

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Wednesday, June 18, 2014

PLACE: Room 210 Illini Union, Urbana

PRESENT: Campbell, Chambers (Vice Chair), De Groote, Erricolo*, Fadavi*, Fisher, Francis, Graber, Kalita, Leff, Maher, Mallory, Mohammadian*, Tolliver, Villegas (Chair)

ABSENT: Boltuc, Deberry-Spence, Kay, Miller, Wheeler

GUESTS: Reggie Alston, Nicholas Burbules, Christine Des Garennes, Thomas Farrell, Chris Harris, Sally Jackson, Robin Kaler, Mary Jo LaDu, Xiaoqing Li, Phyllis Wise

*Attended by phone

Professor Jorge Villegas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. Remarks from the USC Chair

Professor Villegas reviewed the meeting schedule and welcomed Chancellor Wise.

II. Meeting with Chancellor Wise

Chancellor Wise discussed the strategic planning process that began with her listening and learning tour almost three years ago and led to the conversation of creating a medical college at Urbana-Champaign. In the next phase of the strategic planning process, Visioning Future Excellence, six themes emerged that would guide the goals set to meet the initiatives of the campus and to meet society's challenges. Three of the themes were information and technology, health and wellness, and economic development. Business Cluster Development was commissioned to identify technology clusters that could lead to economic development opportunities. Biomedical and bioengineering were identified as a technology cluster that would enhance economic development in our region, but the report said that the lack of a full-scale medical program prevented the full potential economic development impact of this cluster. The Urbana-Champaign campus and the Carle Healthcare System jointly commissioned Tripp-Umbach to analyze the feasibility of developing an engineering-focused medical college jointly owned and governed by Carle and the University. The report recommends developing a specialized engineering-based medical college in Urbana-Champaign that would be independently accredited and have a private governance structure. The state would not be asked for money and nothing would be taken away from the campuses. She added that there are donors who are passionate about such a venture.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of August 25, 2014

Over the past month, Chancellor Wise has been meeting with people who have misgivings about the initiative to try to address their concerns. If done right, she believes a small College of Medicine that is complementary to other parts of the University and unique in its mission can better serve the needs of the state. Chancellor Wise commented that the college would be complementary to UIC's College of Medicine and there could be increased collaborations. The next steps are to present this to the Urbana-Champaign Senate, the Board of Trustees, and the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Chancellor Wise addressed concerns about starting another state medical school. She said that she believes the needs of the state could be better met. She asked that the group focus on the potentials.

III. Meeting with Dr. Farrell

Dr. Farrell commented that he started in the Foundation in January of 2012. The University was looking for an overhaul of the entire development operations. His goal was to come in and learn about the program and the institution and then create outcomes. Even though the Foundation is legally a separate institution, he does not view it as an autonomous, stand-alone institution.

Dr. Farrell reviewed the mission, strategic vision, and organizational structure of the Foundation. The roles of the Foundation include fiduciary responsibilities, strategic leadership and coordination, managing financial resources, staffing programs, endowment management, and policy making and oversight. He discussed the strategic plan of the Foundation and provided information on funding sources and comparisons to other institutions.

Conference members expressed concerns with poor communications with alumni and faculty not being able to participate when they could be of help. Dr. Farrell commented that the Foundation has a good relationship with the Alumni Association, but AA could strengthen its service role to the University. In response to faculty being involved, he said that University and campus leadership are finding ways to work with faculty.

The group briefly discussed that status of the Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government.

Dr. Farrell closed by discussing performance relative to benchmarks. He said that it might be helpful for USC to meet with the new chief investment officer. Dr. Farrell added that he wants to support each campus in the best way possible.

Professor Villegas presented plaques to Professors Lynn Fisher and Mary Mallory, whose terms would soon be ending, and thanked them for their service. He also recognized Professors Brian Kay and Matthew Wheeler, who could not be at the meeting.

Professor Chambers praised Professor Villegas for his work as USC Chair over the past year and thanked him for helping to establish a harmonious relationship among USC members from each campus.

The Conference recessed from the regular meeting at 11:35 a.m. in order to hold the 2014-15 Organizational Meeting. The meeting resumed after lunch, at 1:08 p.m.

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

The minutes were approved as written.

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 Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting and USC Report Presenter:

Thursday, September 11, 2014	Urbana	Sally Jackson
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(for information – already assigned)

Thursday, July 24, 2014	Chicago	Sandy De Groote
USC Annual Report		Jorge Villegas

The group discussed changes to the structure of the Board meetings and committee meetings and how these changes might affect USC's participation.

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.

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

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

Professor Tolliver provided an update on the timeline of the process. The Board will send USC additional proposed revisions with a brief rationalization for each revision by August 15. Various offices are working on these revisions. USC will then prepare a grouping of

the revisions which will act as a study guide. Between October 1st and 15th, USC will send the proposed revisions to the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee of the Board. The committee will send the revisions to the full Board of Trustees. After that time, the Board will formally transmit the proposed revisions to USC, preferably by November. USC will then follow statutory procedure to transmit the proposed revisions and study guide to the senates with its comments and recommendations. The senates will be asked to respond by March. After the senates have responded, USC will reconcile the advice from the senates if necessary, and then transmit a final document to the President with the request that the revisions be transmitted to the Board.

Professor Tolliver asked USC members to send comments in regards to the current proposals that the USC Statutes and Governance Committee is working on. Professor Villegas thanked Professor Tolliver for her leadership on this initiative.

4. 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. Transmitted to the President 6/11/14.

Professor Villegas commented that the proposed statutory language had been sent to the President.

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

Professor Villegas thanked the members of the committee. The Conference decided that the USC Statutes and Governance Committee should review the election procedures.

6. OT-311. University Senates Conference Statement on Excellence at the University of Illinois. Approved by USC 5/22/14. Transmitted to the BoT Chair, the President, and the Senates 6/11/14.

Professor Villegas reported that the statement was also sent to the chancellors. Professor Chambers moved to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

7. OT-312. Vice President for Research – Future Research Priorities. Transmitted to the Senates and the VCRs 6/11/14.

Professor Villegas said that Vice President Schook initiated the research agenda document for the University with the idea of sharing it with various stakeholders. USC members commented that there have been strong objections on the UIC and UIUC campuses as the document does not accurately reflect what the University is as a research institution. The Vice Chancellors for Research should have more of a say in the document. Professor Villegas explained that the document is not final and is meant for consideration.

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

No new information.

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

The Conference decided to continue to monitor the relationship between the Academy and the University and the process for appointing members of the Board of Directors.

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

No new information.

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

Professor Burbules commented that the UIC faculty union contract primarily deals with salaries and other issues that are not in conflict with the University's *Statutes*.

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

No new information.

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

Professor Villegas reported that the Open Access Task Force has been given the draft policy prepared by the USC subcommittee. There are concerns that are being addressed by Legal Counsel.

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

Professor Villegas said that the group went to Washington D.C. and had a very different experience than that of Springfield. He added that the University's presence in D.C. is very proactive.

15. OT-309. Presidential Search.

Professor Villegas provided an update on the process.

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

Professor Villegas reported that the draft policy, which was approved by USC, will be sent to the senates after the VPR Office provides a cover letter.

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

Professor Villegas commented that he and Professor Tolliver are on the search committee. He invited USC members to send nominations.

18. OT-123. University Senates Conference Guests.

Guests to invite were discussed.

19. Campus Updates.

Professor Tolliver reported that UIUC just announced the salary program for the coming academic year.

20. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee	Matthew Wheeler
Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee	Peter Boltuc
Hospital and Health Affairs Committee	Donald Chambers
Statutes and Governance Committee	Joyce Tolliver

HHAC: Professor Chambers commented that Chancellor Wise gave an excellent presentation during the morning session.

21. 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, Tolliver, Villegas); Vice President for Academic Affairs UA Budget Review Committee (Mohammadian, Villegas, Wheeler); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Boltuc, Chambers, Villegas, Wheeler).

There were no external committee updates.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.