

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Wednesday, June 3, 2009

PLACE: Music Room, Levis Faculty Center, UIUC

PRESENT: Burbules, Chambers, Chapman-Novakofski, Eisenhart (Vice Chair), Fisher, Jones, Kaufman (Chair), Mallory, Massat, O'Brien, Tolliver, Weech, Wheeler, Wood

ABSENT: Finnerty, Gillet, Koronkowski, Schacht, Strom

GUESTS: Hope Cook, George Francis, John Martin, Richard Schoell, Joseph White

Professor Elliot Kaufman, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:00 a.m. He introduced the newly-elected members in attendance, George Francis and John Martin, and Mike Lillich from University Relations.

I. Executive Session

President White provided an update on the budget. He said that the University might get a 1% increase from the state. The budget looks reasonable when adding in federal stimulus money. However, there are cash flow problems. The University is still hoping for capital money from the state.

The President provided an update on mandatory furlough language being written into contracts. The University realized that it needed to have the ability to reduce costs during financial emergencies. Furlough days, if needed, would be invoked university-wide and limited to four days per year. The group discussed whether furlough days could potentially reduce retirement benefits. The President suggested that the Conference discuss furlough details with Vice President Rao.

President White commented that timekeeping is a state requirement for all University employees. A simple, online system for positive time reporting has been put in place for University Administration employees. President White was asked to consult with a faculty committee on how timekeeping should be done for faculty before anything is put into place. He agreed to do so.

President White said that Mike Bass is chairing a search committee to find a replacement for Rick Schoell. The President was asked to include faculty on the search committee. He said that he would add faculty to the committee.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of June 23, 2009

President White said that he planned to have Legal Counsel look at USC item ST-66. Professor Kaufman commented that the proposed statutory revisions are codifications rather than changes. The language defines advice of the faculty in changes in academic organization and clarifies tenure home.

President White said that the redefined Global Campus is in the hands of the campuses. He was asked if there would be a central coordinating unit. He responded that it would make sense to have a shared portal, but it was up to the campuses to deploy resources and decide how to move forward. Professor Burbules commented that he thought there would be some robust proposals coming forward. He said that the trustees want a preliminary report at the July Board meeting.

President White discussed the admissions controversy. He wants openness in the admissions process. He plans to put together a task force to look at best practices and ensuring fairness. He said that the current practice is being suspended for now and the University will work on restoring public confidence. The President said that he would include faculty on the task force.

II. Guest

Rick Schoell, Executive Director of Governmental Relations, and his assistant, Hope Cook, joined the Conference for a lunch in their honor to thank them for their service to the University as they are about to retire.

Mr. Schoell said that it was an honor to be at the luncheon. He gave credit to Hope for being a good colleague. Mr. Schoell said that he valued his relationship with the Conference.

Mr. Schoell said that the budget was looking good considering the financial situation of the state. The University may get a 1% increase in its operating budget and there could be \$250M in capital money.

Mr. Schoell told the Conference about some of his most memorable moments, such as being in Washington, D.C. in 1987 with Larry Smarr and Al Gore to promote a bill that would establish a computer network for the nation, the transgenic pig controversy, and being at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 before the attacks. He said that he enjoyed teaching a class at UIC on American Government.

Mr. Schoell commented that policymakers have a uniform affection for the University of Illinois and want to help the institution have the best environment for delivering education and conducting research. The state needs to help the faculty and the students they educate, which in turn benefits the world.

Professor Kaufman thanked Mr. Schoell and Ms. Cook for meeting with the Conference. The Conference responded with a round of applause.

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of April 28, 2009

Professor Kaufman pointed out an error on Page 4 in the classification of senate minutes, under item 10, UIS should be UIC in the resolution concerning the ACT Building. Professor Chambers moved approval of the minutes. The minutes were seconded, voted on, and approved.

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes

There were no minutes to classify.

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

There were no action items.

VI. New Business

Following up from the morning session, the Conference discussed members to serve on the Admissions Task Force and search committee for Executive Director of Governmental Relations.

1. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

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To be determined

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

2. OT-227. The Global Campus.

This item was discussed with President White during the Executive Session. There were no further comments.

3. 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. Passed UIUC Senate 4/27/09. Transmitted to President 5/7/09.

This item was discussed with President White during the Executive Session. Professor Kaufman commented that the President has been asked to transmit the proposed statutory language to the Board of Trustees.

4. OT-252. Vendor Code of Conduct.

No new information.

5. OT-253. Classification of Senate Minutes.

No new information.

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

The Nominating Committee will report at the June 23 meeting.

7. 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. Approved by USC 3/26/09.

Professor Kaufman said that the language approved by the University Intellectual Property Committee was being moved forward.

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

Professor Kaufman said that this is a major rewrite of the University policy that is necessary due to changes in federal guidelines. Professor Burbules said that UIUC Senate GUP has recommended some minor word changes. Professor Kaufman asked the other senates to send comments to Vice President Rao.

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

No new information.

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

Professor Kaufman said that the President's Office sent the goals and objectives of the vice presidents. Three subcommittees formed: VPAA – Nicholas Burbules, Carol Massat, Joyce Tolliver; VPTED – Donald Chambers, Karen Chapman-Novakofski, and Matthew Wheeler; VP/CFO – To be determined. Joseph Finnerty was nominated to serve.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

12. Campus Updates.

Professors Fisher and Martin discussed athletic problems at UIS. Professor Eisenhart said that there is a new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and a new Dean of LAS. Professor Burbules said that the UIUC Provost is leaving to become the chancellor at UC-Davis. Bob Easter will be the interim provost. Professor Burbules provided an update on the Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government. Professor Francis discussed an attempt to centrally consolidate all information technology matters on the UIUC campus. Professor Kaufman reported that the UIC Chancellor, who is relatively new, has been spending much of her time working with the City of Chicago and with external organizations.

13. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

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Elliot Kaufman

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

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Chambers, Wheeler

The group is working on stimulus package issues and procurement and hiring. In addition, the group is discussing an effort to recognize technology creation activities by faculty in the promotion and tenure process. There is an issue that the group would like to bring to Senates Conference. As faculty develop spin-off companies, their change in role could affect sabbatical eligibility. Professor Kaufman suggested that the Conference take some initiative on the issue of promotion and tenure criteria. He asked that Professor Chambers and Wheeler draft an outline for both issues.

15. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

OT-161. Non-Tenure-Track Academic Staff Appointments.

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

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 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-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.