

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, April 22, 2008

PLACE: Room C, Public Affairs Center

PRESENT: Anderson, Burbules, Burton (Chair), Fisher, Jones, Langley, O'Brien, Scheff, Strom, Wood

ABSENT: Chambers, Chapman-Novakofski, Eisenhart, Fossum, Grossman, Kaufman (Vice Chair), Massat, Schacht, Tolliver, Weller

GUESTS: David Dorris, Mrinalini Rao, Joseph White

Professor Vernon Burton, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. Executive Session

(Text suppressed due to confidential nature of material discussed.)

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of March 28, 2008

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.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of May 28, 2008

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, March 21, 2008

R37-22 Changing the Name of the INO Department to the Department of Liberal and Integrative Studies

R37-23 Redesignating the MA in Individual Option to an MA in Liberal and Integrative Studies

2. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 31, 2008

EP.08.27 Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Major in the Sciences and Letters Curriculum in Speech Communication, College of LAS

EP.08.28 An Undergraduate Minor in Communication, Dept. of Speech Communication, LAS

EP.08.29 Reorganization of the African American Studies Program to Department of African American Studies

EP.08.30 Reorganization of the Program for the Study of Religion to the Department of Religion

*EP.08.31 Center for Human Resource Management

EP.08.35 Master's Degree in Statistics: Concentration in Analytics

EP.08.37 Establishment of an Undergraduate Minor in Agricultural Safety and Health, ACES

EP.08.38 Proposal to Create a Professional Science Master's Graduate Concentration

EP.08.39 Proposal for an M.S. Degree with a Major in Agricultural Production and a Concentration in Professional Science Masters

- EP.08.40 Proposal for an M.S. Degree in Bioenergy in ACES with a Concentration in Professional Science Masters
- EP.08.41 Proposal to Rename the B.A. in Speech Communication to the B.A. in Communication
- EP.08.42 Revised Curriculum for the Undergraduate Degree in Kinesiology
- EP.08.43 Revised Curriculum for the Undergraduate Degree in Community Health
- EP.08.44 Creation of a Taxation Major in the Department of Accountancy's M.S. Program
- EP.08.45 Graduate Minor in Gender and Women's Studies
- EP.08.46 Proposed Revisions to the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures
- EP.08.47 Proposed Revisions to the Masters of Arts Degree in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, LAS
- EP.08.48 Proposal to Modify the Master of Science Degree in Statistics
- EP.08.49 Proposal to Change the Graduate Degree Program Names from Agricultural Engineering to Agricultural and Biological Engineering
- EP.08.50 Proposal to Change the Undergraduate Degree Program Name from Agricultural Engineering to Agricultural and Biological Engineering
- EP.08.51 Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training, Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, College of Applied Health Sciences
- EP.08.53 Revisions to Concentrations in Agricultural Accounting, Agricultural Finance, Consumer Economics and Finance, and Farm Management, in the Agricultural and Consumer Economics Major, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics

*Joint program with UIC. Approved by the UIC Senate on April 24 (CI-08.03).

3. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 4, 2008

R37-25 Resolution to Establish an Undergraduate Global Studies Major in the College of Public Affairs and Administration

4. University of Illinois at Chicago, April 24, 2008

(Pending approval of the UIC Senate)

- PR-08.55 Redesignation of the Department of Medical-Surgical Nursing as the Department of Biobehavioral Health Science
- PR-08.56 Redesignation of the Department of Public Health, Mental Health, and Administrative Nursing as the Department of Health System Science
- PR-08.57 Redesignation of the Department of Maternal-Child Nursing as the Department of Women, Children and Family Health Science
- PR-08.58 Transfer of the Department of Economics from the College of Business Administration to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- PR-08.59 Revision of the Master of Arts in Real Estate
- PR-08.60 Revision of the Master of Science in Accounting
- PR-08.61 Revision of the M.S. in Industrial Engineering and Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
- PR-08.62 Revision of the M.S. and Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering
- PR-08.63 Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Philosophy and the Minor in Philosophy
- PR-08.64 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Information and Decision Sciences Program
- CP-08.09 Request to Establish a Patient Safety Organizations Campus Certificate
- CI-08.02 Establish the Software Technologies Research Center
- *CI-08.03 Establish the Center for Human Resource Management

*Joint program with UIUC. Approved by the UIUC Senate on March 31 (EP.08.31).

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

5. University of Illinois at Springfield, March 7, 2008

R37-17 Establishment of Dismissal Procedures for Multi-year Appointments

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

6. University of Illinois at Springfield, February 22, 2008

R37-12 Review of Non-Tenure Track Faculty

7. University of Illinois at Springfield, March 7, 2008

R37-16 Sustainability at University of Illinois at Springfield

R37-18 Changes to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws; Create a Committee on Assessment of Student Learning

R37-19 Changes to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws; Abolish the Continuing Education and Public Service Committee

R37-20 Changes to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws; Changes to the Membership of the Academic Technology Committee

R37-21 Changes to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws; Create a Committee on Sustainability (X-Ref 37-16)

8. University of Illinois at Springfield, March 21, 2008

R37-24 Changes to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws; Create a Committee on Admissions, Recruitment, and Retention

9. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 18, 2008

R37-26 Academic Integrity Policy

R37-27 Department Administrators [Faculty Personnel Policies]

R37-28 Changes to Resolution 37-18 Committee on Assessment of Student Learning: Addition of (2) b. and (2) c. under Membership

R37-29 Changes to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws – Create an Academic Integrity Council

10. University of Illinois at Chicago, April 24, 2008

(Pending approval of the UIC Senate)

Approved Academic Calendars for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015

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:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Thursday, May 22, 2008

To be determined

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

2. 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.

This item was discussed with President White and Vice President Rao during the Executive Session.

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

This item was discussed with President White during the Executive Session.

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.

This item was discussed with Vice President Rao during the Executive Session.

5. ST-47. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Articles IX and X, to provide optional multi-year contracts, and related dismissal procedures, for certain academic staff. Passed UIC Senate 10/27/99. Rejected UIS Senate 3/3/00. Multi-Year Contracts Task Force Charged 4/11/02. Request to Senates to Consider MYC Issues 2/13/04. Passed

UIUC Senate 2/14/05. Passed UIC Senate 4/28/05. Passed UIS Senate 5/6/05. Transmitted to Senates 1/10/06. Passed UIS Senate 4/7/06. Passed UIUC Senate 4/24/06. Passed UIC Senate 4/2/06. Transmitted to the President 5/12/06. Approved by the Board of Trustees 11/9/06. Campus Procedures – Passed UIC Senate 4/26/07. Passed UIS Senate 3/7/08.

The UIUC Senate plans to vote on a proposal at its April 28 meeting.

6. 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.

The group discussed tenure home and faculty that are tenured in non-departmental units. Professor Langley commented that UIS does not have and does not want to have different standards for different colleges. She is working with Bill Maher to attempt to make the language flexible to fit all three campuses.

7. NC-14. Nominating Committee for 2008-09 Officers and Executive Committee.

The committee, Barclay Jones; Pat Langley; and John Wood, Chair, will propose a slate of nominees for the 2008-09 Organizational Meeting, which will be in either May or June.

8. OT-218. Proposed Guidelines for Multi-Institutional Degrees. Transmitted to Senates 11/10/05. Approved UIUC Senate 11/5/07.

No new information.

9. OT-219. Future USC Meeting Dates.

No new information.

10. OT-227. The Global Campus.

This item was discussed with Vice President Rao during the Executive Session.

11. OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

No new information.

12. OT-242. Awarding of Degrees.

Professor O'Brien moved to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

13. OT-243. Resource Summit.

This item was discussed with President White during the Executive Session.

14. OT-244. Pro-Quest Dissertation Publishing.

Professor O'Brien said that Professor Eisenhart and she believe that the problem relates to copyright issues. Advisors and colleges need to give students proper information.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

16. Campus Updates.

Professor Burbules said that the Urbana Senate does not vote on awarding degrees to graduates. The bylaws devolved the duty to the colleges. The Senate hopes to approve language by next year that would create some type of symbolic vote. He commented that there is still a lot of mistrust among units concerning the Global Campus. Professor Strom commented on the UIC Chancellor search. Professor Langley said that there is a huge gap between senior faculty and junior faculty in that it is difficult to find people to become involved in shared governance responsibilities.

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

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No report

18. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VII. Guest

Trustee David Dorris commented that the Board's responsibility is to establish policy. He said that he prefers to avoid micro-managing. The trustees should not claim to have the answers on how to run the University. There needs to be a better flow of information between the faculty and the trustees.

Trustee Dorris discussed his career and how incredibly important it was for him to have good teachers.

Trustee Dorris said that these are tough times in the legislature. The University needs to be part of the solution. The legislators need to be convinced that it is in their best interest to support the University.

Trustee Dorris commented that the University must take care of its students. Building new buildings should not be a priority. Deferred maintenance is getting worse. Public universities do not have the money to compete with private universities. We are losing ground.

Trustee Dorris discussed the strengths of the University. He also mentioned his strong affection for U of I sports. He said that the University does a poor job of selling itself. Our stories need to be told on our terms. The University needs to find a way to work effectively with the legislature and with donors.

The group discussed the poor salary increases the faculty have received over the past several years. Trustee Dorris asked the Conference why faculty come to the U of I and what issues are important in making a decision of where to reside. Professor Burbules listed colleagues, salary, facilities, and community as being important decision-making factors. Professor Langley discussed the compression issue. Trustee Dorris said that the University must find where money is being spent unwisely.

Trustee Dorris said that he believes in a liberal arts education. He commented that the University may be defined in new ways over the next five years.

Professor Burton thanked Trustee Dorris for meeting with the Conference.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Pending USC Items
April 22, 2008

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.

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 Facility Naming Policy 2/21/07.

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-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-229. University Administration Reorganization.

OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

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