

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Wednesday, October 21, 2009

PLACE: Room 206 Student Center West, Chicago

PRESENT: Barrett, Burbules, Campbell, Chambers, Eisenhart (Chair), Fadavi, Finnerty, Kaufman, Martin, Massat, O'Brien, Patston, Ramsey, Ting, Tolliver, Weech

ABSENT: Francis, Jones, Koronkowski, Wheeler (Vice Chair)

GUESTS: Paula Allen-Meares, Mrinalini Rao, Pamela Strobel, Carlos Tortolero, Joseph White

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

I. Executive Session

President White reported that the University plans to cut 5% of its non-personnel budget. Non-personnel expenses make up 30% of the University's total budget. The number one priority for the last two years when considering the budget has been to keep people employed and keep pay from being cut. The 5% cut in the non-personnel budget will be managed in a decentralized way. There is currently a cash flow problem because the state has not been making timely payments. The FY11 budget will be daunting in part due to the small tuition increase approved for this year and the \$45M stimulus money that will go away. Conference members stressed the importance of careful, strategic planning.

President White said that the Board of Trustees will streamline its fourteen committees to four committees. The President was asked if there could be ex officio faculty members on the committees. The President responded that nothing bars the trustees from including other members on the committees.

President White provided an update on the Brilliant Futures development campaign, which is going very well.

President White commented that MAP funding has been restored for the spring semester. However, the state has not indicated how the program will be funded.

President White discussed proposed changes to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* that would clarify the roles and relationship of the president and chancellors. The proposal would change "chief executive officer" to "chief administrative officer" in describing the

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chancellors. Professor Kaufman suggested that “chief officer” be changed to “chief executive officer” in describing the president. President White was receptive to the additional proposal and said it would be considered. He said that the role definitions are very important and the Board would like this to be resolved soon.

Vice President Rao said that the University has not received MAP money for the fall semester.

Vice President Rao reported that all three campuses are working on putting admission reform documents on their websites so that they are easily accessible.

Vice President Rao discussed the mechanisms that are being put into place in case there is a need to instigate furlough days. She said there are committees looking at various aspects of furloughs. All three campuses are involved in the process.

II. Guests

Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares discussed some of the challenges facing UIC. Most of these challenges relate to resources and budget problems. Salaries are not competitive with peer groups and the campus is losing people. The hospital serves a large number of Medicare and Medicaid patients. Deferred maintenance has resulted in some facilities that are inadequate to carry out the campus’s mission. Her desire is to keep open to everyone access to excellence at UIC. Financial aid has been insufficient. While there is a diverse student body at UIC, the faculty and staff body is not diverse. The Chancellor would like for there to be more intellectual synergy between units on campus. She would also like to see the campuses combine their strengths to work cooperatively on intellectual collaborations.

Trustee Pamela Strobel commented on her family’s long history with the University, beginning with her great-grandmother who was in the first class (1888) that graduated women. She said that it is an honor to be a trustee and added that it is very important for trustees to understand their role. While there are many challenges ahead, these are not barriers or obstacles. Trustee Strobel emphasized the significance of financial issues and said that it is extremely important for there to be collaborations and efficiencies. Convincing people of the importance of education is not hard, but the University can only rely on the state and raise tuition to a certain degree.

Trustee Carlos Tortolero said that he grew up in a close by neighborhood to UIC. After graduating from UIC, he became a high school teacher and later worked with hard-core kids. He wanted to open a museum, and five years later the National Museum of Mexican Art opened. Trustee Tortolero said that he wanted to be on the Board during these difficult times because he believes that when bad things happen, good things can come out of it.

Trustees Strobel and Tortolero thought it was reasonable to have faculty seated at the Board of Trustees table with voice privilege during meetings. Trustee Tortolero suggested

that faculty should also have voting rights. Both trustees were open to more communication between the trustees and the faculty.

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of September 22, 2009

Professor O'Brien pointed out an error on Page 6, Item #10, where the word "sighting" should be changed to "citing." The minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. 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, October 5, 2009

EP.09.75 Proposal from the Graduate College and the Illinois Informatics Institute to Establish an Informatics Ph.D. Program

EP.10.02 Proposal to Establish M.S. in Technical Systems Management and an optional graduate Concentration in the Professional Science Master's Program, College of ACES and Graduate College

- EP.10.03 Proposal to Eliminate the M.S. in the Teaching of Kinesiology in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, College of AHS and Graduate College
- EP.10.04 Proposal to Eliminate Six Master of Teaching Degrees, College of LAS and Graduate College
- EP.10.05 Proposal to Establish a BALAS in Latina/Latino Studies, College of LAS
- EP.10.07 Proposal from the College of Applied Health Sciences to Revise the Undergraduate Major in Speech and Hearing Science

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

2. University of Illinois at Chicago, September 24, 2009

Approved Resolution of the UIC Senate on Restoring State Funding for Financial Aid for Illinois Students

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

V. Old Business – Action Items

There were no action items.

VI. New Business

1. ST-74/GR-42. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article I, Section 5, and Proposed Revisions to *The General Rules*, Article I, Section 2 – Term used to describe the position of Chancellor.

The Conference discussed the process for transmitting the document to the senates. Professor Kaufman suggested that the letter explain the changes are an effort to clarify the chain of command. Professor Burbules recommended that the Conference not endorse the actual language at this stage, but simply forward it to the senates. Professor Chambers suggested that the Conference not make the additional change to the language regarding

the description of the president, but instead have it come from the President. The Conference agreed with all the suggestions and recommendations.

2. OT-258. Presidential Search

Professor Chambers suggested forwarding the names of the faculty nominees to the presidential search committee that were recommended by the senates to the Board of Trustees. The Conference decided that it should not comment or provide advice on the nominees.

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. OT-256. Positive Time Reporting.

The Conference discussed how to convey that the system being proposed is not an appropriate way to evaluate the work of the faculty without seeming self-serving. There were questions about what other groups and institutions are being affected by this and how it might be beneficial to work collectively. There was also confusion about what is being requested in the time reporting process.

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

Professor Eisenhart said that the Conference will continue to invite trustees to USC meetings.

5. OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

Professor Eisenhart noted that the USC document on shared governance was enclosed in the agenda packet.

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

Professor Eisenhart said that the Conference would revisit this issue in the spring.

7. OT-253. Program Review Process Collaboration among the Campuses (formerly Classification of Senate Minutes).

Professor Kaufman said that he brought this item up at the last AAMT meeting.

8. 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.

Proposed revisions by Legal Counsel are being considered by the UIUC Senate University Statutes and Senate Procedures Committee.

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

No new information.

10. OT-252. Vendor Code of Conduct.

Professor Eisenhart said that this item would be discussed with Vice President Knorr when time is permitted. Professor Barrett suggested that the Conference get some information on this item because there are violations that should be addressed.

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

No new information.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

13. Campus Updates.

There were no updates.

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

Report:

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October 9, 2009

Elliot Kaufman

15. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, November 12, 2009, Springfield

John Martin

16. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 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-219. Future USC Meeting Dates.

OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

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.