

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, May 22, 2014

PLACE: Room 206 Student Center West, Chicago

PRESENT: Boltuc, Campbell, Chambers (Vice Chair), Deberry-Spence, De Groot, Erricolo, Fisher, Francis, Kalita, Kay, Leff, Maher, Mallory, Miller, Tolliver, Villegas (Chair), Wheeler

ABSENT: Fadavi, Graber, Mohammadian

GUESTS: Robert Easter, Christopher Kennedy*, Mary Jo LaDu

*Attended by phone for part of the morning session

Professor Jorge Villegas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. Remarks from the USC Chair

Professor Villegas welcomed newly-elected member Mary Jo LaDu. He then reviewed the meeting schedule and welcomed President Easter.

II. Meeting with President Easter and Chairman Kennedy

Professor Campbell commented on the review of Vice President Knorr, noting that Mr. Knorr had met all of his 2013 goals. The report will be sent to President Easter. The President discussed some of the important tasks that Mr. Knorr has accomplished that have greatly benefited the University.

President Easter provided updates on the state budget, the proposal to implement a supplemental retirement program, the implementation of the pension law, and procurement reform. None of these issues have been settled.

President Easter reported that Kappy Laing, Executive Director of Governmental Relations, will be retiring August 1. The group discussed the composition of the search committee, which will be led by Vice President Knorr. President Easter and the Conference also discussed the need to have more of an impact and a consistent message with the legislature. The President commented that the University has an academic mission and also a mission that is assigned by the state, such as operating as a state hospital and running various institutes and agencies.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of June 18, 2014

Chairman Kennedy joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Chairman Kennedy commented that he believes that the University's governing documents provide a very clear description of the structure of the University and the campuses: one university with three very distinctive campuses with different missions. The president and the chancellors all have very demanding jobs. Each can be a strong leader and still complement each other. There will always be a lot of constituents who want a say in various matters. Given that we are in a time of limited resources, there needs to be some operational coordination. President Easter noted that the Board retreat will attempt to address some of these issues. The presidential candidates need to know what would be expected of them. Chairman Kennedy said that President Easter meets regularly with all the three chancellors together, which has been a huge step in the right direction.

There was a discussion of shared governance functions and collective bargaining functions. Conference members stressed the need to work together in a collegial way. Professor Tolliver pointed out that, a year ago, the Conference approved a resolution stating that the *Statutes* and *General Rules* are the governing documents of the University and the three campuses, so it would therefore undermine shared governance if a provision of a campus collective bargaining agreement contravenes the *Statutes* and *General Rules*.

President Easter commented on the leadership program, which was in response to the Board's challenge to think about preparing the next generation of leaders.

III. USC Committee Meetings

The committees had the opportunity to meet during lunch from 12-1:15 p.m.

IV. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of April 22, 2014

The minutes were approved as written.

V. 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.

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

1. University of Illinois at Chicago, April 24, 2014

- PR-14.46 Revision of the Concentration in Entrepreneurship with the Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- PR-14.47 Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Germanic Studies with a Business Minor (Concentration II)
- PR-14.48 Establish Four Concentrations within the Bachelor of Science in Management; Human Resource Management, Leadership and Managerial Skills, Strategic Management, and Management Logistics
- PR-14.49 Establish Four Concentrations within Bachelor or Science in Marketing; Marketing Research, Innovation and Product Management, Marketing Promotions and Communications, and Sales Leadership
- PR-14.50 Revision of the Minor in Law and Society
- CP-14.10 Establish a Post- Baccalaureate Campus Certificate in Applied Startup Knowledge
- CP-14.11 Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Campus Certificate in Technology Entrepreneurship
- CI-14.03 Transfer of the Center for Public Safety and Justice from the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University Administration to the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, UIC
- CI-14.04 Proposal to Reorganize and Rename the Center for Human Resource Management as the Institute for Leadership Excellence and Development (iLEAD)

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 25, 2014

- Res. 43-25 Proposal to Eliminate Concentrations in the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Legal Studies

Res. 43-26 Proposed Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies Learning

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 5, 2014

- EP.14.25R Proposal from the College of Business and the Graduate College to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Finance (please note this proposal replaces the previously approved EP.14.25)
- EP.14.26R Proposal from the College of Business and the Graduate College to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Accountancy and to Revise the Graduate Minor in Accountancy (please note this proposal replaces the previously approved EP.14.26)
- EP.14.33 Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to Establish the Graduate Minor in Art History
- EP.14.35 Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to Establish a BA in Dance
- EP.14.37 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) to Establish an Undergraduate Minor in Civic Leadership
- EP.14.38 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) to Establish an Undergraduate Concentration in Civic Leadership in the BALAS in Political Science
- EP.14.39 Proposal from the College of Education and the Graduate College to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Global Studies in Education in the EdM, MA and PhD in Educational Policy Studies
- EP.14.40 Proposal from the College of Education and the Graduate College to Revise the Graduate Concentration in Educational Administration and Leadership in the EdM, MS, CAS, EdD and PhD in EOL
- EP.14.41 Proposal from the College of Education and the Graduate College to Rename and Revise the Graduate Concentration in eLearning in the EdM in Human Resource Education
- EP.14.42 Proposal from the College of Education and the Graduate College to Revise the Graduate Concentration in Human Resource Development in the Ed.M. in Human Resource Education
- EP.14.43 Proposal from the College of Education and the Graduate College to Redesignate the Graduate Majors in EPS, EOL and HRE as the Graduate Major in EPOL

- EP.14.44 Proposal from the College of College of Business and the Graduate College to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Corporate Governance and International Business
- EP.14.45 Proposal from the College of College of Business and the Graduate College to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Information Technology and Control
- EP.14.46 Proposal from the College of College of Business and the Graduate College to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Supply Chain Management
- EP.14.47 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) and the Graduate College to Revise the Graduate Minor in Balkan Studies
- EP.14.48 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) and the Graduate College to Revise the Graduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- EP.14.49 Proposal from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Business Administration to Reorganize and Rename the Center for Human Resource Management
- EP.14.50 Proposal from the College of Engineering to Revise the BS in Electrical Engineering

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

4. University of Illinois at Chicago, April 24, 2014

Approved proposed revisions from UIUC Senate to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference to initiate revisions to the *Statutes* (USC ST-79/OT-296)

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

5. University of Illinois at Chicago, April 24, 2014

Approved Resolution about CARLI Consortium

Professor Villegas commented that this would be Professor Matthew Wheeler's last meeting and he thanked him for his service. 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*

NC - Nominating Committee

OT - All other items

VI. Old Business – Action Items

1. OT-310. Recommendation for New Policy Language Related to Classified Research at the University of Illinois.

Professor Wheeler said that the Academic Affairs and Research Committee reviewed the draft policy. He recommended that the Conference approve the draft policy with the understanding that it would be transmitted to the senates. He noted that the policy is preliminary and does not include details or guidelines. The VPR Office has requested funding to establish an office that would provide oversight.

Professor Campbell brought up physical security issues and moral issues associated with classified research. Professor Wheeler said that many of these issues will be dealt with at the campus level. However, certain guidelines will be established at the VPR level.

Professor Fisher commented that this is not a process laid out in the *Statutes*, in that it is a UA level policy. Professor Wheeler commented that this is a compliance issue at the federal level. However, control would still be maintained at the campus level.

Professor Leff moved to approve the draft policy. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

2. OT-312. Vice President for Research – Future Research Priorities.

Professor Wheeler commented on the newest draft, which is a vision of the University of Illinois regarding our future relative to research. He asked the Conference to provide comments. The document will then be sent to the senates and the vice chancellors for research.

3. ST-79/OT-296. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference to initiate revisions to the *Statutes*. Approved by USC 1/17/13. Transmitted to Senates 4/5/13. Revised language approved by USC 6/18/13. Transmitted to Senates 6/21/13. Passed UIC senate 9/26/13. Alternate language passed UIUC Senate 11/18/13. Transmitted to Senates 11/26/13. Passed UIS Senate 2/21/14. Passed UIC Senate 4/24/14.

Professor Villegas noted that all three senates have approved the language. Professor Chambers moved to send the proposed statutory language to the President. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

VII. New Business

4. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting and USC Report Presenter:

Friday, July 25, 2014, Chicago:
(Retreat is July 24)
USC Annual Report:

Sandy De Groot

Jorge Villegas

5. OT-311. University Senates Conference Statement on Excellence at the University of Illinois.

Professor Villegas said that Professor Tolliver wrote the first draft of the document. Professor Tolliver commented that the document was written because of a confluence of several events, one being the presidential search and the issue of maintaining a balance among the University and the three campuses. Another reason being important changes that have occurred or may occur in the future, such as the unionization of tenure and tenure-track faculty at UIC and the conversations of establishing a College of medicine on the Urbana campus. She drew attention to the paragraph that discusses the role of maintaining a balance as representatives of our campuses and representatives of the University at large.

Professor Chambers summarized that the document seems to have been written with the aim of drawing people's attention to shared governance at the highest level. He thought the document was important and necessary. He moved approval. The motion was seconded. After some revisions to the last paragraph, the document was voted on and approved.

6. OT-313. Search for Executive Director of Governmental Relations.

The Conference nominated Professors Tolliver and Villegas to serve on the search committee for the Executive Director of Governmental Relations. The names will be sent to the President.

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

7. ST-72. Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 2 (Academic Freedom). Passed UIUC Senate 12/6/10. Passed UIC Senate 9/22/11. Passed UIS Senate 12/14/12. Transmitted to the President 1/18/13. Revised language approved by USC 3/18/14. Transmitted to Senates 3/21/14.

Professor Villegas commented that the new revisions have been sent to the senates for consideration.

8. ST-77/GR-46. Revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* – Edits and Updates.

Professor Tolliver reminded the Conference that the Board of Trustees appointed a small committee, which included one faculty member, to work on revisions to the *Statutes* and

General Rules. After working steadily for some time, the committee went on hiatus for some time. The committee was reconstituted with additional faculty participating, including Professors Deberry-Spence, Fisher, Kalita, and Tolliver. During the initial review, a lot of comments were generated in the margins. The USC Statutes and Governance Committee has been addressing the comments, which are mostly academic issues. Professor Tolliver noted that a document was in the packet that includes the work of the USC committee. Additional progress was made by the committee during lunch.

Professor Tolliver referred to the proposed timeline. She commented that the Conference might consider having another meeting this summer to work on the revisions. The USC committee plans to forward to USC a thematic list by the June meeting. The Conference will need to transmit the proposed revisions, along with a study guide, to the senates. The senates can then work on the revisions and report back before the end of the fall semester. Professor Miller questioned the plausibility of the timeline. Professor Fisher responded that there is awareness that the timeline is very ambitious and the senates have other work to do as well. Professor Campbell asked about the areas that were proposed for removal. Professor Tolliver responded that the committee has made recommendations. She explained that the thematic groupings will be to help facilitate the process. She hopes that the Board Office will provide feedback before the changes are sent to the senates. Professor Maher cautioned that the proposed changes need careful examination, which takes time. He suggested that some proposals might take longer than others.

Professor Villegas said that the comments from USC will be sent to Susan Kies. He asked that USC members send comments by June 1. Professor Fisher thanked Professor Tolliver for being very effective in leading the committee.

9. NC-20. Nominating Committee for 2014-15 Officers, Executive Committee, and USC Committees.

Professor Fisher commented that, after talking to many members about the various aspects, the slate is nearly complete. She welcomed additional input.

Professor Mallory suggested that the Conference try to give everyone the chance to participate in the external committees.

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

Professor Villegas said that the review document would be transmitted to the President. The Conference approved adding a section to the report recommending that the vice president make use of an advisory committee that includes faculty.

11. OT-288. Faculty/Staff Pension and Benefit Issues (formerly Resolution on Pensions/Pension Reform).

Professor Villegas commented that the courts have issued a stay on the pension law, as was discussed with the President.

12. OT-298. Shared Governance in a Changing Environment.

Professor Tolliver commented that the Conference might want to discuss how it will operate when certain discussions take place with union members present. Professor Chambers added that the assumed responsibilities of the union need to be considered and worked with in a collegial way. Conference members discussed previous discussions with administration that might be a problem now.

13. OT-304. Open Access to Research Articles.

Professor Villegas reported that the Open Access Task Force is reviewing the draft policy prepared by the USC subcommittee. The document will then come to USC for discussion and will then be transmitted to the senates. The policy will be a framework and will not include specifics.

14. OT-307. Leadership Development Program (UI Succession Planning).

Professor Villegas said that the group will be going to Washington D.C. next week. He commented that the University does an astounding number of things for the state.

15. OT-308. UA Annual Review Process.

No new information.

16. OT-309. Presidential Search.

Professor Villegas provided an update on the process.

17. OT-297. Implications of the Open Meetings Act to the operations of the University Senates Conference.

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

18. OT-301. Records and Information Management Services (RIMS).

No new information.

19. OT-265. Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government.

The Conference considered removing this item from the agenda, but determined that there were still unanswered questions.

20. OT-123. University Senates Conference Guests.

Guests to invite were discussed.

21. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Wednesday, May 14, 2014, Springfield:

Lynn Fisher

22. Campus Updates.

Professor Chambers provided an update on the chancellor search.

23. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee
Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee
Hospital and Health Affairs Committee
Statutes and Governance Committee

Matthew Wheeler
Peter Boltuc
Donald Chambers
Joyce Tolliver

FBBC: Professor Boltuc thanked Professor Campbell for leading the vice president review and the other members of the committee for a productive year. He urged the members to consider being members of other budget committees as representatives of USC. He commented that he would be on sabbatical for a year and then return to USC.

24. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: Common Application Consortium (Graber); Enrollment Management Policy Council (Leff); Pre- and Post-Award Research Money Policy group (Wheeler); Strategic Communications and Marketing Council (Villegas); UI Labs Task Force (Chambers); University Technology Management Team (Campbell); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Chambers, Mohammadian, Villegas); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Boltuc, Chambers, Villegas, Wheeler).

There were no external committee updates.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.