

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 2015

PLACE: Room C, Public Affairs Center, Springfield

PRESENT: Burbules, Chambers (Chair), Deberry-Spence, Erricolo, B. Francis, G. Francis, Jackson, Li*, Maher*, McDermott, Miller*, Mohammadian*, Tolliver (Vice Chair), Villegas, Vincent* (*ex officio*)

ABSENT: Campbell, De Groote, Fadavi, Graber, Kalita, LaDu

GUESTS: Michael Devocelle, Timothy Killeen, Christophe Pierre, Mrinalini Rao

* Participated by phone

Professor Donald Chambers, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

I. Meeting with President Killeen and Vice President Pierre

President Killeen commented that the tour of the three campuses, Peoria, and Rockford, which he made with the three chancellors and Vice President Pierre, went very well and received a lot of positive media. He learned a lot and had wonderful interactions with students, faculty, staff, alumni, local mayors, the media, and community and business leaders. President Killeen added that the town hall meetings held during the tour were just the beginning of the strategic planning process. There will be many more opportunities for input and discussion.

President Killeen said that he and Vice President Pierre would be meeting with Illinois public university presidents in the afternoon.

There will be a faculty retreat in June and the Board of Trustees retreat in July. At the Board retreat, the strategic plan will be framed. President Killeen commented that the University needs something aspirational and compelling.

President Killeen reported that the UA review recommendations that have not been implemented will be thoroughly studied. The search for an Executive Director for Governmental Relations will be restarted. A working group set up by Dr. Easter has been meeting weekly to look at guiding principles for the budget and creating an analysis of the budget structure.

Conference members commented that the UIC College of Medicine program at the Urbana campus needs to go through a specific process before it can be closed. Some pieces will have to go through the UIC Senate and some through the UIUC Senate.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of June 25, 2015

President Killeen said that the University of Illinois should be thought of as the place to go for in-depth policy analysis of issues such as taxation and pension policies. In addition, the University needs to do its homework and provide a proposal for procurement and regulatory relief.

President Killeen also discussed briefly civic engagement, cross-campus initiatives, and athletic issues.

(The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m. for USC Committee meetings. The meeting resumed after lunch at 12:45 p.m.)

II. Remarks from the USC Chair

Professor Chambers commented that the VPAA review committee met that morning.

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of April 21, 2015

The minutes were 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.

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

1. University of Illinois at Chicago, April 23, 2015

- PR-15.29 Revision of the Doctor of Dental Medicine Advanced Standing Degree (DMDAS) Program
- PR-15.30 Establish the Joint Doctor of Medicine/Master of Science in Bioengineering
- PR-15.31 Establish two Concentrations in Business Analytics and Operations and Supply Chain Management in the Master of Business Administration
- PR-15.32 Revision of the Common Requirements for All Undergraduate Degrees in the College of Business Administration
- PR-15.33 Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Design and Arts
- PR-15.34 Revise and Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Acting as the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Performance
- PR-15.35 Revise and Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Design as the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Design, Production, and Technology
- PR-15.36 Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Chemistry and Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
- PR-15.37 Revision of the Minor in Mathematics and Revision of the Minor in Mathematics and Computer Science
- PR-15.38 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-Nursing Requirements)
- PR-15.39 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, Concentration in Movement Science and Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition (Pre-Nutrition Requirements)
- PR-15.40 Revision of Thirteen Undergraduate Degrees and Minors in the College of Engineering: Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering; Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering; Minor in Chemical Engineering; Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering; Minor in Civil Engineering; Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering; Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering; Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management; Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics; Minor in Environmental Engineering; Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering; Minor in Materials Engineering; and Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- PR-15.41 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry

- PR-15.42 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience
- PR-15.43 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Biological Sciences
- PR-15.44 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Earth and Environmental Sciences
- PR-15.45 Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Physics and Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Physics
- CP-15.04 Establish the Post-Baccalaureate Campus Certificate in Disability Ethics
- CP-15.05 Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Campus Certificate in Disaster Management
2. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 24, 2015
- Res. 44-22 Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy
- Res. 44-23 Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration
3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 4, 2015
- EP.15.42 Proposal from the College of Business and the Graduate College to Establish an Online MBA Program
- EP.15.49 Proposal from the School of Labor and Employment Relations to Establish a New Course
- EP.15.51 Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts (FAA) and the Graduate College to Revise the Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA)
- EP.15.60 Proposal to Create a Journalism Concentration and Terminate the News Editorial and Broadcast Journalism Concentrations in the Department of Journalism for the Undergraduate Major in Agricultural Communications in the College of Media and Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
- EP.15.61 Proposal to Revise the Advertising Concentration Requirements for the Agricultural Communications Major in the College of Media and Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
- EP.15.62 Proposal to Revise Courses Specified for the General Education Requirements for the Undergraduate Major in Agricultural

Communications, College of Media and Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

- EP.15.63 Proposal to Establish a New Master of Science in Strategic Brand Communication (M.S. in S.B.C.), to be jointly offered by the Department of Advertising in the College of Media, and the Department of Business Administration in the College of Business
- EP.15.64 Proposal to Establish a Graduate Concentration in “Biomechanics” jointly in the Department of Bioengineering and Mechanical Science and Engineering, College of Engineering
- EP.15.65 Proposal to Establish a Graduate Concentration in “Cancer Nanotechnology” in the Department of Bioengineering, College of Engineering
- EP.15.66 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Correct the Program of Study Listing for the PhD Program in Chemistry
- EP.15.68 Proposal to Revise the Master of Accounting (MAS) Program
- EP.15.69 Proposal to Change the Name of Department from Department of Human and Community Development to Department of Human Development and Family Studies
- EP.15.71 Proposal to Transfer the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research
- EP.15.72 Proposal from the Illinois Informatics Institute to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Informatics
- EP.15.73 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Revise the BSLAS in Astronomy
- EP.15.74 Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to Revise the BFA in Industrial Design
- EP.15.75 Proposal from the Graduate School in Library and Information Science and the Graduate College to Establish a New Master of Science in Information Management in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS)
- EP.15.76 Proposal to Change the Name of the Graduate Major from Human and Community Development to human Development and Family Studies

- EP.15.77 Proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to Rename and Revise the B.A. in Urban Planning
- EP.15.78 Proposal to Establish a Winter Session in the Academic Calendar
- EP.15.79 EPC Administrative Approvals – April 13, 2015
- EP.15.80 Proposal to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Structures within the Existing Master of Science in Architectural Studies (MS in AS) Degree Program
- EP.15.81 Proposal for Deloitte Center for Business Analytics in Accountancy

4. University of Illinois at Springfield, May 8, 2015

- Res. 45-01 Proposal to Change the Name of the Department of Criminal Justice (CRJ) to the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ)

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

5. University of Illinois at Chicago, April 23, 2015

Approved the proposed revisions to Article III of the *General Rules* (USC GR-46)

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

6. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 4, 2015

- SP.15.17 Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes* to transfer the provisions regarding Intellectual Property from the *General Rules* to the *Statutes*
- SP.15.18 General Revisions to the *Statutes*, Final Reconciliation, Motions #1 through #8

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

7. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 24, 2015

- sNc,u Res. 44-25 Proposal to Adopt Senate's Recommendations Related to the Faculty Advisory Committee

8. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 4, 2015

- uNc,s SC.15.11 Endorsement of the "USC Statement on Budget Planning and Reform"

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

1. 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.

Professor Burbules discussed five proposed changes that resulted in the following actions: 1) Approved with one opposing vote; pg. 4, add “jointly” to “assembly jointly representing”, 2) Approved; pg. 6, so that changes to the USC Bylaws do not have to be approved to the Board, but rather reported, with the language reading, “The bylaws and any changes thereto shall be reported to the campus senates and to the Board of Trustees through the president.”, 3) Approved; pg. 21, rewritten paragraph under Section 4, Change of Departmental Administrative Organization, 4) Approved; pg. 32, retain the language in Section 5.b. that was proposed for deletion, and 5) pg. 50, revision to language in Section 2.b.

Professor Burbules said that this completes the Conference’s work in the two-year plus process of revising the *Statutes* and *General Rules*. He indicated that he would compile the changes and send both documents to the President, the Board, and the senates. He noted that ST-72 and ST-79 were approved separately, so they will also be forwarded but not incorporated into the documents.

Professor Burbules discussed additional revisions to the *Statutes* that will be coming forward. Legal Counsel has been meeting with people on all three campuses to propose changes to Article IX and Article X, which deal with dismissal for cause and sanctions less than dismissal. He noted that these proposed revisions will run through the full review process.

Professor Francis proposed an expression of thanks to Professor Burbules for the enormous amount of work he has put into this process. The Conference responded with a round of applause.

2. OT-319. *University Senates Conference Bylaws*. Approved 4/21/15.

Professor Burbules reported that the text in 8.4 is not consistent with the language that USC just approved in the *Statutes*, which is: “The bylaws and any changes thereto shall be reported to the campus senates and to the Board of Trustees through the president.” The Conference approved the revision to the *USC Bylaws*.

3. OT-316. University Senates Conference White Paper.

Professor Chambers commented that, at the retreat this past fall, USC discussed creating a paper about what the group is and how it wants to be treated. He credited the first draft to Professors Burbules and Tolliver. He and others recommended additional revisions until USC discussed the document at the last meeting, at which further changes were recommended. He referred to the penultimate paragraph and suggested putting the term “flagship” back into the language. He suggested the following: “What are the special responsibilities of a flagship University, particularly in the context of the land grant mission for the University of Illinois?” Professor Burbules said that SGC recommends changes “e.g.” to “i.e.” in the last paragraph on the first page. Professor Tolliver suggested that the last sentence of the third paragraph be changed to, “Shared governance provides a necessary vehicle and an effective platform for dialogue between faculty and administrators.” She also suggested that the word “faculties” be changed to “faculty” in the first sentence of the last paragraph. Several members found problems with the entire first sentence of the last paragraph. Professor B. Francis suggested ending the first sentence after “governance.” All of the proposed revisions were approved.

VI. New Business

4. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, July 23, 2015
(Retreat July 22)

Chicago

Joyce Tolliver

USC Annual Report

Donald Chambers

5. OT-324. Policy on Criminal Background Checks.

Professor Burbules commented that the decision whether to do background checks seems to have been decided. However, the implementation is going to be done by the campuses and perhaps in three different ways. A company will be hired to do the checks and a hit will show up if a person has been convicted of a crime within the past seven years. A conviction is not an automatic disqualification. Taken into factor will be the nature of the conviction and the position in question. Professor Burbules said that judgements will need to be made, so the composition of the committee that makes decisions will be crucial. The Urbana campus has insisted that if the candidate is a potential faculty member, there must be faculty on the committee. He added that Illinois has an employment liability law that could cause legal harm to the University. Professor Tolliver read five principles/concerns that the UIUC SEC recommends.

Professor G. Francis said that, according to the proposed policy, the background check would occur between acceptance of a position and ratification of a contract, which could invite all sorts of technical problems. Professor Burbules agreed that there could be unintended consequences, some which could create a disadvantage for the University. Professor Rao said that searches at a certain level require background checks for all short-list candidates. Professor Burbules added that AAUP indicates that a background check for all candidates is overly broad and intrusive, but a process at an intermediary step is reasonable. Professor Chambers said that faculty participation is crucial. He asked if the Conference wanted to endorse a set of principles. Professor Tolliver suggested circulating the UIUC SEC principles and the AAUP document on background checks at the next meeting for consideration. The Conference agreed to consider recommendations at the next meeting that could be shared with the senates.

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

6. 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.

No new information.

7. 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.

No new information.

8. NC-21. Nominating Committee for 2015-16 Officers, Executive Committee, and USC Committees.

Professor Villegas, Chair of the Committee, provided an update on the process.

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

Professor Chambers said that the review committee met with Vice President Pierre before the meeting. He said that some suggestions will help clarify the position.

10. OT-304. Open Access to Research Articles. Transmitted to Senates 10/21/14.

No new information.

11. OT-307. President's Executive Leadership Program.

No new information.

12. 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.

Professor Chambers reported that more information from Vice President Schook has been requested.

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

Professors Chambers commented that the President indicated that there would be a new search.

14. OT-320. Salary increments and campus budgeting priorities.

No new information.

15. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, May 7, 2015
USC Report:

Springfield

Jorge Villegas
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Professor Villegas said that this was President Easter's last meeting and he was presented with several gifts. Vice President Knorr did not have good news on the budget. State funded capital programs have been stopped. A cost analysis of the three campuses with other universities indicate that we are average with our comparison group. Professor Tolliver expressed gratitude towards Professor Villegas for his report to the Board.

16. OT-123. University Senates Conference Guests.

Guests to invite were discussed.

17. Campus Updates.

Professor Vincent said that UIC is enjoying the energy of the new president and chancellor. The VCHA search is at the point of screening candidates. The Provost search is not as far along. UIC did not get the Presidential Library but it will be in Chicago. UIC is expected to have some involvement.

18. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee
Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee

Gay Miller
Roy Campbell

Hospital and Health Affairs Committee
Statutes and Governance Committee

Jorge Villegas
Nicholas Burbules

There were no reports.

19. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Leff); Pre- and Post-Award Research Money Policy group (Wheeler); UI Labs Task Force (Chambers); University Technology Management Team (Campbell); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Chambers, Mohammadian, Tolliver, Villegas); Vice President for Academic Affairs UA Budget Review Advisory Committee (Mohammadian, Villegas, Wheeler); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Boltuc, Chambers, Villegas, Wheeler).

There were no updates.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Pending Items

OT-265. Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government.

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

OT-298. Shared Governance in a Changing Environment.

OT-317. Actions of the State Universities Civil Service System (SUCCS) and preserving public universities' exemption authority. USC support of CIUS "Statement of Concern" 10/8/14. Letter to Chairman Kennedy and President Easter 10/13/14. All three senates have supported the CIUS statement. Letter to Chairman Kennedy and President Easter 10/13/14. All three senates have supported the CIUS statement.