

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

DATE: Wednesday, May 25, 2011

PLACE: Room 206 Student Center West, Chicago

PRESENT: Andersen, Campbell, Chambers (Vice Chair), Fadavi, Finnerty, Francis, Gibori, Koronkowski, O'Brien, Patston, Ramsey, Struble, Ting, Weech, Wheeler (Chair)

ABSENT: Burbules, Eisenhart, Martin, Tolliver

GUESTS: Danilo Erricolo, Joe (Skip) Garcia, Michael Hogan, Carol Leff, Lisa Troyer

Professor Matthew Wheeler, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:10 a.m. He introduced newly-elected members Danilo Erricolo and Carol Leff.

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of April 29, 2011

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 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.

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<sup>1</sup>Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of June 21, 2011

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

1. University of Illinois at Springfield, May 6, 2011

- R41-2 Resolution to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies in the College of Public Affairs and Administration
- R41-4 Creation of the Graduate Certificate in Practical Politics
- R41-5 Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems in the Department of Environmental Studies

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

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, May 6, 2011

- R40-10 Proposed Topics and Campus Representation for a University-wide Dialogue

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

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 2, 2011

- NB.11.02 Senate Resolution on Information Technology (IT) Reorganization
- SC.11.14 Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Support for CAP Resolution

4. University of Illinois at Springfield, May 6, 2011

- (R41-1) Modification of Faculty Awards Process
- (R41-3) Suspension of the Academic Politics Concentration and the Practical Politics Concentration in the Political Science Master's Degree
- (R41-6) Graduate Closure Guidelines (Replace UA Bill 20-3)
- (R 41-7) Applications from EHEA 3-year Undergraduate Degrees Will Be Reviewed Using the Bologna Framework
- (R41-8) Minimum Requirements for Accepting Undergraduate Degrees Granted from Degree Consolidating Institutions
- (R41-9) Undergraduate or Graduate Degree from an Accredited Institution is a Minimum Requirement for Admissions to Graduate Degrees at UIS

### III. Executive Session

President Hogan discussed a personnel matter in executive session.

President Hogan said that he received a draft report with a request for additional information from the enrollment management external reviewers. The external reviewers are looking at issues such as course transferability among the campuses and a common application. The draft report recommends more cooperation between the campuses in order to share best practices and improve areas such as minority recruitment. After the final report is received, there will be a fact check by the chancellors. Then the report will be given to the Senates Conference and the Board and posted on the web. President Hogan was asked whether the external reviewers recommended an executive director of enrollment. The President responded that the external reviewers did not recommend an executive director of enrollment, but that did not necessarily mean there would not be one.

President Hogan provided an update on legislative issues. The University will most likely come out okay on appropriations if the 2-4% cut holds. There should be some relief on regulatory issues concerning procurement. The University has made its position clear on health insurance and pension issues.

President Hogan discussed the status of the Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government Foundation.

President Hogan commented on the UIUC Senate's resolution on information technology. He said that the model the University is working towards is being done all over the country. Faculty at other institutions, whether multi-campus or not, are pushing for administration to reform IT and realize savings. The President said that IT does not drive academic policy. He does not believe individual campuses will be diminished by the changes. He added that everyone needs to work together and be forward looking.

President Hogan said that faculty need to be looking at how academic programs are prioritized and how to improve the educational experience for students.

### IV. Guest

Vice President Garcia discussed how the leadership structure has changed in the health care enterprise. The Vice President for Health Affairs provides oversight of the University's Medical Center and connects the clinical mission of the hospital to the research and teaching missions of the University.

Vice President Garcia commented that some strengths of the health care enterprise are really good faculty and providers, outstanding colleges with an integrated breadth of delivery, and state support. Some of the challenges are the low financial margin of the health care enterprise, aging facilities, and the recruitment and retention of employees. Vice President Garcia said that his vision for a pathway to distinction is to make the UIC

medical center a model academic center for community needs. He added that it is important to bridge research and clinical medicine to help reduce health care disparities.

The University's health care enterprise is capable of becoming a leader in personalizing medicine for Latino and black populations. There would be many opportunities for grant funding for research and there could be collaborations with UIUC. Someone is needed who is very good at mining data and developing a strategic plan. Vice President Garcia said that there needs to be more teambuilding. People feel valued at an institution where they feel that they are a part of something successful.

Vice President Garcia said that the hospital occupancy needs to be built back up. The hospital is in the process of developing a merged billing system. The medical center needs to balance its portfolio and become the best in specific areas.

Professor Wheeler thanked Vice President Garcia for meeting with the Senates Conference.

#### 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-272. Course Articulation among the Campuses.

Professor Ramsey discussed the resolution, which was designed to make courses available among the campuses so that students would be able to get credits from another campus. The UIC and UIUC used to be able to do this with CourseShare as part of the CIC. The resolution calls for the Vice President for Academic Affairs to work out the mechanics. Control over course content would reside at the campus where the course is taught and the decision to allow credit would continue to be made by the campus granting credit. Students would not have to go through the process of transferring course credit.

Professor Finnerty thought that the resolution was too general and there would be a lot of problems: interacting with Banner, handling of transcripts with the registrars, getting campus level approvals, providing the information to students. Professor Struble said that Keith Marshall indicated that there is already course sharing at many levels in different ways. He will call a department to let them know a student from another campus wants to take a course. Discussions need to take place between the two departments. Professor Struble said that more information is needed.

Professor Ramsey said that transcripts of students from UIC who took Ancient Greek online through UIUC showed the class as if it were taken at UIC. He has been told that this can no longer be done in the absence of CIC CourseShare. He would like to find a way to replace what used to be done.

Professor Chambers proposed that the Conference vote on endorsing the principle and then work on the proper verbiage over the next several weeks. Professor O'Brien agreed. She suggested that the term CourseShare be removed and the term articulation be replaced with intercampus agreements.

Professor Chambers moved that the Conference accept the principle as embodied in the first sentence of the resolution. Professor Francis suggested that the motion be to approve the first sentence and then the rest be moved into an appendage for information. Professor Chambers so moved. Professor Francis seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion was approved.

VI. New Business

No new business.

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

2. GR-45. Proposed Amendments to the *General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, Article II, Sections 4, 5, and 6 – University Contracts.

Professor Wheeler reported that President Hogan thanked Senates Conference for the proposed changes and the President plans to incorporate the changes into the document that will be presented to the Board of Trustees. Professor Wheeler explained the process that led to the final document that was transmitted by USC. When asked why a particular change proposed by Professor Martin was not made, Professor Wheeler responded that not enough people approved of the change and several opposed the change. Professor Chambers explained that the intent of the changes to the *General Rules* is to simplify contracts where large amounts of money are not involved. A minimal number of people should be involved in the approval process, which would include the researcher, department head, dean, and an appropriate representative from the Board or University Administration.

3. NC-17. Nominating Committee for 2011-12 Officers and Executive Committee.

Professor Wheeler commented that the committee would have the slate of nominees ready by the June meeting.

4. OT-269. Call for a University-wide Summit on Organization and Governance.

Professor Wheeler reported that he had appointed the subcommittee: Professors Chambers, Chair; Eisenhart; Gibori; and Tolliver. The charge to the subcommittee is to bring a recommendation regarding the summit to USC for discussion. He encouraged the subcommittee members to look at the different resolutions passed by the UIS and UIUC senates. Professor Chambers said that the subcommittee would be able to report by the August meeting. He asked that Conference members send recommendations to him by July.

5. OT-271. University Senates Conference presentations to the Board of Trustees.

Professor Wheeler said that Professor Martin had agreed to give the faculty report to the Board on June 9. Professor Chambers said that he and the other subcommittee members charged with developing a set of topics for these reports would like to focus on acquainting the Board with what faculty do. For example, what teaching, research, and grant writing is really about.

6. OT-270. Revision to *University Senates Conference Organization and Functions* – unidentified guests.

Professor O'Brien said that she had sent revised language and received comments back indicating that the language looked fine. She added that Professor Burbules told her that he would incorporate the final language into the document along with his revisions.

7. OT-266. University Senates Conference Subcommittees Structure.

Professor Wheeler said that time would be set aside at the next meeting to discuss the proposed changes in detail.

8. OT-267. Vice Presidential Searches and Interim Appointments.

No new information.

9. OT-268. Administrative Reorganization.

Management enrollment and information technology were discussed with the President during the Executive Session.

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

Professor Wheeler said that he is working on notes to send the President. No reviews will be done until January at the earliest.

11. ST-72. Consideration of the language in the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 2 (Academic Freedom). Passed UIUC Senate 12/6/10. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 2/7/11.

No new information.

12. OT-265. Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government Foundation.

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

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

The Conference discussed possible guests for future meetings.

14. Campus Updates.

Professor Ting said that the UIS campus is happy with its new Chancellor.

Professor Chambers said that UIC is in the final stages of a provost search.

Professor Wheeler said that the UIUC SEC evaluated the vice chancellors, with the Vice Chancellor for Research being evaluated in depth.

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

No meetings were held.

16. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, June 9, 2011, Chicago

Kathryn Eisenhart

17. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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

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.

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

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

OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

OT-247. USC Budget.

OT-248. Intellectual Property Issues.

OT-249. Exit Interviews.

OT-252. Vendor Code of Conduct.

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

OT-256. Positive Time Reporting.

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

OT-260. University Information Security Policy.

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

OT-262. Accelerated Degree Program.