

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

DATE: Thursday, June 26, 2008

PLACE: Room 206, Student Center West, UIC

PRESENT: Anderson, Burbules, Burton (Chair), Jones, Kaufman (Vice Chair), Massat, Schacht, Strom, Wood

ABSENT: Chambers, Chapman-Novakofski, Eisenhart, Fisher, Fossum, Grossman, Langley, O'Brien, Scheff, Tolliver, Weller

GUESTS: Henri Gillet, Mrinalini Rao, Joseph White

Professor Vernon Burton, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. Executive Session

Vice President Rao reported on a Global Campus advisory meeting from the previous week. She and Chet Gardner are creating a list of all Global Campus activities. The College of Education is working with the Global Campus to develop a new program. Vice President Rao commented that there are many people in the state with Associate's Degrees. The Global Campus may seek partnerships with units in order to provide undergraduate degree completion opportunities. President White and Chet Gardner are working on making the Global campus website portal acceptable for everyone. Vice President Rao said that the Academic Council meets every month. There was a discussion concerning the composition of the council. Professor Burton thought that there should more faculty members. Professor Burbules, a member of the Academic Council, replied that the group needs to be small. Also, he said that academic values are being represented in the group. Vice President Rao remarked that the two major things that the Global Campus currently needs to accomplish are to increase enrollment and increase the number of programs being offered.

Vice President Rao said that she would send the Conference additional information from Randy Kangas on the ratio of state financial aid dollars that go to public universities versus private universities in Illinois compared to the ratios of other states.

Concerning faculty professional accounts, Vice President Rao commented that a line item has been added to the budget for \$250,000 each for UIC and UIUC. She said that she is working with the provosts on distributing the funds.

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<sup>1</sup>Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of August 21, 2008

Vice President Rao said that she conveyed to Steve Veazie the Senates Conference's wishes to modify the language in *The General Rules* that pertains to courseware ownership. Professor Burton told her that Professor Finnerty is working on the wording changes. Professor Kaufman commented that the current language needs to be clarified so that the default of ownership is to the faculty. He added that the lawyer for the U of I in the UIC COM-Peoria court case argued that courseware ownership fell under 4 (a) 2, in that teaching is an assigned duty, so the University owned the courseware. Vice President Rao felt that the exceptions are rare where courseware would not be owned by the faculty. Professor Massat thought that the exceptions were written too broadly. Vice President Rao recommended that the Conference meet with Tom Bearrows or Steve Veazie once the proposed language has been written.

Vice President Rao told the Conference that the University is opposing time reporting for faculty. She commented that, while the time reporting is not as onerous as it sounds, it is difficult to do for faculty.

Vice President Rao briefly discussed new federal requirements for race and ethnicity identification and the higher education summit held on the Urbana campus. She also commented that the University needs to do a better job of promoting UIC and UIS.

President White joined the meeting at 11:10 a.m. He said that the Global Campus is behind schedule but on track. He commented that graduate programs might be part of the portfolio, but not the mission.

President White said that Professor Kaufman and the UIC chancellor search committee did a tremendous job. He is very pleased with the outcome of the search.

President White discussed budget and salaries. The Governor has recommended a 0% increase for higher education, while the legislature has recommended a 2.8% increase. A significant amount of University funds are being consumed by energy increases. The University wants a 3% salary increase for faculty in the budget, but needs to figure out how to increase revenue in order to fund the initiative, because reallocation of the full amount would be unreasonable.

President White commented that the University is challenged with finding ways to protect the quality of the University while still providing access during this adverse period of state funding. The state has not approved a capital plan, which is greatly needed.

President White responded to the Conference's questions concerning exit interviews. He said that exit interviews are not done consistently. Professor Schacht said that the Urbana campus sends an exit survey to anyone leaving the University, including retirees, and to the person's department. The office that administers the exit surveys is under the Provost's Office. Vice President Rao added that exit surveys are also sent out to faculty and departments at UIC. She noted that UIUC has a better response rate. Vice President Rao said that she would summarize what each campus is doing. Professor Burton thought the results of the exit interviews contained data the University could be using.

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of May 28, 2008 and University Senates Conference Organizational Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2008

The minutes were approved as written.

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

III. Old Business – Action Items

None.

IV. New Business

1. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

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Gerald Strom

V. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

2. OT-227. The Global Campus.

This item was discussed with President White and Vice President Rao during the Executive Session.

3. 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.

Professor Kaufman mentioned that Conference members should send proposed wording suggestions to Professor Finnerty. Professor Schacht said that he would work with Professor Finnerty on the revisions to the language.

4. 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.

Professor Kaufman said that UIS has been working with Bill Maher to work out wording changes. He mentioned that the language approved by UIS will need to go back to the other senates.

5. 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.

No new information.

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

Professor Burton said that the President had not yet sent the goals and accomplishments of the vice presidents. The Conference decided to ask again and emphasize an interest in receiving goals for next year.

7. OT-218. Proposed Guidelines for Multi-Institutional Degrees. Transmitted to Senates 11/10/05. Approved UIUC Senate 11/5/07.

No new information.

8. OT-219. Future USC Meeting Dates.

No new information.

9. OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

No new information.

10. OT-243. Resource Summit.

No new information.

11. OT-244. Pro-Quest Dissertation Publishing.

No new information.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

13. Campus Updates.

Professor Burbules provided an update on the Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government Fund. Professor Kaufman commented on the completed UIC chancellor search.

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

No meetings were scheduled.

15. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

Professor Kaufman thanked Professor Burton for his service as Chair of USC. The Conference responded with a round of applause.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Pending USC Items  
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ST-47. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Articles IX and X, to provide optional multi-year contracts, and related dismissal procedures, for certain academic staff. Passed UIC Senate 10/27/99. Rejected UIS Senate 3/3/00. Multi-Year Contracts Task Force Charged 4/11/02. Request to Senates to Consider MYC Issues 2/13/04. Passed UIUC Senate 2/14/05. Passed UIC Senate 4/28/05. Passed UIS Senate 5/6/05. Transmitted to Senates 1/10/06. Passed UIS Senate 4/7/06. Passed UIUC Senate 4/24/06. Passed UIC Senate 4/2/06. Transmitted to the President 5/12/06. Approved by the Board of Trustees 11/9/06. Campus Procedures – Passed UIC Senate 4/26/07. Passed UIS Senate 3/7/08. Passed UIUC Senate 4/28/08.

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.

GR-39. Proposed Revisions to *The General Rules*, Article V, Section 4 – Naming of University Facilities and Programs. Transmitted to Senates 1/9/06. Recommendations to the President 2/27/06. Approved by the Board of Trustees 4/11/06. UIC Facility Naming Policy 2/21/07.

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

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-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-229. University Administration Reorganization.

OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

OT-239. Senate Joint Resolution – IBHE master plan for Illinois Higher Education.