

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, September 23, 2008

PLACE: Library, Allerton House Conference Center

PRESENT: Burbules, Chapman-Novakofski, Eisenhart (Vice Chair), Finnerty, Fisher, Jones, Kaufman (Chair), Langley, Massat, O'Brien, Schacht, Strom, Tolliver, Weech, Wheeler, Wood

ABSENT: Burton, Chambers, Gillet, Koronkowski

GUESTS: Robert Fossum, Mrinalini Rao, Joseph White

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

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of August 21, 2008

The minutes were approved as written.

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 24, 2008

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, August 29, 2008

R38-2 Eliminate the Community Arts Management Concentration in MPA

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, September 12, 2008

R38-3 Reducing the Number of Credit Hours from 39 to 36 in the MBA Program

R38-4 Management Minor in the College of Business Management

3. University of Illinois at Chicago, September 25, 2008

PR-04.27 Elimination of the B.S. in the Teaching of Biological Sciences

PR-09.01 Establish an Interdepartmental Graduate* Concentration in Central and Eastern European Studies

PR-09.02 Establish a New Course Subject (Rubric), CEES, for Central and Eastern European Studies

PR-09.03 Establishment of a Maternal and Child Health Concentration for the Master of Public Health (MPH) Degree

PR-09.04 Revision of the Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA)

PR-09.05 Revision of the Master of Science in Public Health, Concentration in Community Health Sciences

PR-09.06 Establish a Global Health Concentration, Master of Public Health (MPH) and Master of Science in Public Health

PR-09.07 Revision of the M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

PR-09.08 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management

- PR-09.09 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and Minor in Industrial Engineering
- CP-09.01 Establish the Campus Certificate in Methods for Clinical Research
- CP-09.02 Establish a Public Health Practice Campus Certificate at Rockford

*Typographical error corrected

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-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 Finnerty described the process that has been going on over the past few months to revise the language in *The General Rules* that deals with courseware ownership. He commented that the process started before his recent term to USC began. Several members made suggested changes to the language. Professor Finnerty then reviewed the most recent proposal that the Statutes Committee approved.

The word “retained” as been put back in Section 4 (a). Another clarification in the language specifies that if someone is given funds over and beyond regular salary to specifically create something requested by the University, then the University has ownership. Professor Finnerty also explained the changes in Section 4 (c) (2) which addresses student works. In Section 1, first paragraph, the word “duties” has been changed to “responsibilities”. Professor Langley suggested that, in the same sentence, “service” be added. The Conference agreed to this revision. In the next paragraph, the word “primary” has been changed to “first”.

Professor Finnerty said that the language is written with faculty in mind. The Conference considered how academic professionals fit in, but decided not to make recommendations.

The Conference approved the revised document and decided to forward it, along with a background statement, to the President and the senates simultaneously, since the senates were previously given the opportunity to review *The General Rules*.

IV. New Business

2. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Springfield
Thursday, November 13, 2008

Kathryn Eisenhart

3. OT-246. Appointment of USC Members to serve on the Management Teams and other committees: Academic Affairs; External Relations; Technology and Economic Development; and University Technology.

	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
AAMT*:	Pat Langley Elliot Kaufman Vernon Burton	Vernon Burton Kathryn Eisenhart Elliot Kaufman
ERMT:	Barclay Jones	Barclay Jones
TED Cabinet:	Elliot Kaufman	Donald Chambers Matthew Wheeler
UTMT:	Ann Weller	Gerald Strom

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

Gerald Strom was appointed to UTMT. Other appointments were made at the August meeting.

The Conference discussed the practice of emeritus faculty serving out their terms on USC.

V. Executive Session

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

President White commented that the Global Campus was launched on January 1, 2008 after a couple of years of conceptualization, consultation, and deliberation. The good news is that Global Campus has an infrastructure, students, and is on budget. However, enrollment is 20-25% behind projections. Colleges are working to launch programs and recruit students. The bad news is that Global Campus has not been successful in its mission to enable a large number of people to earn college degrees – highly accessible and highly affordable bachelor degrees. The country is in an educational crisis. Around 60-

65% high school graduates continue their education, but only around 35% graduate from college. The President said that he believes the best way for the University to help provide accessible and affordable higher education is to do so without putting stress on the campuses. The University has already crossed the boundary on the student to teacher ratio.

President White said that Policy Council, the Board of Trustees, and he have been thinking about the future of the Global Campus. One option would be to stay the present course by offering mostly graduate degrees, certificates, and other high price programs. Another option would be for all University online courses to be offered through the Global Campus. Another possibility would be to offer programs with non-University of Illinois partners, but the University does not want to do that. The last option that has been discussed, which seems to be the best option, would be for the Global Campus to pursue its own accreditation. The President said that Chet Gardner has prepared a memo that describes the accreditation process and how it would apply to Global Campus. The President welcomed advice from the Conference, adding that the area where help would be needed most is in developing a proper academic structure.

Conference members wanted to know how separate accreditation would make the Global Campus more affordable and accessible. The President responded that the current model requires units to be interested in partnering with the Global Campus. With its own accreditation, the Global Campus could recruit individual faculty members who are interested in developing courses. Emeritus faculty could also be recruited. The President said that partnering with units would still be an option. President White said that a recommendation will be taken to the Board of Trustees in November.

The Conference continued the Global Campus discussion after President White left the meeting. Professor Burbules suggested that the proposal from the President be taken back to the campuses for discussion. Professor Langley said that the consequences could be huge for UIS online programs. Professor Chapman-Novakofski said that there are a lot of questions that need to be asked, and perhaps the Conference should attempt to propose the answers. Professor Wood questioned how having its own accreditation would make Global Campus more affordable. Vice President Rao said that adjunct and clinical faculty could be hired. She commented that since all three campuses have gone through the accreditation process, the time it would take to receive accreditation would not be so lengthy. Conference members discussed how the course approval process would differ from the current process. Professor Kaufman said that there would be an approval process in the Global Campus academic structure.

Vice President Rao commented that the Resource Summit Steering Committee has developed a 5-year capital and operating plan, which will be distributed to a larger group for comments and then will come to USC and other bodies. She plans to ask the Conference for names of faculty who might serve on the human resources task force and the academic quality task force.

Vice President Rao briefly mentioned the activities of the Multi-Institutional Degrees committee, Conflicts of Commitment and Conflicts of Interest committee, and the Research and Integrity Policy committee, which Professor Kaufman serves on. She also discussed the redesigning of the ethics training test, which Donna McNeely is leading.

Vice President Rao said that the University-wide Tuition and Fees Committee was established after students requested that they have more input in the process at the time when 4-year guaranteed tuition was being considered. While the University-wide committee still has a role, the campuses have been asked to engage in tuition and fees discussions. Conference members felt that faculty should have more of a role in tuition and fees decisions earlier in the process. Vice President Rao welcomed advice on how to accomplish this.

Vice President Rao told the Conference that Vice President Knorr was preparing a report on reserve money. In another matter, she said that she would send the Conference information on the Brilliant Futures Campaign. The group also discussed the status of faculty professional accounts.

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

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

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

5. OT-227. The Global Campus.

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

6. OT-243. Resource Summit.

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

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

Professor Burbules said that more journals are making exceptions for graduate students who have published their dissertations with Pro-Quest. Professor Chapman-Novakofski responded that the problem has been with Pro-Quest, not the journals.

8. 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.

No new information.

9. 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.

No new information.

10. 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 Langley said that the UIS Campus Senate would have a second reading on Friday.

11. OT-245. 2008 USC Annual Retreat.

The Conference discussed other possible locations for next year's retreat.

12. 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.

Professor Langley reported that a meeting was held recently with a new group of administrators. Those who participated thought the meeting went well.

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

No new information.

14. OT-219. Future USC Meeting Dates.

Professor Kaufman confirmed that the October 22 meeting has been moved to October 24.

15. OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

Professor Kaufman said that he is working with Rick Schoell on an event in January.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

17. Campus Updates.

Professor Burbules provided an update on the Academy on Capitalism and Limited Government Fund. He also discussed the UIUC budget, reallocations, and energy conservation efforts. A report will be distributed on Campus Goals and Priorities in E-Learning.

Professor Langley reported that UIS is joining Division II of the NCAA. An enormous amount of money is being spent on athletics. The campus is experiencing budgetary shortfalls. Tuition is down, mostly because of a loss in graduate students.

Professor Kaufman said that the incoming UIC Chancellor, Paula Allen-Meares, has been visiting the campus. He commented that average salary increases are lower at UIC than UIUC, partly because of financial aid differences.

18. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Thursday, September 11, 2008

Joseph Finnerty

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

No Reports

20. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

Professor Langley proposed a new agenda item. She said that clinical faculty in the Center for Teaching and Learning are not eligible for emeritus status. However, it appears that the same classification of faculty in the University High School Lab can receive emeritus status. The group decided to look into the practices at each campus and to review the *Statutes*.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Pending USC Items
September 23, 2008

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.

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.