

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Wednesday, September 21, 2011

PLACE: I Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign

PRESENT: Andersen, Burbules (Vice Chair), Campbell, Chambers (Chair), Erricolo*, Francis, Gibori, Graber, Leff, Mallory, Mohammadian, Patston*, Struble, Switzer, Wheeler

ABSENT: Fadavi, Martin, O'Brien, Shanahan, Ting

GUESTS: Michael Hogan, Lisa Troyer

*Participated by phone

Professor Donald Chambers, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 9:00 a.m.

Professor Chambers asked the Conference to consider the objectives for the group this coming year. He assumed that a continued, long-term goal for USC would be the betterment of the University of Illinois and the ability to facilitate the aims and aspirations of each campus as well as the University as a whole. The group discussed the complexity of measuring success, the need for clarity in communication, the importance of knowing the tables of organization, and the role of the USC Executive Committee. The Conference thought a good objective for the group would be to come up with ideas in which the campuses could work together.

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of August 31, 2011

Professor Burbules commented on the discussion during the executive session concerning enrollment management. The minutes were approved as written.

II. Executive Session

President Hogan and the Conference discussed operational procedures for the proposed summit, including timing and attendance. The President distributed a list of topics he suggested for discussion at the summit.

President Hogan commented that the Dashboard data can help determine strategic goals and initiatives. The Board wants an in-depth look at academic programs. On the assumption that state support will not increase, the University needs to determine where funding priorities should be.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of October 18, 2011

President Hogan discussed his performance goals for this year. One priority is to enhance University Relations and Advancement and to find opportunities for the units to work together. He provided a job description for the Executive Director of University Relations position. A search should begin later this fall. Another priority is to improve enrollment management at the University, which could have a positive impact in many areas. There will be a search for an executive director at some point. There was concern from the Conference that campus responsibilities could become University responsibilities. It was stressed that the campuses need to have authority over academic matters. Professor Chambers commented that centralization versus campus autonomy has always been a topic of concern. He added that the nature and quality of consultation is very important. The group discussed ways to improve the consultation process.

President Hogan provided an update on the Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government Foundation. He said that the provisions he had discussed with the Conference at the last meeting had been approved. Conference members thanked the President for his efforts.

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 Urbana-Champaign, September 12, 2011

EP.11.33 Proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to reorganize the Asian American Studies Program as the Department of Asian American Studies

EP.12.05 Proposal from the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Establish a Master of Science in Cell and Developmental Biology

EP.12.08 Proposal from the College of Engineering to Establish the Undergraduate Minor in Electrical and Computer Engineering

B. The following item was classified III by the University Senates Conference:

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, September 9, 2011

R41-11 Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2 – University Senates Conference (Campus Rotation of Leadership Positions)

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. New Business

1. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Friday, December 2, 2011, Springfield

Carrie Switzer

2. ST-76. Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2 (University Senates Conference) – Campus Rotation of Leadership Positions. Passed UIS Senate 9/9/11.

The Conference discussed the UIS Senate resolution and proposed statutory revisions. Professor Burbules reviewed USC's options based on what is written in the *Statutes*. He said that the Conference could send the proposed statutory language to the senates with or without recommendations, or approve an alternate proposal. Professor Chambers commented that the resolution passed by UIS demands action of a group that is independent of them and would change the bylaws of USC.

Professor Switzer said that the current situation is not productive for anyone and the sooner a resolution the better. She was concerned that institutions that are functioning well will have an advantage over the University in terms of competing for resources and students. Professor Switzer suggested that there not be a vote on the alternate proposal that was provided during the retreat the day before. She was not comfortable with passing

such a proposal with her being the only UIS member present. She said that the UIS Senate would meet on Friday and asked for time for diplomacy to work. Professor Francis suggested that the three UIS members and three other USC members sit down and negotiate in a neutral setting. Professor Andersen moved to postpone USC action until the October meeting. The motion was seconded. Professor Burbules clarified that the intention of the alternate proposal was to re-establish the rotation, but not by changing the *Statutes*. The motion to postpone action on the item until the next meeting was approved.

Professor Chambers thought there was support of the principle of restoring the tradition of rotation. Professor Andersen thought that it would be good to pass some sort of statement today. After deliberation, Professor Struble made the following motion, “The University Senates Conference affirms its tradition of rotation of leadership positions among the three campuses and supports the principle of reestablishing the rotation as soon as reasonable but does not support codifying this rotation in the *Statutes*.” The motion was seconded, voted on, and unanimously approved.

V. Old Business – Action Items

None.

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. OT-274. 2011 USC Annual Retreat

Professor Chambers asked that Conference members suggest goals for the year.

4. OT-269. Call for a University-wide Summit on Organization and Governance.

Professor Andersen suggested narrowing down the list of discussion items. Professors Burbules, Chambers, and Gibori agreed to work on the document along with Professor Tolliver and then report to the USC Executive Committee.

5. OT-275. Enrollment Management.

Professor Chambers said that the enrollment management committee would schedule a meeting after the final enrollment management report from the external reviewers is received.

6. OT-266. Proposed revisions to the *University Senates Conference Organization and Functions* – (including proposed revisions to the subcommittee structure).

Professor Burbules provided an overview of the revised version of the proposal. He commented that there are well-established procedures for shared governance at the campus level, but these procedures have not existed at the University-level. His proposal includes restructuring the Conference in a way to reinvigorate existing subcommittees that have not

been active. The proposal also adds new subcommittees to correspond with the growing list of administrators at the University level – the vice presidents and executive directors. Professor Burbules said that the new draft raises some new issues, such as reviewing various administrative positions. Professor Wheeler commented that the President had agreed to send the accomplishments and goals of the vice presidents to the Conference.

7. OT-271. University Senates Conference presentations to the Board of Trustees.

Professor Chambers suggested that shared governance and ideas for a University summit be the topic for the presentation.

8. OT-272. Course Articulation among the Campuses.

Professor Chambers commented that the enrollment management committee will take up this issue in its review of the report by the external review team.

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

President Hogan provided an update during the Executive Session.

10. OT-268. Administrative Reorganization.

No new information.

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

No new information.

12. ST-72. Consideration of the language in the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 2 (Academic Freedom). Passed UIUC Senate 12/6/10. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 2/7/11.

The UIC and UIS Senates are still considering this item.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests for future meetings.

14. Campus Updates.

Professor Wheeler reported that a communications security policy that was to be tested on the Urbana campus has been pulled back.

Professor Switzer said that some personnel policy issues would be coming before the UIS Senate on Friday.

Professor Chambers said that the union situation is a major issue at UIC.

15. OT-142. Updates on the Management Teams: Academic Affairs; External Relations; Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee; University Technology.

VPR FAC

September 8, 2011

Matthew Wheeler

16. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Urbana

September 9, 2011

Kenneth Andersen

17. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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

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. Letter to Ikenberry 12/10/09.

OT-202. Review of the *University Senates Conference Organization and Functions*.

OT-211. Process for Selecting Board of Trustees Members.

OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

OT-247. USC Budget.

OT-248. Intellectual Property Issues.

OT-249. Exit Interviews.

OT-252. Vendor Code of Conduct.

OT-253. Program Review Process Collaboration among the Campuses.

OT-256. Positive Time Reporting.

OT-257. Role of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty in University Governance.

OT-260. University Information Security Policy.

OT-261. Short-Term and Long-Term Budget Planning.

OT-262. Accelerated Degree Program.