

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, March 30, 2010

PLACE: Room 210 Illini Union, Urbana

PRESENT: Barrett, Burbules, Campbell, Eisenhart (Chair), Finnerty, Francis, Jones, Martin, Massat, O'Brien, Patston, Ramsey, Ting, Tolliver, Weech, Wheeler (Vice Chair)

ABSENT: Chambers, Fadavi, Kaufman, Koronkowski

GUESTS: Stanley Ikenberry, Walter Knorr, Mrinalini Rao

Professor Kathryn Eisenhart, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Executive Session

President Ikenberry and the Conference members discussed administrative reorganization ideas that are being considered by the Administrative Review and Restructuring Working Group. The group also discussed succession planning.

President Ikenberry provided an update on the budget, taking into consideration the many uncertainties. The President said that the borrowing bill has stalled. Professor Tolliver said that there is anxiety among tenure-track faculty in that some are concerned that tenure might be denied based on the budget situation. President Ikenberry thought that this should be a talking point for chancellors and deans.

Vice President Knorr reported that the University's receivable from the state was \$478M as of today. Federal stimulus money and MAP funds were received last week. The University will have received \$288M of its state appropriation by the end of March. The University had collected \$400M the same time last year.

President Ikenberry said that the advocacy group is coming along nicely. The group has grown from 4,000 to 6,000 in the last few weeks.

Professor Eisenhart mentioned that the proposed legislation to discontinue 50% tuition waivers for dependents is dead this session but could come back. She expressed concern that the pension reforms for future employees could affect recruiting. President Ikenberry said that University employees have paid their premiums into SURS and SURS has performed on investments. The state has failed to do its part.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of April 29, 2010

Vice President Knorr provided an update on the search for an executive director of governmental relations. The search committee, which he chairs, is almost finished interviewing. The goal is to have someone appointed at the May Board meeting.

President Ikenberry commented that he thought the report presented by Professor Burbules to the Board of Trustees went well. He said that he is comfortable continuing the practice. There was a discussion of other ways the faculty could connect with the Board, such as participating in Board committee meetings.

President Ikenberry said that Vice President Rao would be getting a group together to consider accelerated degree programs. 2-3% of students at the University already graduate in three years. Most have taken advanced placement courses and/or have earned dual high school/college credit, and many take advantage of distance learning opportunities. Vice President Rao's group will also look at expanding the summer session.

President Ikenberry is working with UIS leadership on the process to find a new chancellor. A search will most likely begin in the fall. The President provided an update on the presidential search.

In response to a question, Vice President Rao said that there would not be any changes to notification of appointment forms for this coming academic year.

Vice President Rao reported that two major committees are working on the Conflicts of Commitment and Interest policy. She plans to bring the policy to USC this summer. The revised policy needs to be in place by July 2011 in order to comply with an agreement made with the auditors. Vice President Rao said that automation of conflict reporting is being considered to make searching for information easier.

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of February 23, 2010

Professor O'Brien moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. After some editorial and typographical errors were noted and corrected, the minutes were approved as amended.

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.

Professor O'Brien moved approval of the Classification of Senate Minutes. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

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

1. University of Illinois at Springfield, February 26, 2010

R39-17 Suspension of MPA Concentration in Criminal Justice

2. University of Illinois at Chicago, March 11, 2010

PR-10.26 Revision of the Master of Public Health (MPH), Public Health Informatics Concentration, both the Comprehensive and Professional Enhancement Program (PEP) Tracks (Revised)

PR-10.27 Revision of the Master of Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP)

PR-10.28 Establish a Concentration in Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology, Master of Science in Public Health and Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health

PR-10.29 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition

PR-10.30 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering

PR-10.31 Revision of the Chicago Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program

PR-10.32 Revision of the Peoria Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program

PR-10.33 Revision of the Rockford Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program

PR-10.34 Revision of the Urbana/Champaign Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program

PR-10.35 Revise and Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Classical Civilization as the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Classical Studies; Revise and Rename the Minor in Classical Civilization as the Minor in Classical Studies; Revise the Requirement for Department Distinction in the Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies

CP-10.05 Revision of the Post-Baccalaureate Public Health Informatics Campus Certificate

CP-10.07 Establish a Campus Certificate in Survey Research Methods

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 29, 2010

EP.10.19 Proposal from ENGR to Revise the B.S. in Agricultural and Biological Engineering

EP.10.32 Proposal from the Graduate College and College of Veterinary Medicine to Rename the Department of Veterinary Biosciences as the Department of Comparative Biosciences

EP.10.33 Proposal from Engineering to Revise the Undergraduate Curriculum in Bioengineering

EP.10.36 Discontinuance of Undergraduate Minor in Food and Bioprocess Engineering; Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering; ENGR

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

4. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 29, 2010

SP.06.05 Revision to the Statutes, Article VIII (Second Reading; Action)

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

5. University of Illinois at Springfield, February 26, 2010

R39-18 Integration of an Assessment Reporting Process with Program Review

6. University of Illinois at Springfield, March 12, 2010

R39-10 Changes to the UIS Academic Integrity Policy – Section V.3.C.

IV. Old Business – Action Items

There were no action items.

V. New Business

1. NC-16. Nominating Committee for 2010-11 Officers and Executive Committee.

Professor Eisenhart requested nominations and volunteers to serve on the committee.

2. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, May 20, 2010, Chicago

Carol Massat

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

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. ST-74. Proposed Revision to the *Statutes*, Article I, Sections 2 – Term used to clarify the role of the President. Transmitted to Senates 10/26/09. Retransmitted with revisions 11/25/09. Endorsed UIS Senate 12/7/09. Accepted by UIC Senate 12/15/09. Approved UIUC Senate 2/22/10. Transmitted to the President 2/26/10. Approved by the Board of Trustees 3/10/10.

Professor Eisenhart noted that the Board of Trustees approved this item. Professor O'Brien moved to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

4. OT-261. Short-Term and Long-Term Budget Planning.

The Conference discussed this item with President Ikenberry and Vice Presidents Knorr and Rao during the Executive Session.

5. OT-258. Presidential Search.

Professors Wheeler and Ting commented on the search process.

6. OT-259. Conflict of Commitment and Interest Policy.

The Conference discussed this item with Vice President Rao during the Executive Session.

7. OT-260. University Information Security Policy.

Professor Eisenhart noted that the policy had been transmitted to the senates.

8. OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

The Conference discussed the process for reviewing the vice presidents. All members will receive the accomplishments and goals of the vice presidents when they become available. The group had an immediate concern and unanimously agreed that Professor Eisenhart should discuss this with the President.

9. 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. Revised document transmitted to Senates 1/16/09. Passed UIS Senate 2/13/09. Passed UIC Senate 4/23/09. Passed UIUC Senate 4/27/09. Passed UIUC Senate 4/27/09. Transmitted to President 5/7/09. Passed UIUC Senate with revisions 3/29/10.

Professor Tolliver reported that the UIUC Senate approved a revised document at its meeting the day before.

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

Professor Eisenhart reported that Ms. Julie Smith communicated that the Governor's office is watching related legislation.

11. 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. Letter to Ikenberry 12/10/09.

The Conference discussed the process and topics for the next presentation that will be given to the Board of Trustees. The group thought that ten minutes was a reasonable time allotment to be given for the presentation. Possible topics discussed were pension changes and the impact on recruitment and retention, as well as recruitment and retention in general, and sabbaticals. Professor Burbules commented that, while the University is losing faculty to other institutions, this may be the time for the University to do some cherry picking. Professor Patston said that Stanford has the practice of cherry picking professors who are on track to become Nobel winners and otherwise highly recognized.

12. OT-256. Positive Time Reporting.

No new information.

13. OT-257. Role of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty in University Governance.

No new information.

14. OT-253. Program Review Process Collaboration among the Campuses.

The Conference discussed accelerated degree programs. Professor Burbules volunteered to get a group together to help generate the composition of a planning committee and a charge to the committee. Professors Campbell, Eisenhart, Ramsey, and Tolliver agreed to assist.

15. GR-41. Review of language in The General Rules, Article V, Section 3 – Private Use of University Property Forbidden.

Professor Weech said that there are some protections for the faculty by providing permission forms for using University property off-campus, and this could be broadened. Professor Campbell said that there could be a database of information.

16. OT-252. Vendor Code of Conduct.

No new information.

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

Professor Tolliver reported that there is a proposal to strengthen the *Statutes*. The item is in the UIUC Senate's University Statutes and Senate Procedures. Part of the problem is that state employees are not protected from criticizing their employers; it is not considered free speech.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings. The group also discussed the possibility of scheduling a special meeting to meet with the new president.

19. Campus Updates.

Professor Tolliver reported on budget planning going on at the UIUC campus. She suggested that there be better communication among the three campuses in terms of budget planning. Professor Tolliver said that representatives of the provost's office have agreed to have weekly meetings with representatives from the Senate Executive Committee. Professor Massat said that budget planning at UIC has not been faculty

driven. A committee with faculty representation was supposed to be appointed, but this has not happened. Professor Martin commented that faculty committees at UIS are there to be informed what is happening rather than to have a part in the decision-making process.

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

TED Cabinet

February 26, 2010

Matthew Wheeler

21. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Wednesday March 10, 2010, Chicago

Joseph Finnerty

22. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Pending USC Items
March 30, 2010

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-219. Future USC Meeting Dates.

OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

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

OT-243. Resource Summit.

OT-247. USC Budget.

OT-248. Intellectual Property Issues.

OT-249. Exit Interviews.