

MINUTES<sup>1</sup>  
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, April 28, 2009

PLACE: Room C, Public Affairs Center, UIS

PRESENT: Burbules, Chambers, Eisenhart (Vice Chair), Finnerty, Fisher, Gillet, Kaufman (Chair), Langley, Mallory, Massat, O'Brien, Schacht, Strom, Weech, Wheeler, Wood

ABSENT: Chapman-Novakofski, Jones, Koronkowski, Tolliver

GUESTS: William Holland, Mrinalini Rao, Richard Schoell, Joseph White

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

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of March 26, 2009

The minutes were approved as written.

II. 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

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<sup>1</sup>Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of June 3, 2009

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 Urbana-Champaign, March 30, 2009

- EP.09.46 Revision to the Industrial Design Undergraduate Major within the Bachelor of Fine Arts, FAA
- EP.09.57 Creation of a 5-year BALAS/MA degree program in Germanic Languages and Literatures, LAS
- EP.09.61 Arabic Studies Minor, LAS
- EP.09.62 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender/Queer Studies Minor
- EP.09.63 Graduate Minor in African Studies
- EP.09.64 Graduate Minor in American Indian and Indigenous Studies

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 3, 2009

- R38-20 Theatre Minor in the Communication Department in the College of Liberal Arts and Science

3. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 17, 2009

- R38-22 Proposed Changes to the UIS Constitution Section 3
- R38-25 Proposed Addition of Three Concentrations in the English Major
- R38-26 Proposed Graduate Certificate in English as a Second Language

4. University of Illinois at Chicago, April 23, 2009

- PR-09.36 Establish the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)/Master of Science in Clinical and Translational Science (MS in CTS) Joint Degree Program
- PR-09.37 Revision of the College of Dentistry Course Subjects (Rubrics)

- PR-09.38 Revision and Redesignation of the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) Program as the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) Program
- PR-09.39 Establish the Master of Arts in Design Criticism
- CP-09.14 Conversion of the Existing Master of Science in Management Information Systems as an Online Degree

5. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 27, 2009

- EP.09.66 Aerospace Engineering Curriculum Revision
- EP.09.67 Revision of the B.S. in NRES
- EP.09.68 Revision of the BALAS: Russian Langs. and Lits.
- EP.09.69 Revise the BSLAS and BS (Chemistry) and B.S. Chemistry: Environmental Chem. Concentration
- EP.09.70 Graduate Minor: Latin American/Caribbean Studies
- EP.09.71 Graduate Minor in Religion
- EP.09.73 Discontinue the B.A.: Teaching of Russian
- EP.09.74 Change the Name of the Joint Master of Science in Electrical Engineering and Master of Business Administration Degree
- EP.09.76 Establish an M.S. Degree in Financial Engineering

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

6. University of Illinois at Chicago, April 23, 2009

Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII (USC ST-66)

7. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 27, 2009

- SP.06.05 Revision to the *Statutes*, Article VIII

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

8. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 3, 2009

- R38-14 (UIS Personnel Policies) Article 3, Faculty Ethical Responsibilities

- R38-18 Changes to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws – Changes to the Campus Planning and Budget Committee
- R38-21 Changes to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws – Changes to the Committee on Diversity, Equal Rights, Opportunity and Access (ROAD)
9. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 17, 2009
- R38-19 Changes to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws
- R38-23 Awarding of Degrees and Recognition of 2009 Graduating Class
- R38-24 Mid-term Grade Policy
- R38-27 Concerning Intercollegiate Athletics at UIS
10. University of Illinois at Chicago, April 23, 2009

Approved Academic Calendars for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017

Approved Resolution of the UIC Senate on the Funding of the Advanced Chemical Technology Building at UIC

### III. Executive Session

Vice President Rao reported that the Faculty Activity Study focused on two UIUC units – Electrical and Computer Engineering and Law. She said that she would support other ways to highlight faculty activities, such as the faculty presentations that used to be given during Board of Trustees meetings.

Vice President Rao discussed research opportunities in the Federal Stimulus Package. She and Professors Chambers and Wheeler commented on various grants and their due dates. Vice President Rao told the Conference about a multi-institutional group that is identifying areas where regulatory boards are onerous and looking at ways to streamline processes.

Vice President Rao was asked whether mandatory furlough language was being written into contracts for academic professionals and faculty. She responded that there is an interim policy being considered that would give the president the ability to mandate furloughs if budget needs cannot be met. Only four furlough days can be mandated per year. There are also efforts to revise notification of appointments so the language is more specific for individuals hired on grants or contracts.

President White joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m. He commented that the tuition recommendation appears to be accepted by the Board. However, nothing will be approved

until the budget is known. He thought that the state budget would not be approved before the May Board meeting. Professor Finnerty mentioned that this could be a problem for students needing financial aid and tuition information in order to make a decision.

President White discussed administrative cost reductions. He is looking at 15% cost reduction over the next several years. Most will be done through attrition, but the University must be careful not to leave itself at risk by understaffing certain areas.

Professor Kaufman described the process for distributing the redesigned Global Campus report. He said that the UIC Senate Executive Committee, UIUC Senate Executive Committee, and UIS Campus Senate Executive Committee all supported the "Global Campus 2.0" document. President White expressed his gratitude to the Senates Conference and Professor Burbules' task force for working hard under the time pressure. The President said that he was working on a memo to the Board that would reaffirm the original mission of the Global Campus, report the current status of the Global Campus, and list three recommendations for moving forward: 1) pursue accreditation, 2) terminate the Global Campus, or 3) change directions in accordance with the Global Campus 2.0 option. President White said that he also plans to recommend that the University increase partnerships with community colleges and that the provosts make key judgments on resources and where they should reside in relation to online courses. Conference members thanked the President for the shared governance process that was used to get to this point.

#### IV. Guest

Mr. William Holland, Auditor General, met with the Conference. Mr. Holland expressed his unabashed support of the University of Illinois and its three campuses. He also recognized his friend of thirty years, Rick Schoell, and commented that the University would be losing a tremendous supporter when Rick retires.

Mr. Holland told the Conference that his job is created in the Illinois State Constitution. He has been in the position for almost eighteen years and is in his second ten-year term. Mr. Holland noted that he is not a policy maker. He abides by one simple concept; what is fair.

Mr. Holland said that he began releasing audits on the Blagojevich administration in 2005. When he began the audits in 2002-03, he knew that there were problems. He thought the problems could be because the administration was new and this was the first Democratic governor in many years. However, as time went on, he realized that there was some type of scheme. He testified in the House and Senate.

Mr. Holland said that timekeeping for all state employees is part of the 2003 ethics reform. In the law, all employees must report the number hours worked in a day to the nearest fifteen minute increment. The Conference discussed some of the difficulties of faculty reporting their time because of the nature of their work.

Procurement changes in the ethics law have added layers of oversight. He commented on the need to balance efficiency with transparency and accountability. Accountability can be expensive and time-consuming, but there has been a greater demand from tax-payers. Procurement in his office is transparent in that people whose bids lose can come in and see the scoring process.

Mr. Holland said that standards for federal stimulus money will be onerous. He added that, in general, there has been a dramatic increase in standards of reporting over the last ten years.

Professor Kaufman thanked Mr. Holland for meeting with the Conference. The Conference responded with a round of applause.

#### 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

#### V. Old Business – Action Items

1. OT-227. The Global Campus.

Professor Schacht commented that the University is in a much better place now on this matter than it has been over the past few years. Professor Kaufman said that the accreditation model would have put the University at risk with unaccredited programs based on new information from the Higher Learning Commission.

#### VI. New Business

2. OT-252. Vendor Code of Conduct.

Professor Kaufman said that the Urbana student trustee initiated this issue. The code of conduct is to be put forth to our vendors with the message that in order to conduct business with the University you must behave in certain ways. Professor Kaufman is on the task force that did research and assembled the document. He said the problem is that the Vendor Code of Conduct is unenforceable. The code is more of a teaching document. Professor Burbules mentioned that there is no reference to international procedures, but other countries would not be bound by American law.

3. OT-253. Classification of Senate Minutes.

Professor Kaufman said that academic programs are passed through the Conference when the minutes of the senates are classified. While the Conference does not approve the programs, the Conference might have the responsibility of determining whether any of these actions have implications for any of the other campuses. Professor Chambers commented that programs could be made stronger by interaction and participation by the other campuses. Professor Fisher said that this issue will be even more important with online courses in terms of competition and across campus programs. Professor Burbules said that programs on one campus would rarely affect another campus because of demographics. He cautioned getting into a situation where campuses are discouraged to have duplicate programs. Professor Kaufman suggested talking with Vice President Rao the next time the Conference meets with her.

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

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

Professor Kaufman appointed the Nominating Committee. Members are Barclay Jones, chair; Lynn Fisher, and Elliot Kaufman. He said that the committee will seek names for officers and executive committee. The chair should be from Springfield and the vice chair from Urbana.

5. 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.

Professor Kaufman said that the proposed statutory changes can be sent to the President now that all three senates have approved identical language. Professor Langley moved to transmit the document to the President. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

6. 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 Kaufman reported that Vice President Ghosh sent a letter to Vice President Rao with recommended changes to the courseware section of *The General Rules*. Professor Schacht said that the language looks correct except for one comment that needs to be taken out. He said that he would contact Vice President Ghosh.

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

Professor Kaufman thanked Professor Schacht for offering some excellent changes to Vice President Rao. Professor Kaufman said that the UIC Senate referred the policy to its research committee. Professor Schacht agreed to continue to work on this issue. Professor Kaufman said that Vice President Rao would like for the policy to be implemented this coming academic year.

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

Professor Finnerty explained that there are concerns with respect to academic freedom rights and free speech rights for members of academic governance.

9. 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 reviewed the implementation policies of all three campuses. UIC and UIS policies are almost identical. UIUC expanded the policy and put in more detail. All processes run through the faculty senate and have critical faculty pieces. He recommended that the item be removed from the agenda. The Conference approved.

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

Professor Kaufman said that reviews recently were completed for this year. Ideally the Conference would receive the goals and objectives of the vice presidents in April. Then the Conference advises the President on the reappointment of the vice presidents before the September Board meeting. He said that the President would be asked for the information. In the future, the Conference will ask to receive the materials in early April.

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

Professor Kaufman said that President White is no longer available to meet on May 27, but could meet on June 3. The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

12. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:  
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Professor Chambers said that he was no longer available to attend the Board meeting. Professor Kaufman said that he would serve as the observer if no one else from UIC was available.



## 13. Campus Updates.

Professor Burbules reported that the UIUC Senate elected Joyce Tolliver as chair and Matt Wheeler as vice chair. Professor Kaufman reported that the UIC Senate elected Phil Patston as chair, Don Chambers as vice chair, and Carol Massat as presiding officer. Professor Langley reported on serious problems in the athletics department at UIS and the subsequent actions of the Senate.

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

Reports:

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## 15. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

Professor O'Brien made a motion to remove OT-244: Pro-Quest Dissertation Publishing, from the agenda. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 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-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.

OT-219. Future USC Meeting Dates.

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-243. Resource Summit.

OT-244. Pro-Quest Dissertation Publishing.

OT-247. USC Budget.

OT-248. Intellectual Property Issues.

OT-249. Exit Interviews.