

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Wednesday, September 22, 2010

PLACE: I Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign

PRESENT: Andersen, Burbules, Campbell, Chambers (Vice Chair), Eisenhart, Finnerty, Francis, Martin*, Massat, O'Brien, Patston*, Ramsey, Struble, Ting, Tolliver, Weech, Wheeler (Chair)

ABSENT: Fadavi, Gibori, Koronkowski

GUESTS: Michael Hogan, Lisa Troyer

*Participated by phone

Professor Matthew Wheeler, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 8:05 a.m.

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of August 30, 2010

Professor Struble moved approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

II. 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-

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of October 26, 2010

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.

Professor Eisenhart moved approval of the Classification of Senate Minutes. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

A. The following items were classified I by the University Senates Conference:

1. University of Illinois at Springfield, August 27, 2010

R40-1 Approval of Minor in Public Health

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, September 10, 2010

R40-7 Science of the Environment Concentration in Chemistry and Biology

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

3. University of Illinois at Springfield, August 27, 2010

R40-2 Campus Senate Endorsement on SGA Resolution on the Proposed Follett Book Rental Program

R40-5 Faculty Compensation Review

R40-8 Campus Senate Endorsement on SGA Resolution (2010-01) in Support of Discounted Tuition Zones in Contiguous States

4. University of Illinois at Springfield, September 10, 2010

R40-6 Amendment to Resolution 31-1, Section III

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

1. GR-43. Proposed Revisions to the *General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, Article I, Section 2, b-f.

Professor O'Brien moved to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

IV. New Business

2. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, November 18, 2010, Chicago

Carol Massat

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

Professor Wheeler noted that Professor Eisenhart sent everyone the resolution by email. Professor Burbules suggested some minor changes. Professor Massat moved to approve the resolution as amended. The motion was seconded, voted on, and unanimously approved.

4. OT-266. University Senates Conference Subcommittees Structure.

Professor Wheeler mentioned that the Conference came to an agreement in principle during the USC retreat the day before. Professor Francis moved to realign the USC subcommittee structure in accordance with that of the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded. A friendly amendment was made to indicate that a detailed proposal would follow. The motion was approved.

V. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

5. OT-259. Conflict of Commitment and Interest Policy.

Professor Wheeler noted that the policy had been transmitted to the senates. Professor Ting said that the policy would be on the UIS Senate agenda the following Friday.

6. OT-263. 2010 USC Annual Retreat.

Professor Frances suggested better technical equipment, such as more power strips and a better conference call sound system. Professor O'Brien suggested that there be more flexibility in the agenda for the discussion of topics. Professor Campbell thought a retreat topic could be taking a look at the concerns of other University systems. Professor Finnerty said that CIC could be a resource. Professor Chambers suggested several books that could be valuable resources for educational issues. Professor O'Brien recommended the Association of Governing Boards as a resource. Professor Wheeler suggested that the Conference have a discussion at the August meeting to discuss retreat topics.

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. Transmitted to President 5/7/09. Passed UIUC Senate with revisions 3/29/10. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 4/9/10. Endorsed UIS Senate 4/23/10.

Professor Massat said that the UIC Senate plans to act on this item at its September 30 meeting.

8. 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.

Professor Tolliver said that she would be giving the Urbana-Champaign Senate report to the Board at its September 23 meeting. The Conference discussed possible topics for the November report: shared governance and process for working issues through the senates; more meaningful interactions with the Board in order for them to better understand what faculty do; what goes into writing a grant, a book, a lecture. Professors Chambers and Burbules volunteered to come up with some topics for the November report and future reports to the Board. Professor Ting said that she would ask Professor Martin to participate as well. She said that she would serve with the others if Professor Martin could not. Professor Andersen suggested asking the Board what they would like to know. Professor Wheeler asked the group to work with the President and the Board.

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

No new information.

10. OT-260. University Information Security Policy.

No new information.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests for future meetings.

12. Campus Updates.

Professor Massat said that there is a strong push for a faculty union at UIC. She noted that this would not affect the College of Medicine. The Senate is trying to contain misleading information.

Professor Tolliver reported that the Urbana campus is entering the implementation stage of Stewarding Excellence. She also commented on plans for the chancellor search.

Professor Ting said that October 19 is Chancellor Ringeisen's last day. The approval of Provost Berman as Interim Chancellor is on the Board's agenda for its September 23 meeting. She also reported that the UIS Senate is in violation of the *Statutes* because the campus does not have a Faculty Advisory Committee. The campus is working on having a FAC in place next year.

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

ERMT	August 24, 2010	O'Brien
UTMT	September 17, 2010	Campbell

14. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

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15. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

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

OT-219. Future USC Meeting Dates.

Professor O'Brien moved to remove these items from the agenda. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

Professor Andersen mentioned that there was a report from the Faculty Advisory Council to the IBHE that might be of interest to the Conference.

OT-248. Intellectual Property Issues.

OT-249. Exit Interviews.

The Conference decided to look at these issues again this year.

VI. Executive Session

President Hogan said that shared governance, while not always understood by the outside world, has worked well over many years. He depends on input from other people and believes the more voices the better the decisions. The President commented that he has

spent a lot of time with the senates over the past two months, and it has been time well spent.

President Hogan said that the social contract between State and the University needs to be redefined. He briefly discussed the budget situation.

President Hogan commented on the proposals that would be coming from the Board of Trustees to streamline administration. Concerning the proposal to create a Vice President for Health Affairs, he said that health affairs is a University-wide and state-wide issue. Professor Wheeler asked if the Conference would receive a detailed document for all the proposed changes. President Hogan responded that the Conference would receive written proposals. Professor Burbules commented that he has heard concerns about expanding University Administration. He also suggested that the process for the statutory changes be handled separately from the *General Rules* changes. President Hogan said that the number of RAMP administrators has remained fairly consistent, with the number being small to begin with. The President discussed the line of authority that the Board is seeking to put into place. The administration should be as lean as possible with less overhead. The President clarified that the chancellors would still be the chief executive officers of the campuses. Professor Wheeler said that the UIC Senate should be involved in the discussions concerning the VPHA. He also commented that the Conference believes that the chancellor searches should not be delayed due to the proposed change to their titles. Professor Burbules suggested that there be a statement of the rationale for all the proposed changes in order to avoid speculations.

Professor Wheeler gave President Hogan the resolution passed by the Conference concerning the Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government Foundation. President Hogan said that he is working on addressing this issue.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Pending USC Items
September 22, 2010

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

This item is in Committee in the UIUC Senate.

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

The Conference has considered whether *The General Rules* should be revised to allow for guidelines to be established that reflect common practices of using University property, such as telephones and computers, for reasonable personal use.

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

The document was last updated in May 2008. The Conference has discussed the possibility of clarifying such items as terms of retirees, succession planning, and inviting the senate chairs to attend meetings if they are not a member of USC. Committee reorganization is now being considered.

OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

The annual review process usually takes place during the summer or early fall. The Conference decided to forgo the annual review process for 2010.

OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

The Conference was regularly meeting with legislators or other government officials up until a couple of years ago.

OT-247. USC Budget.

The Conference reviewed its spending in an attempt to reduce costs. Changes that were made: at least one videoconference is scheduled each year; having a dinner the night before a USC meeting at each campus once a year has been eliminated, although special dinners are occasionally held; and the cost of the retreat was scaled back in 2009. Also, members were asked to carpool and avoid overnight stays when possible.

OT-252. Vendor Code of Conduct.

The Conference intended to discuss this item with Vice President Knorr. The code has been viewed as being unenforceable.

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

The Conference questioned whether the classification of senate minutes practice was viewing educational policy items late in the process. Members wondered if there should be more collaboration among the campuses as programs are being developed.

OT-256. Positive Time Reporting.

There have been discussions in regards to positive time reporting for faculty and the difficulties/consequences that could occur.

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

This item was created when major changes were made to the Board of Trustees in Fall 2009. The Conference considered asking the Board to hold a shared governance session in conjunction with a Board meeting.

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

This item was created to discuss short-term budget planning issues, such as furlough days, and long-term planning that the University will need to address given the dire budget situation.

OT-262. Accelerated Degree Program.

USC decided to wait to see what the campuses do.