

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2009

PLACE: Videoconference: 414 AOB, 180G BRK, 364 HAB; and Call-in

PRESENT: Burbules, Chambers, Eisenhart (Vice Chair), Gillet, Jones, Kaufman (Chair), Mallory, O'Brien, Schacht, Tolliver, Wheeler, Wood

ABSENT: Chapman-Novakofski, Finnerty, Fisher, Koronkowski, Langley, Massat, Strom, Weech

GUESTS: Mrinalini Rao, Joseph White

Professor Elliot Kaufman, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 9:10 a.m.

I. Executive Session

Vice President Rao provided updates on several items. The Chemical Engineering multi-institutional degree with Singapore was approved at the March Board meeting. The general policy document on multi-institutional degrees will reside in Charlie Evans office. Funds from the Federal Stimulus Package will be distributed by the state. The campuses are discussing research opportunities. Sabbatical requests for the upcoming academic year were approved at the March Board meeting. The Faculty Performance Study has been further streamlined. UIUC will give the Board examples from two campus units. An RFP has been completed for identifying a single search firm. The University would reserve the right to hire another firm in certain cases. The IBHE Public Agenda has been approved. While the goals of the agenda overlap with the University's strategic plan and goals, discussions are taking place in order to be prepared for potential problems. The University Policy on Academic Integrity in Research and Publication is going through the senates for review. A Conflict of Interest and Commitment report was presented to the Board in November. A report from the internal auditors will be forthcoming. Vice President Rao will want USC to help identify individuals to serve on two follow-up task forces. The changing economic picture has resulted in many modifications to the outcomes of the Resource Summit, so planning is difficult until more information on the budget becomes available. Human resource issues have been explored. Conference members recommended that strategic planning and structural reorganization be a managing practice rather than just a response to a financial crisis. Some departments are acting now in response to the budget crisis because of notice rights. The group discussed obligating money and managing contracts of employees on grant money, and how Banner/Human Resources should not guide decision-making.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of April 28, 2009

Vice President Rao said that the tuition decision for 2009-10 will not be decided until the University knows more about its budget from the state.

President White said that the previous day he testified before the higher education appropriations committee. The Governor's proposed budget includes an \$8M increase for the University, as well as a healthy capital budget that would be financed by an income tax increase. The President said that repair and renovation is the biggest need. A tuition decision needs to be made in May, but we still may not know the budget situation. The University needs to maintain quality without imposing a big tuition increase on students and their families. Costs need to be monitored, such as travel and utilities. The University will strive to keep people employed.

President White commented that he believes the mission of the Global Campus is deeply embraced by the Board of Trustees and faculty governance. The Board has embraced Global Campus, an infrastructure has been built, but there are problems. He described four different strategies: 1) close Global Campus, 2) turn Global Campus over to one of the campuses, most likely UIC, 3) continue to pursue accreditation, and 4) come up with an alternate plan that would fulfill the mission of Global Campus and have the support of the faculty. The President wanted the Senates Conference to assist in developing the alternate proposal and indicated that Professor Burbules is leading a task force for that purpose. Professor Burbules reported that the committee, which consists of two people from each campus, has developed a strong outline. There has been a lot of consulting and the President has been helpful in passing information along. The committee plans to have a report by April 15.

In regards to the additional members on the Global Campus Academic Policy Council, President White asked the Conference to make recommendations.

President White said that the University has done okay so far during the recession. However, now is the time to look at restructuring in ways that will benefit the University. The provosts are working with faculty governance groups on the campuses. Administrative overhead will be reviewed and reduced. The Conference urged for there to be broad consultation.

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of February 25, 2009

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.
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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 Chicago, March 12, 2009

- PR-09.22 Revision of the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program: Establishment of a Concentration in Nonprofit Management
- PR-09.23 Request to Accept IELTS Test Results for English Proficiency of International Applicants, In Addition to the TOEFL Tests Already Established
- PR-09.24 Establish the Master of Arts in Latin American and Latino Studies
- PR-09.25 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering
- PR-09.26 Establishment of a Master of Engineering Course Subject (Rubric) – MENG
- PR-09.27 Revision of the Master of Science in Nursing
- PR-09.28 Revision of the School/Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist Concentration, Master of Science in Nursing
- PR-09.29 Revision of Nurse Midwifery Concentration within the Master of Science (MS) in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs and Revision of Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration within the Master of Science (MS) in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs

- PR-09.30 Revision of College of Nursing Course Subjects (Rubrics)
- PR-09.31 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
- PR-09.32 Revision of the Requirements for Highest Distinction for the Major in Economics, Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences
- PR-09.33 Revision and Redesignation of the Minor in Real Estate as the Minor in Urban Real Estate
- PR-09.34 Revision and Redesignation of Minor in Labor Markets and Workforce Development to the Minor in Human Capital and Labor Markets
- PR-09.35 Revision of the Major in English, Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences; and the Minor in English
- CP-09.04 Establish a Campus Certificate in Geospatial Analysis and Visualization
- CP-09.05 Revision of the Evidence-Based Mental Health Practice with Children IBHE Certificate Program
- CP-09.06 Establish a Campus Certificate in Educational Research Methodology
- CP-09.07 Conversion of the Existing Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Measurement, Evaluation, Statistics and Assessment (MESA), as an Online Degree
- CP-09.08 Establish a Campus Certificate in Electronic Government
- CP-09.09 Revision of the Advance IBHE Certificate Program in Endodontics
- CP-09.10 Request to Establish a Public Health Management Campus Certificate
- CP-09.11 Revision of the Emergency Management and Continuity Planning Campus Certificate
- CP-09.12 Revision of the Post-Master's Clinical Nurse Specialist Campus Certificate
- CP-09.13 Establishment of the Advanced Practice Cardiometabolic Nursing Campus Certificate

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

2. University of Illinois at Chicago, March 12, 2009

Approved proposed revisions to the “University of Illinois at Chicago Promotion and Tenure Committee Policies and Procedure”
Nomination Process

Professor Kaufman raised the issue of whether USC should look at the Class I items and determine whether a program might affect another campus. The Conference decided to discuss this further and possibly even include the President and Vice President for Academic Affairs in the discussion.

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

IV. Old Business – Action Items

None.

V. New Business

1. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, May 21, 2009, Chicago

Donald Chambers

2. OT-251. Policy and Procedures on Academic Integrity in Research and Publication.

Professor Kaufman said that the revised policy has been transmitted to the senates for consideration. Professor Schacht indicated that he had concerns with the policy and asked what the best approach to resolve the problems would be. Professor Kaufman responded that he initially had hoped the senates would have the chance to weigh in on the policy before it is implemented. However, because so much of the policy changes were made in order to be in compliance with federal requirements, the policy should be in effect this coming academic year. He suggested that the policy be provisionally implemented and then it can be further modified. Professor Schacht said that the problems could be fixed simply. Vice President Rao asked Professor Schacht to send his recommendations to her and she would forward them to the committee.

3. NC-15. Nominating Committee for 2009-10 Officers and Executive Committee.

Professor Kaufman said that the nominating committee will propose a slate of nominees after the senates elect USC members. He called for volunteers and nominations to serve on the committee. Professor Mallory said that she would volunteer but she is not a continuing member. Professor Jones volunteered to serve. Professor Eisenhart nominated Professor Fisher. Professor Mallory removed her name. Professor Kaufman said that he would make a decision and announce the committee members at the next meeting.

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

4. 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. Additional Proposed Revisions to Article III, Sections 1-4, to President White 10/9/08. Referred to University Intellectual Property Committee by Vice President Ghosh 2/13/09.

Professor Schacht commented that the Intellectual Property Committee (IPC) took the advice of the USC representatives and the current document reflects their recommendations. The Conference approved a resolution to accept the changes proposed by IPC.

Professor Schacht said that he spoke to Vice President Ghosh about the usual and customary report language in the context of equipment use. Vice President Ghosh said that he would take the matter to IPC. Professor Burbules commented on the letter he drafted in regards to usual and customary support.

5. OT-227. The Global Campus.

Professor Schacht thought that establishing a committee to look at an alternate proposal was an appropriate step and hoped that fundamental changes could be embraced. Professor Kaufman said that it may be difficult to consult widely given the timeframe.

6. OT-243. Resource Summit.

No new information.

7. 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. Passed UIS Senate 9/26/08.

Professor Kaufman said that UIC had first reading on March 12 and will act on the item in April. UIUC is scheduled to have first reading soon.

8. OT-218. Proposed Guidelines for Multi-Institutional Degrees. Transmitted to Senates 11/10/05. Approved UIUC Senate 11/5/07. *Policy for Consideration of Multi-Institutional Degrees* transmitted to Senates 11/4/08.

Professor Kaufman noted that Vice President Rao provided an update during the Executive Session.

9. ST-72. Consideration of the language in the Statutes, Article X, Section 2 (Academic Freedom).

Professor Kaufman said that this item is in UIUC Senate committees.

10. 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 Policy 2/21/07. UIS Policy 12/11/07. UIUC Policy 3/5/09.

Professor Kaufman said that he would review all three policies.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

12. Campus Updates.

There were no updates.

13. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Joyce Tolliver/Joseph Finnerty

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

No reports.

15. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Pending USC Items
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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.

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-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.

OT-202. Review of the *University Senates Conference Organization and Functions*.

OT-210. Tuition and Fees Executive Committee.

OT-211. Process for Selecting Board of Trustees Members.

OT-219. Future USC Meeting Dates.

OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

OT-229. University Administration Reorganization.

OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

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

OT-244. Pro-Quest Dissertation Publishing.

OT-247. USC Budget.

OT-248. Intellectual Property Issues.

OT-249. Exit Interviews.