

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

DATE: Thursday, May 25, 2017

PLACE: Student Center West, Chicago

PRESENT: Burbules\*, DeBerry-Spence, De Groote, Erricolo, Francis, Jackson, Karri, LaDu, Maher, Miller, Mohammadian (Vice Chair), Novak (Chair)\*, Rao, Villegas, Vincent, Weech

ABSENT: Graber, Johnson, Kalita, Wheeler

GUESTS: Michael Amiridis, Timothy Killeen, Barbara Wilson

\* Participated by phone.

Professor Mohammadian, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Meeting with President Killeen and Vice President Wilson

President Killeen expressed his concern that public higher education seems to be under attack. There is a lot of pressure from not having a reliable budget. University-based research is not properly recognized. He felt it was important to defend ICR (Indirect Cost Recovery) and speak out for public higher education. The President commented that he has asked for a voice at the table for IBHE discussions on restructuring higher education.

President Killeen discussed plans for the Board's retreat in July. The main topics will be globalization in the academy, campus culture and freedom of expression, and civic engagement. He hopes to bring in three speakers; one to address each topic. Vice President Wilson said that the system does not have solid principles to call on when faced with issues concerning freedom of expression. She acknowledged that each university will have its own principles, but commented that it would be good to clarify values and have something in place to go to when incidents occur. Vice President Wilson discussed the invitation list for the retreat. She said that anyone not on the list who has a strong desire to attend could email her.

President Killeen commented that trustees, students, and administrators spent the day in Springfield the day before the last Board meeting to meet with legislators, leaders, the governor, and deputy governors. The University is present in Springfield, pushing for a budget and supporting bills. There is currently a Senate bill that would fully restore the FY17 budget at the FY15 level. IPAC continues to build support. The University received its last state check in January. There are discussions of another stop-gap funding plan. While we are losing some of our cushion, tuition revenue in the fall will help. The U of I is much more stable than other public institutions. The President said the he has spoken to

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<sup>1</sup>Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of June 28, 2017

the Governor about a capital bill. He commented that the University has been self-funding capital projects. Vice President Wilson added that the University has not had a capital bill in ten years. President Killeen said that physical space and faculty ratio need to be addressed to reflect the goals in the strategic enrollment.

President Killeen provided an update on the upcoming fundraising campaign, which will begin this fall. Each university will have its own rollout. The campaign will leverage on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University of Illinois.

Vice President Wilson said that the distinguished faculty program would allow for about \$20M a year for three years, depending on the state budget. The goal is to hire around fifteen faculty each year. The initiative will require departments to provide matching funds. She commented that the details are still being worked out, but asked USC members for advice as to how to go about going after faculty who will be game-changers for the University.

Vice President Wilson provided information on FTE faculty trends from 2007-2017 for tenure-system and other faculty. The group discussed the implications from increased numbers of non-tenure-track faculty. These positions tend to be a quick fix for solving a problem, but USC members expressed concerns with the consequences of having a large number of faculty who teach but often do not advise, do research or service, or participate in shared governance. Some suggestions were to invest in tenure-track lines rather than in short-term solutions and to train post-docs to teach. Vice President Wilson said that these conversations need to take place at the department level where a purposeful plan can be made.

Vice President Wilson commented that her faculty advisory committee had a great discussion the night before. She would like for the group to meet more often, but likely by video in order to be cost-conscious.

Vice President Wilson provided information on another faculty fellow position. She then reported that a new electronic process for sabbaticals is being tested. She would like to have participation from the USC Academic Affairs and Research members.

Vice President Wilson said that a call for nominations for the President's Executive Leadership Program has been sent out. There have been a lot of nominations. The program will run every two years. The selection process is different this time. There will be four seminars that include travel. President Killeen commented that he would like to explore ways for the participants to work together afterwards, such as holding a mini-retreat.

## II. Meeting with Chancellor Michael Amiridis

Chancellor Amiridis commented that one of UIC's biggest accomplishments is that it is moving in the right direction; not moving fast, but in the right direction. He has used the theme "escape forward," to describe the efforts being made to move out of a bad situation. The university is doing well with enrollment, breaking the record two years in a row, and could break 30,000 soon. UIC is also getting more recognition and respect.

Chancellor Amiridis said that one of the biggest challenges for UIC is its infrastructure, which has been neglected for decades. The newest building was built in 1991. UIC is moving ahead with two new buildings that will not be state-funded. Budget cuts have caused pain and a reduction in services. With more students, more services are needed, so UIC is doing more with less. He discussed a state procurement law that was passed without changes that UIC wanted. A building on the campus needs to be torn down. If the land is sold, the money would go to the state. If UIC builds on the land with a public-private partnership, it can only lease the building for five years. He commented that more flexibility is needed in procurement laws.

Chancellor Amiridis commented that there is stress with human infrastructure. UIC is building enrollments, which will increase the tuition base and provide funds to hire more tenure-track faculty. Until then, faculty are being asked to work more for a short period of time. He added that UIC needs to increase the number of students who are full payers by increasing overall enrollment numbers, not replacing the current students, in order to stay true to its mission.

Responding to one of the proposed questions, Chancellor Amiridis said that he believes the realignment of college reporting is working fine. The Provost and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs work very well together. There will be a review in five years.

Chancellor Amiridis said that the transition of the College of Medicine Urbana regional site is taking place. Tenured faculty are transferring and the residency programs are moving. The migration of M1 students will be completed this August, with many of the students going to Peoria and Rockford. The group discussed the domain name for the new Carle Illinois College of Medicine, which could cause confusion and infringe upon the branding that has been built by the UIC College of Medicine. Chancellor Amiridis said that he would revisit this issue.

### III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of April 27, 2017

Professor Villegas moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were voted on and approved as written.

### IV. 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 Karri moved to approve the proposed classification of senate minutes. The motion was seconded. The Conference approved the proposed classification of senate minutes.

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

1. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 21, 2017

Res. 46-17 Elimination of M.S. in Biology

Res. 46-18 Creation of a Master of Athletic Training

Res. 46-20 Creation of Pre-Promotion Review Process for Non-Tenure Track Faculty

2. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 1, 2017

EP.17.62 Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art Education Major from the College of Fine and Applied Arts

EP.17.73 Proposal to Revise the Ph.D. in Slavic Languages and Literature from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

EP.17.77 Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering from the College of Engineering

EP.17.80 Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Science with the Major in Computer Science and Music from the College of Fine and Applied Arts

EP.17.83 Proposal to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Railway Engineering from the College of Engineering

EP.17.84 Proposal to Revise the Course Requirements for the Ph.D. in Statistics from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- EP.17.85 Proposal to Eliminate the Master of Arts in Economics from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- EP.17.86 Proposal to Establish a Master of Journalism Degree and a combined Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Master of Journalism Degree in the Department of Journalism from the College of Media
- EP.17.87 Proposal to Establish the Bachelor of Science, Major in Secondary Education, with the Concentration in Mathematics from the College of Education
- EP.17.90 Revision to Academic Calendars 2017-2018 through 2023-2024
- EP.17.79 Report of Administrative Approvals through March 13, 2017
- EP.17.82 Report of Administrative Approvals through March 27, 2017
- EP.17.91 Administrative Approvals through April 24, 2017
- B. The following items were classified N by the University Senates Conference:
3. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 21, 2017
- sNc,u Res. 46-19 Updates to Security Policy
4. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 1, 2017
- uNc,s SP.17.08 Revisions to the Standing Rules – Voting by electronic clickers
- SP.17.09 Proposed Revisions to the Bylaws, Part B.5, Senate Committees – Eligibility of academic professional positions
- EQ.17.03 Resolution Promoting Black and African American Student Enrollment Goals
- EP.17.89 Report on the Campus Student Learning Outcomes

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

V. Old Business - Action Items

None.

VI. New Business

## 1. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Chicago

Meena Rao

(Retreat will be held July 12)

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

2. 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. Passed UIUC Senate 11/17/14. Passed UIC Senate as amended 1/29/15. Passed UIS Senate 4/10/15. Transmitted to President 5/12/15. Referred back to UIUC Senate USSP Committee in consultation with CAFT 2/23/17.

Professor Burbules commented that Legal Counsel did not agree with some of the language in the document. The proposed revisions have been sent back to the UIUC Senate's USSP Committee for reconsideration. The language might be narrowed down.

3. ST-77/GR-46. Revisions to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* – Edits and Updates. Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. *Statutes*: Transmitted to Senates 10/10/14. Passed UIC Senate 12/3/14. Passed UIS Senate 1/23/15. Passed UIUC Senate 5/4/15. *General Rules* transmitted to the President 12/22/14. *General Rules* (Intellectual Property) transmitted to Senates 1/26/15. Passed UIS Senate 3/6/15. Passed UIC Senate 4/23/15. Passed UIUC Senate 5/4/15. *Statutes* and *General Rules* (Intellectual Property) transmitted to the President 5/29/15.

Professor Burbules noted that President Killeen and Vice President Wilson have gone through the proposed statutory revisions. He would like to see the areas where there is consensus go to the Board for consideration so new revisions can be considered.

4. ST-79. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.b, and 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. Transmitted to the President 6/11/14. USC new proposed revisions 4/27/17. Transmitted to Senates 5/11/17.

Professor Burbules reminded the Conference that additional proposed revisions to this section of the *Statutes* that would permit the President to propose revisions has been sent to the senates.

5. ST-81. Revisions to University of Illinois Nondiscrimination Statement. Received from Vice President Pierre 10/9/15. Transmitted to Senates 10/12/15. Passed UIC Senate 10/28/15. Passed UIS Senate 12/11/15. Passed UIUC Senate 3/7/16. UIUC Senate version transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 3/31/16. Passed UIS Senate 4/22/16. Passed UIC Senate 9/29/16. Transmitted to Vice President Wilson 11/22/16.

No new information.

6. ST-82. Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Sections 3. (Appointments, Ranks, and Promotions of the Academic and Administrative Staff) a., and 4 (Principles Governing Employment of Academic and Administrative Staffs) b. Passed UIUC Senate 5/2/16. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 6/6/16. Passed UIS Senate 9/23/16. Passed UIC Senate 10/26/16. Transmitted to President 12/5/16.

No new information.

7. NC-23. Nominating Committee for 2017-18 Officers, Executive Committee, and USC Committees.

No new information.

8. OT-339. Audit of the University Senates Conference.

No new information.

9. OT-326. USC Presentations to the Board of Trustees.

Professor DeBerry-Spence reported that she and Professors Johnson and Novak gave a report on diversity and inclusion from the faculty perspective to the Board.

10. OT-327. University Strategic Framework.

No new information.

11. OT-331. University of Illinois Investment, Performance, and Accountability Commitment (IPAC) – formerly 2021 Initiative.

No new information.

12. OT-338. USC Statement on Faculty/Staff Salary and Benefits. Transmitted to President and Vice President for Academic Affairs 12/7/16.

No new information.

13. OT-310. Recommendation for New Policy Language Related to Classified Research at the University of Illinois. Transmitted to Senates 6/25/14. Passed UIS Senate 9/12/14. Withdrawn UIC Senate 1/29/15. Passed UIUC SEC 4/17/15.

No new information.

14. OT-123. University Senates Conference Guests.

No new information.

15. Report of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Springfield

Jorge Villegas

16. Campus Updates.

No new information.

17. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

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

Meena Rao  
Harley Johnson  
Mary Jo LaDu  
Nicholas Burbules

No reports.

18. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Jackson); President's Executive Leadership Program; Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, DeBerry-Spence, LaDu, Mohammadian, Villegas); Vice President for Academic Affairs UA Budget Review Advisory Committee (Mohammadian, Villegas, Wheeler); Vice President for Finance Faculty Advisory Committee (DeBerry-Spence, Weech); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, Miller, Villegas, Wheeler).

EMPC: Professor Jackson commented on her written report.

PELP: The Conference discussed the nomination process for the President's Executive Leadership Program (PELP). The group decided to send nominations to the USC Executive Committee for its consideration and recommendation of two members to serve on PELP. The two nominations will be forwarded in a letter to Vice President Wilson for her consideration for inclusion in PELP.

VIII. USC Committee of the Whole Discussion: follow-up items from morning session

The Conference discussed the President's Distinguished Faculty Recruitment Program.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.