

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, September 20, 2016

PLACE: Illini Union, Urbana

PRESENT: Burbules, DeBerry-Spence, De Groote, Erricolo, Francis, Graber, Jackson, Johnson, Kalita, Karri, LaDu, Maher, Miller, Novak (Chair), Rao, Villegas, Vincent, Weech

ABSENT: Mohammadian (Vice Chair), Wheeler

GUESTS: Thomas Hardy, Timothy Killeen, Marilyn Marshall

Professor Novak, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. Meeting with President Killeen, Interim Vice President Marshall and Mr. Hardy

President Killeen noted that two positions have been permanently filled: Dr. Barbara Wilson in the position of Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Robert Jones in the position of Urbana Chancellor, both starting on September 26. He added that Dr. Ed Seidel is already well engaged in the position of Interim Vice President for Research. The President thanked Dr. Marshall for serving in the position of Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Marshall responded that serving in the position has been an honor and a wonderful learning experience.

President Killeen said that there will be significant changes to the position of Vice President for Research when it becomes the Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation. He thanked the Conference members for helping revise the position description and noted that some changes have already been made.

President Killeen reported that a review committee, led by Dr. Avijit Ghosh, will look at every entity within University Administration and what each should be doing. The group will also consider a name change for UA, possibly focusing more on the service aspect. The President said that UA FTE numbers have decreased over the past 18 months.

President Killeen discussed efforts that are being made to restore the FY16 budget and obtain proper funding for FY17. He will be asking Dr. Wilson to look at the possibility of a mid-year salary program. He hopes to begin long-delayed building and refurbishing projects. Conversations about the U of I 2021 Initiative continue. He hopes a bill will be introduced this fall. The group briefly discussed relations with other state public universities and competition for funds with private institutions.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of October 26, 2016

When asked for an update on enrollment management, President Killeen responded that he is impressed with the detail and creativity of the first drafts from each campus. Dr. Marshall commented that there has been a lot of deep thinking and planning as to how resources can be managed with growth while maintaining quality. She said that Urbana is focusing more on graduate and online growth; UIC is targeting areas where there is existing capacity; and UIS will continue to look at adding new undergraduate programs. The provosts will give presentations on their enrollment management plans at a future Board meeting.

President Killeen requested a clean copy of the statutory changes that have been agreed upon so far. The President said, now that there is a framework in place, he will ask Dr. Wilson to take charge of reconciling remaining differences and move the document forward.

President Killeen clarified that there is not a formal reporting line from the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs to the President. He commented that he does have occasional meetings with the VCHA since the hospital and health enterprise is such a large part of the overall budget; around 24-25%.

The group discussed the President's faculty fellowship program. President Killeen is considering a program with 4-6 faculty fellows who will focus on various topics.

The meeting recessed at 12pm for lunch, followed by USC Committee meetings. The meeting resumed at 1:35pm.

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of June 22, 2016 and August 31, 2016

The minutes were approved as written.

III. 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 Springfield, September 9, 2016

Res. 46-01 Dual Credit Transfer Policy

2. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, September 19, 2016

EP.16.92 Report on the Winter Session 2015-2016 EPC

EP.16.93 Report to Inform the Senate of Expected Enrollment Increase for the College of Business' Enrollment Plans for the iMBA Program per Standing Rule 13

EP.17.01 Proposal from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research to Create a Permanent (phase 2) Institute named the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute (IHSI)

EP.17.02 Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies (BSAS) in the School of Architecture, College of FAA

EP.17.03 Proposal to Revise the Master of Architecture (M.Arch) in the School of Architecture, College of FAA

EP.17.05 Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Leadership Studies from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

EP.17.10 Report of Administrative Approvals through August 22, 2016

EP.17.12 Report to Inform the Senate of Expected Enrollment Increase for the Department of Accountancy's Enrollment Plans for the MSA Degree Program via Online Courses per Standing Rule 13

EP.17.13 Proposal to Establish a Doctor of Medicine Professional Degree Program (MD) in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine

EP.17.18 Report of Administrative Approvals through September 12, 2016

SP.16.14 Revisions to the Senate Constitution - Committee on Elections and Credentials (Second Reading)

IV. Old Business – Action Items

1. OT-337. Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Acceptance of Transfer Credit for Undergraduate Admission Purposes.

Professor Novak commented that this item arrived shortly before the previous meeting. Policy revisions were initially approved by the UIC Senate. Subsequently, a group that included enrollment management people from all three universities participated in proposing revisions to the policy to make it applicable across the system. The policy was last updated and approved by the Board of Trustees in 1983. Professor Burbules moved to transmit the proposed revisions to the senates for review. The motion was seconded. USC decided that the comments to the side should be inserted into the current policy document before transmitting the packet of information to the senates and the transmittal letter to the senates should include the names of the enrollment management people who participated in the group that proposed the revisions to the policy. The motion was voted on and approved.

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. New Business

2. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, November 10, 2016

Chicago

Kouros Mohammadian

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. 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. Transmitted to President 5/12/15.

Professor Burbules reviewed the history of this item. After all three senates approved identical language, administration had concerns. After a group worked on changes to the document, another set of revisions were approved by the senates. This section is part of the overall revisions that have not been accepted. Professor Burbules said that the scope of the revisions have changed over time and go beyond the initial reasons for revising the section on academic freedom. The USC Statutes and Governance Committee would like to receive a statement in writing, preferably from the President, explaining what University Counsel and others do not like about the language. When that information becomes

available, the language can be rewritten to include the essential points that were intended in the first place.

4. 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. *Statutes* and *General Rules* (Intellectual Property) transmitted to the President 5/29/15.

Professor Burbules commented that the President has not yet approved the proposed revisions that appear to be acceptable to those who have reviewed them. He noted that the President requested a clean copy of the document.

5. 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.

Professor Burbules said that the proposed revisions would give USC authority to propose revisions to the *Statutes*. The current language authorizes only the Board and the senates to propose revisions. However, there have been instances in the past where USC has proposed statutory revisions. In any case, statutory revisions always go through USC and the senates. All three senates approved identical language. The language has been folded into the overall revisions to the *Statutes*.

6. ST-81. Revisions to University of Illinois Nondiscrimination Statement. Received from Vice President Pierre 10/9/15. Transmitted to Senates 10/12/15. Passed UIC Senate 10/28/15. Passed UIS Senate 12/11/15. Passed UIUC Senate 3/7/16. UIUC Senate version transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 3/31/16. Passed UIS Senate 4/22/16.

Professor Burbules said that the Nondiscrimination Statement must comply with state law. The senates have recommended additions to the statement that are not required by law. Professor Maher clarified that a part of Article IX of the *Statutes* was taken out and put into the Nondiscrimination Statement in order to avoid duplication in the *Statutes*, which the statement is a part of. This change was approved by the senates, but was left out of the revised Nondiscrimination Statement that was transmitted to USC.

7. ST-82. Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Sections 3. (Appointments, Ranks, and Promotions of the Academic and Administrative Staff) a., and 4 (Principles Governing Employment of Academic and Administrative Staffs) b. Passed UIUC Senate 5/2/16. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 6/6/16.

Professor Burbules commented that the Salaita case raised concerns as to when and how the Board is involved in hiring decisions. The Board was not approving appointments until a month or so after new hires began working. A committee on the Urbana campus looked at this issue and recommended that the Board retain authority but delegate to the president and through the president to the chancellors decisions on hiring. Professor Burbules said that the Board would delegate, but not give up final authority if it decides to intervene. Professor Maher added that the proposed revisions place the majority of the responsibility where academic policy decisions are made. Professor Burbules noted that the Board has moved up the timeline for when it approves appointments.

8. OT-336. USC 2016 Retreat.

Professor Novak commented that the retreat would be held that evening and the following day.

9. OT-326. USC Presentations to the Board of Trustees.

Professor Novak commented that USC AARC would discuss this at the retreat. Professor Jackson supported the idea of timing the USC reports with the President's reports to the Board on the Strategic Framework pillars in order to emphasize the faculty role and present a cohesive message when attempting to win state support. Professor Rao suggested having a bank of topics that could be presented in order to have flexibility. She also recommended that the reports include issues that concern faculty but relate to the pillars.

10. OT-327. University Strategic Framework.

No new information.

11. OT-331. U of I 2021 Initiative.

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. Passed UIUC SEC 4/17/15.

No new information.

13. OT-332. Levels of University Review.

No new information.

14. OT-123. University Senates Conference Guests.

The Conference discussed possible future guests.

15. Report of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Urbana

Harley Johnson

16. Campus Updates.

There were no campus updates.

17. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

Academic Affairs and Research Committee
Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee
Hospital and Health Affairs Committee
Statutes and Governance Committee

Meena Rao
Harley Johnson
Mary Jo LaDu
Nicholas Burbules

FBBC: Professor Johnson reported that the committee has identified two major agenda items: Look at the committees of the three senates that are charged with reviewing budget and benefits and try to coordinate efforts. Professor Karri added that the committee wants to find out whether the budget processes at the campus level include shared governance. Professor Burbules commented that the *Statutes* require that budgets be shared with the appropriate advisory committees at each level. Professor Johnson said that the second item is for the committee to draft a statement to the President on the lack of a salary program.

SGC: Professor Burbules reported that there will need to be changes to the *General Rules* to fit the new titles and expanded roles of two of the vice presidents. The committee might also propose changes to the responsibilities of the chancellors. The definition of faculty needs to be reviewed in the *Statutes*, in addition to the criteria that determines who is and is not considered to be faculty.

AARC: Professor Rao reported that the committee intends to have a conference call before the next USC meeting.

HHAC: Professor LaDu reported that the committee would like to give a presentation to its parallel Board committee on interprofessional education. The major focus for the committee this year will be student health.

18. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Jackson); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, DeBerry-Spence, Mohammadian, Villegas); Vice President for Academic Affairs UA Budget Review Advisory Committee (Mohammadian, Villegas, Wheeler); Vice President for Finance Faculty Advisory Committee (DeBerry-Spence, Weech); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, Miller, Villegas, Wheeler).

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.