

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

DATE: Tuesday, August 25, 2009

PLACE: President's House, Urbana

PRESENT: Barrett, Burbules, Campbell, Chambers, Eisenhart (Chair), Fadavi, Francis, Kaufman, Massat, O'Brien, Ting, Tolliver, Wheeler (Vice Chair)

ABSENT: Finnerty, Jones, Koronkowski, Martin, Patston, Weech

GUESTS: Kristine Campbell, Walter Knorr, Mrinalini Rao, Joseph White

Professor Kathryn Eisenhart, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. Executive Session

The Conference provided advice to the President on the reappointment of the vice presidents.

President White commented that a week after the Admissions Review Commission issued its report, he convened a group with the purpose of embracing the commission's recommendation. Reform needs to be enacted at a very fast pace. Because admissions is a decentralized function, reform has been turned over to the chancellors. He has asked Vice President Rao to work with the chancellors to ensure that a list of reforms is put into place by September 23. The President discussed leadership roles throughout the University.

President White said that the most consequential issue at the moment is the budget crisis. The state is \$40M in arrears to the University from the last fiscal year. \$50M of this fiscal year's budget is one-time stimulus money. ISAC has been cut in half and there are no guarantees there will be spring term money for students.

President White provided an update on the search for an Executive Director of Governmental Relations. Mike Bass, who is chairing the search committee, is serving on an interim basis. The search is in the final stages.

President White said that the timekeeping pilot studies will be complete by mid-December for everyone except faculty.

Vice President Rao reported that the proposed changes to *The General Rules* regarding courseware ownership would be going to the Board of Trustees in September.

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<sup>1</sup>Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of September 22, 2009

The Policy and Procedures on Academic Integrity in Research and Publication has been approved by the chancellors, provosts, and vice chancellors for research. The policy will be on the web next week.

Vice President Rao reminded the Conference that Legal Counsel suggested that the *Statutes* be looked at for consistency in the descriptions of unit and tenure home before ST-66 moves forward. However, language will be inserted stating that the definition of unit and tenure home is for the purposes in Article VIII. A determination must be made whether it will be necessary to take the language back to the senates for approval. Vice President Rao commented on two other minor changes that were proposed.

Vice President Rao said that she would be putting together a group of people from all three campuses to look at the recognition of technology creation activities in promotion and tenure criteria and sabbaticals.

Vice President Rao mentioned that the senates might want to discuss collaborations among the campuses in the academic review process with the chancellors and provosts.

Vice President Rao discussed furloughs. She said that civil service employees are subject to lay-offs but cannot be furloughed. The unions may be willing to consider furlough days. The number of days employees could be furloughed has not been decided. Vice President Rao said that faculty members have been helping sort through furlough issues by participating in three sub-groups: 1) SURS issues, 2) logistical issues, and 3) operational/technical issues. Some members felt that furloughs would provide only a temporary solution to the budget crisis and recommended that the University be looked at as a whole for ways to reduce costs. Concerns were also expressed that instigating furlough days could influence faculty to leave the University.

Vice President Knorr affirmed that the University is not ready to mandate furloughs. The University needs to decide how bad the budget situation can get before furloughs are mandated. Two considerations are the University's cash flow, given that the state is behind in making payments to the University from FY09, and if the state would call for a rescission in the FY10 budget. The FY10 budget appropriation to the University approved by the state is level with last year's funding. While the state did approve a capital bill, there has been no money received to fund the projects.

Vice President Knorr discussed the tuition decision made by the Board's Executive Committee. He also discussed the loss of financial aid in the spring for many students.

## II. Guest

Ms. Kristine Campbell, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, told the Conference that she has been in the Champaign-Urbana area since 1983. She joined the Urbana campus in 1991 in Food Science and Human Nutrition, moved to the Chancellor's Office after ten years, and then in 2004 moved to Public Affairs where she eventually became Assistant Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement.

Ms. Campbell said that she has enjoyed working with Vice President Rao on many different matters. She is getting up to speed on issues such as Conflicts of Interest and Commitment, Academic Integrity in Research and Publication, and Article VIII of the *Statutes*. She has also been involved in the furlough discussions. A diversity conference is being planned in October.

Ms. Campbell commented that she visited the Springfield campus for the first time in 26 years recently and was pleased to see all of the wonderful things happening there.

Professor Eisenhart thanked Ms. Campbell for meeting with the Conference.

### III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of June 23, 2009

Professor Massat moved approval of the minutes. The minutes were seconded, voted on, and approved.

### Approval of University Senates Conference Organizational Minutes of June 23, 2009

Professor Massat moved approval of the minutes. The minutes were seconded, voted on, and approved.

### 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

### IV. Old Business – Action Items

There were no action items.

### V. New Business

1. GR-41. Review of language in The General Rules, Article V, Section 3 – Private Use of University Property Forbidden.

The Conference reviewed the language and considered whether changes should be made to reflect common practices that are currently in violation of *The General Rules*. Professor Francis suggested that no changes be made to the language. Professor Kaufman said that the UIUC Senate committee that recommended changes was attempting to provide shelter for faculty. The Conference decided to look at the language that was proposed by the committee.

## 2. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, September 10, 2009, Urbana

Joseph Finnerty

## 3. OT-254. 2009 USC Annual Retreat.

The Conference discussed plans and topics for the retreat, which will be held in conjunction with the September meeting. The Conference decided to postpone the visit to the Research Park. Members will be polled asking whether a one-day or two-day retreat is preferred. Members will be allowed to call into the meeting.

## 4. ST-73. Appointment of 2009-10 Statutes Committee.

The Committee was appointed: Kathryn Eisenhart; Joseph Finnerty\*, chair; Michael Koronkowski\*; Carol Massat; and Matthew Wheeler.

\*Pending agreement to serve

Professor Wheeler recommended that members read the *Statutes*.

## 5. OT-255. Appointment of USC members to serve on various committees: Academic Affairs Management Team; External Relations Management Team; Technology and Economic Development Group; University Technology Management Team; Tuition and Fees Executive Committee.

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AAMT*:	Nick Burbules** Kathryn Eisenhart Elliot Kaufman	Kathryn Eisenhart Elliot Kaufman Matthew Wheeler
ERMT:	Barclay Jones	Nancy O'Brien
TED Group:	Donald Chambers Matthew Wheeler	Donald Chambers Matthew Wheeler
UTMT:	Gerald Strom	
T&F EC:	Kathryn Eisenhart Barclay Jones John Wood	John Martin*** Barclay Jones*** Elliot Kaufman

\*Members are the USC chair, vice chair, and past chair

\*\*Completed Vernon Burton's term on AAMT

\*\*\*Pending agreement to serve

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

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

The review took place during the Executive Session with President White.

7. 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 Vice President Rao during the Executive Session.

8. 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.

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

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

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

10. OT-252. Vendor Code of Conduct.

Professor Eisenhart mentioned that this was not discussed with Vice President Knorr due to time constraints. Professor Kaufman provided background information. The Urbana student trustee brought this item to the Board. The code is posted, but it unenforceable because a contract could not be denied based upon the guidelines.

11. OT-253. Classification of Senate Minutes.

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

12. OT-227. The Global Campus.

No new information

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

No new information.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

15. Campus Updates.

There were no campus updates.

16. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, July 23, 2009, Chicago

Joseph Finnerty

Professor Finnerty (who could not attend the USC meeting) provided a written report.

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

There were no reports.

18. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Pending USC Items  
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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-219. Future USC Meeting Dates.

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.