C. is being planned for the fall. He suggested that the best opportunities for student advocacy are here in Illinois. Mr. Weinberger said that Federal Relations is trying to coordinate better on faculty advocacy. He commented that faculty and students can be our best advocates. He encouraged faculty to talk with the Federal Relations staff first in order to get suggestions. A document outlining guidelines is being finalized.

Mr. Weinberger discussed the contract the University System has with the Lewis-Burke consultants, who have broad expertise at the federal level. The cost is split between Chicago and Urbana. The Vice Chancellors for Research rely on the consultants and want to continue the business relationship.

Mr. Weinberger was asked how initiatives between higher education and government would get started. He responded that his office would be happy to work with faculty who have an idea but do not know how it should be executed. His office would also be happy to offer suggestions for where faculty could be looking for ideas.

Mr. Weinberger commented that, over the past year, one important issue that has taken up a lot of time is concern about how universities engage with foreign agencies. He said that this is not a partisan issue. Certain state departments will not work with faculty who have been working with particular countries. His office can help faculty determine whether there are any problems.

Professor Tolliver thanked Mr. Weinberger and Ms. Haas for meeting with the University Senates Conference.

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of January 24, 2019

Professor Dallesasse moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Professor Maher and approved by voice vote.

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 *University of Illinois Statutes*. 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.

Professor Miller moved to approve the proposed classifications. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

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

1. University of Illinois at Chicago, February 4, 2019

   PR-19.26 Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Criminology, Law, and Justice and Revise the Minor in Criminology, Law, and Justice

   PR-19.27 Revise the Minor in Economics

   PR-19.28 Revise the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Integrated Health Studies

   PR-19.29 Revise the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Biological Sciences; Establish the Concentration in General Biology; Establish the Concentration in Molecular, Cellular, and Organismal Biology; Establish the Concentration in Evolution, Ecology, and Environmental Biology; and Revise the Minor in Biological Sciences

   PR-19.30 Revise the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, Coordinated Program Concentration and Concentration in Nutrition Science

   PR-19.31 Rename and Revise the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Slavic Studies; Rename the Concentration in Polish Literature and Culture; Rename the Concentration in Russian Literature and Culture; and Establish the Concentration in Central and Eastern European Studies
Establish the Master of Education in Urban Higher Education

Establish the Master of Jurisprudence and Establish Seven Concentrations within the Master of Jurisprudence

Establish the Master of Laws in Employee Benefits

Establish the Master of Laws in Estate Planning

Establish the Master of Laws in Intellectual Property Law

Establish the Master of Laws in International Business and Trade Law

Establish the Master of Laws in Privacy and Technology Law

Establish the Master of Laws in Real Estate Law

Establish the Master of Laws in Tax Law

Revise the Master of Arts in French and Francophone Studies

Establish the Joint Master of Science in Supply Chain and Operations Management / Master of Business Administration

Revise the Doctor of Medicine

Establish the English Language and Support for Internationals (ELSI) Course Subject

Establish Four Post-Baccalaureate Campus Certificates: Health Informatics Fundamentals, Leadership in Health Informatics, Health Data Science Informatics, and Mobile Health Informatics

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 4, 2019

Establish a Master of Agricultural and Applied Economics degree with a major in Agricultural and Applied Economics in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences, and create a joint program with that new program and the existing Bachelor of Science with a major in Agricultural and Consumer Economics

Revise the MS in Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Revise the Doctor of Audiology (AuD) in Speech and Hearing Sciences
Establish the Catherine and Don Kleinmuntz Center for Genomics in Business and Society as a Temporary Center in the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology

Revise the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art

Administrative Approvals at the January 14, 2019 EP Meeting

Establish a New Major in Computer Science and Animal Sciences for a Bachelor of Science

Transfer the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (REAL) from the Institute of Government and Public Affairs to the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Administrative Approvals at the January 28, 2019 EP Meeting

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

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 4, 2019

Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.1 – Senate Executive Committee and Part F.2 – Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of Higher Education

Revision to the Bylaws, Part F.5 – Senate Representatives to Other Bodies

Revision to Standing Rule 14 – Setting the Agenda for Senate Meetings

Revision to the Bylaws, Part A – Meetings

Revision to Standing Rule 15 – Use of Electronic Clickers in the Senate

Revision to Bylaws Part D.19 – Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (membership)

Resolution in Support of Academic Affordability

Resolution to Publicize Policy Regarding from Classroom Disruption (Formerly RS.19.04)

Professor Tolliver introduced newly-elected member, Professor Michael Stroscio.
IV. Remarks from the USC Chair

Professor Tolliver had no remarks. She suggested that the follow-up discussion from the morning session be postponed until after new business item, OT-356.

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

V. Old Business - Action Items

None.

VI. New Business

1. OT-356. Discovery Partners Institute.

Professor Tolliver referred to the DPI consultation timeline. She said that USC had agreed with the President several months ago to try to get DPI through the approval process by the end of this academic year. The process is for USC to vote on its advice and send that advice to the senates in time for the senates to provide its advice back to USC before the Board meeting in May. Professor Tolliver commented that DPI is far advanced and moving forward at the same time planning is going on, so the sooner it is made official the better. Many people want to be involved in DPI and partnerships are being formed all over the world.

Professor Dallesasse felt that there should be some type of pro forma budget for five years out given that there will be outflowing cash from the system. Professor Miller commented that there is usually a lot of flexibility with a temporary institute, so it is not unusual to not have a lot of budgetary detail. Professor Danziger agreed that, since the system will be investing in the entity for years to come, there should be as much understanding as possible of what that investment will be. Professor Tolliver indicated that there would be a review in five years, at which time there would be more details about the budget. After further discussion, the group decided to convey to the senates that USC believes an estimate of the annual investment in DPI from the system should be provided. In addition, the proposal should describe how internal funding will be replaced with external funding. The proposal should also include examples of the types of program revenue that could be expected from DPI.

The group briefly discussed the DPI evaluation process, noting that the assessment should include criteria that demonstrates added value to the three universities. A list of milestones should also be provided. In addition, there should be annual reviews.

USC then had an in-depth discussion of the role of the senates in the DPI approval process. Professor Tolliver summarized that the role of the senates is to use their own internal
processes to consider the proposal, bring the proposal to the full senate for a vote, and send its feedback to USC. It will be the job of USC to compile the advice of the three senates and USC and transmit the advice to the President. Professor Tolliver noted that the process in the Statutes ends with the Board of Trustees. She reiterated that it is up to the senates to decide what their advice is, and that advice could include endorsement of USC’s advice. However, there must be a vote in each senate.

USC discussed the current and proposed DPI committees. Professor Johnson commented that the two bodies that currently exist were appointed and have representation from USC. Those bodies, the Academic Executive Committee and the Academic Governance Advisory Group, will be discharged this year. The Academic Governance Advisory Group has recommended that there be an elected faculty executive committee consisting of 10-12 faculty with representation from each university. Professor Johnson reminded the Conference that Professor Tolliver recommended to the President during the morning discussion that there be twelve faculty; two of the faculty to be designated by USC and the other ten to be elected by and from among the DPI faculty electorate, which would be faculty who are affiliated with DPI. In addition to the elected faculty executive committee, there could be other committee structures formed that would include administrators. Professor Maher recommended that any other committees that might be formed not use the term “executive committee.” Professor Johnson commented that DPI will need to have bylaws, which would provide details about the committees.

Professor Tolliver summarized the points that should be included in the advice to the senates: in the proposal for permanent status, it is essential to have much more granularity about the budget, which would include annual anticipated costs from the system over the next five years, a funding strategy to replace internal funding with external funding, and anticipated revenues; there should be aspirational organizational milestones year by year for the next five years; that there be an annual review over the next five years instead of waiting towards the end of five years; mention the consultation with USC that has taken place and reference USC’s document on shared governance at the system level; mention that concerns were raised about academic initiatives and governance structures, which were addressed in the final proposal; mention that the DPI Academic Governance Advisory Group, which consists of faculty, provided advice; mention that a large number of faculty have expressed interest in DPI; and highlight that all academic programs will come from existing faculty governance structures.

Professor De Groote said that the Academic Governance Advisory Group will be addressing what makes someone eligible to be a DPI-affiliated faculty member. While the group will not write the bylaws, it will provide advice in the context of academic matters. Professor Erricolo suggested that the document reference that there is no real precedent for DPI. Professor Maher suggested using the term tenure-system faculty rather than tenure-track faculty.

Professor Maher moved that the University Senates Conference charge the USC Chair to write a letter that will provide the advice of USC to the respective senates along the lines of the points listed and recorded in the minutes. The motion was seconded by Professor Gay Miller. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
VII. USC Committee of the Whole Discussion: Follow-up items from morning session

Professor Miller commented that the U.S. News and World Report rankings include faculty salaries as comprising 7% of the ranking. Class size and student-faculty ratio account for 8%. Social mobility and outcomes associated with graduates are also included.

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items


No new information.


Professor Tolliver commented that the revisions to the Intellectual Property section of the General Rules have come back from Legal Counsel. She said that the recommendation from the USC Statutes and Governance Committee is to transmit the revised document to the senates for consideration. Professor Dallesasse had a question about the distribution of funds as mentioned in lines 423-429. Professor Tolliver responded that all of the funds come down from the system level. Professor Vincent suggested that this explanation be included in the transmittal letter to the senates. She also recommended that the letter not say that revisions are “editorial in nature.” Professor Johnson explained that section 7(k) is now referenced in certain areas of the document in an attempt to clarify reporting lines by referring back to a single paragraph earlier in the document because the lawyers felt this would be clearer than repeating the same language. Professor Maher suggested that the letter explain why the document is going back to the senates, who have already approved or not approved this section of the General Rules. Professor Vincent suggested that there be a key to the different editorial colors and highlighting in the track changes.

Professor Maher moved that Professor Tolliver work with the USC SGC to explain the nature of the changes, and that USC approve sending this document to the senates for action. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

No new information.


No new information.


No new information.


No new information.

8. ST-83. Revisions to the Statutes – new proposed revisions and proposed revisions from ST-77 that need further discussion (B File).

No new information.

9. ST-84. Proposed Revisions to the Statutes, Article VIII, Section 4 – Changes in Existing Units. Passed UIUC Senate 11/12/18.

No new information.

10. OT-326. USC Presentations to the Board of Trustees.
Professor Tolliver commented that the USC presentation to the Board in January that was to be given by the Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee was postponed due to extremely cold weather on the day of the meeting which led to a shortened meeting that dealt with only essential business. She said that the USC Academic Affairs and Research Committee would like to stick with the original plan of giving its report at the March Board meeting, and the USC Finance, Budget, and Benefits Committee will give its report in May. Professor Tolliver said that this would eliminate the fourth presentation that was to be given, but she would include that aspect in the year-end report that she will give to the Board in July.


The Conference discussed guests to invite.

12. Report of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

    Thursday, January 31, 2019       Chicago       Aria Razfar

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

    Thursday, March 14, 2019       Urbana-Champaign       James Brennan


Professor Tolliver reported that she shared this item, which was transmitted to all three senates, with the UIUC SEC. The guidelines will also go to the full senate for information. She felt that it would be good for the senates to see the document before receiving the DPI proposal.


No new information.

16. OT-355. Staff Engagement Program

Professor Tolliver suggested that this item be removed from the agenda. There were no objections.

17. OT-339. Audit of the University Senates Conference.

No new information.

18. OT-343. Proposed Revision to the University Senates Conference Bylaws, Section 3, 3.5 – Term Limits. Approved by USC 2/21/18.
No new information.

19. OT-344. Proposed Revision to the University Senates Conference Bylaws, 4.3.1 – Chair of the Nominating Committee. Approved by USC 5/3/18.

No new information.

20. OT-353. Proposed Revisions to the University Senates Conference Bylaws, 5.5, 6.3(a), 6.3(d) – Removal of the Hospital and Health Affairs Committee and other minor revisions. Approved by USC 1/24/19.

No new information.

21. Campus Updates.

Professor Francis reported that the Urbana Senate has been dealing with a number of resolutions, but lost quorum before the last resolution could be considered. This resolution calls for more resources for the Women’s Resource Center. The Urbana campus, as well as other universities, is seeing increases in counseling center appointments and complaints related to Title IX.

Professor Vincent reported that the UIC Senate is still going through the audit process.

Professor Li reported that the UIS Senate has gone through the audit process. The Senate is also reviewing the sanctioned events policy.

22. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: DPI Academic Governance Advisory Group (De Groote, Johnson); DPI Academic Executive Committee (Karri); Enrollment Management Policy Council (Wade); President’s Executive Leadership Program (Erricolo); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee for System Academic Affairs (Tolliver).

There were no updates.

23. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

   Academic Affairs and Research Committee  Gay Miller, Chair
   Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee  Danilo Erricolo, Chair
   Statutes and Governance Committee  Nick Burbules, Chair

AARC: Professor Miller reported that the committee is working on the report to the Board.

IX. Review of Agenda Items

USC reviewed the list of pending items and approved removing: OT-310, OT-327, OT-330, OT-331, OT-332, and OT-335.
X. **Adjournment**

Professor Miller moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Professor Li and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.