

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Friday, November 6, 2015

PLACE: Room 141A Brookens Library

PRESENT: Burbules (Chair), Deberry-Spence*, De Groot*, Erricolo**, Francis, Graber, Jackson, Johnson, Kalita, Maher, Mohammadian, Novak, Rao, Villegas (Vice Chair), Weech

ABSENT: Boltuc, LaDu, Miller, Vincent, Wheeler

GUESTS: Timothy Killeen, Walter Knorr, Christophe Pierre

* Participated by phone

** Participated by video

Professor Nicholas Burbules, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. Meeting with President Killeen, Vice President Knorr, and Vice President Pierre

President Killeen discussed efforts that have been made by University students, employees, alumni and friends to advocate for higher education in Springfield. He and other administrative officers, along with those from other state institutions, have met with the governor and legislative leadership to discuss the impact of the budget impasse and encourage the restoration of funding. Members of the Illinois Connection, which is an advocacy network for the University with more than 10,000 participants, have been making calls and sending letters. Next week at its meeting, the Board plans to show its support for funding higher education. The President said that he would be testifying before the full House on Tuesday and noted that there is an updated report on the economic impact that the University has on the State of Illinois. He added that the University continues to study the impact of various budget reduction scenarios. Members commented that there is real harm and pain resulting from the budget impasse; for example unfinished buildings, deferred maintenance, and the loss of matching federal dollars. The group also discussed the need for a higher education master plan in Illinois.

President Killeen commented that University Administration moved \$160M from its funds to areas that serve students. Vice President Pierre said that he would be giving a presentation to the Board next week at the ASAC meeting. He anticipates additional cuts to UA. The University wants to protect and preserve the student learning experience. The campuses are working on strategic enrollment plans. Tuition rates are traditionally approved in January. Tuition revenues have been increasing due to the rollover of students with higher tuition rates and larger numbers of graduate and professional students.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of December 10, 2015

Vice President Knorr said that the legislature will no longer need a supermajority to pass a budget as of January 1. He discussed how the state's poor outlook has affected the Moody's rating for the University. However, the University avoided a downgrade recently when other institutions did not. There will be another review in about three months. Standard and Poor is looking at the hospital now.

Professor Burbules mentioned that USC will be having committee of the whole discussions on strategic planning. The group hopes to have a report with suggestions and recommendations before the Strategic Planning Steering Committee meets in January. President Killeen said that the first strategic planning town hall meetings would be at UIS on Monday. He commented that UIS has done a great job with the strategic planning process by creating focus groups and engaging alumni.

Asked if he would be open to creating a faculty advisory committee, Vice President Knorr responded that he would. However, he would ask that the committee be populated with people who have expertise in business, finance, and other areas that would address issues that have to be confronted on a regular basis. The USC budget committee will come up with some names.

Vice President Pierre said that the working group that was created to address concerns regarding the background check policy has had an aggressive schedule. There have been good discussions and he hopes to have a revised draft policy soon that can be shared with the appropriate faculty bodies for feedback. He would like to recommend a revised policy to the President in time for it to go to the Board in January. President Killeen stressed the importance of student safety in regards to the policy but also by focusing on best practices and creating a culture of student safety. The group briefly discussed the implementation processes on the campuses.

President Killeen commented that the University's *Nondiscrimination Statement* is somewhat determined by law and must match the *Statutes*. He added that there needs to be trust and good faith.

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of September 21, 2015

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 Urbana-Champaign, September 21, 2015

- EP.16.01 Proposal to Revise the Environmental Fellows Program into the Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Fellows Program, and to transfer the administration of the program from the School of Earth, Society, and Environmental, College of LAS to the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment
- EP.16.03 Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Concentration in Hospitality Management leading to the Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Human Nutrition in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition in the College of ACES
- EP.16.06 Proposal to Revise the PhD Program in Economics, Department of Economics, College of LAS
- EP.16.07 Proposal to Establish a joint degree program between the existing Master of Architecture (M. Arch) and Master of Science in Architectural Studies (MS in AS) degrees offered through the School of Architecture
- EP.16.08 Proposal to Create a 5-Year Program leading to a BALAS in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) and an MA in European Union Studies (MAEUS)
- EP.16.10 Proposal to Change the department level requirements for the M.S. degree and the Ph.D. degree in Atmospheric Sciences
- EP.16.12 Proposal to Change Unit Name from International Programs and Studies (IPS) to Illinois International Programs (IIP)
- EP.16.13 Proposal to Establish a Graduate Concentration in Computational

Engineering within the Major in Engineering in the Master of Engineering Degree in the College of Engineering

- EP.16.17 Proposal to Establish a New Bachelor's of Science in Middle Grades Education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction with Concentrations in: 1) Literacy; 2) Mathematics; 3) Science; and 4) Social Science
- EP.16.18 Proposal to Transfer the Center for Prevention Research and Development (CPRD) in the Institute for Government and Public Affairs to The School of Social Work

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, October 9, 2015

Res. 45-02 Establish a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training

Res. 45-03 Establish a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 19, 2015

- EP.16.02 Proposal to Revise the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Curriculum in the Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism (RST), College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS)
- EP.16.04 Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Food and Environmental systems in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
- EP.16.09 Proposal to Request to move Gender Relations in International Development (GRID) Graduate Minor from College of ACES to School of Social Work
- EP.16.11 Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Curriculum in the Finance Department, College of Business
- EP.16.15 Graduate Concentrations in the Department of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership
- EP.16.19 Proposal to Eliminate the Joint J.D./Ph.D. Degree Program in Law and Philosophy
- EP.16.20 Proposal to Establish (4) Four Graduate Concentrations for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree at the College of Law
- EP.16.21 Proposal to Establish a Graduate Concentration in "U.S. Legal Practice Skills" for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree at the College of Law

4. University of Illinois at Springfield, October 23, 2015

Res. 45-04 Addition of course to Marketing Minor

5. University of Illinois at Chicago, October 28, 2015

PR-16.01 Rename the Concentration in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology within the PhD in Pharmacognosy as the Concentration in Biomolecular Sciences

PR-16.02 Revision of the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)

PR-16.03 Establish the Minor in Professional Writing

PR-16.04 Establish a Concentration in Professional Writing within the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in English

PR-16.05 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, Coordinated Program Concentration and Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, Nutrition Science Concentration

PR-16.06 Elimination of the Minor in Jewish Studies

PR-16.07 Reorganize and Consolidate the Program in Asian American Studies and Asian Studies Program as the Global Asian Studies Program; Redesignate, Consolidate, and Revise the Minor in Asian American Studies and the Minor in Asian Studies as the Minor in Global Asian Studies; Redesignate and Consolidate the Asian American Studies (ASAM) Rubric and the Asian Studies (ASST) Rubric as the Global Asian Studies (GLAS) Rubric

PR-16.09 Establish an MS in Medical Physiology

CP-16.01 Revision of the Global Learning Community Campus Certificate

CI-16.01 Rename the Center for Pharmaceutical Biotechnology as the Center for Biomolecular Sciences

B. The following items were classified II by the University Senates Conference:

6. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 19, 2015

SC.15.12 Open Access to Research Articles

SC.15.13 Background Check Policy Response

7. University of Illinois at Chicago, October 28, 2015

Endorsed the University of Illinois Nondiscrimination Statement

The following items were classified N by the University Senates Conference:

8. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, September 21, 2015

uNc,s RS.16.02 Resolution on the Postponement of the Criminal Background Check Policy

9. University of Illinois at Chicago, September 24, 2015

cNs,u Unanimously approved the Criminal Background Check Policy Resolution

Unanimously endorsed the “University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Senate Resolution on the Postponement of the Criminal Background Check Policy”

10. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 19, 2015

uNc,s SC.16.17 Statement in Support of the Faculty Senate of the University of Iowa

11. University of Illinois at Chicago, October 28, 2015

cNs,u UIC Senate approved a motion that a letter be sent from the UIC Senate to Governor Rauner and legislative leaders supporting the State Employees’ Group Insurance Program USC Letter

IV. Remarks from the USC Chair

Professor Burbules commented that the next item was new to the agenda and resulted from discussions at the USC retreat to have mini retreat-like sessions on a particular topic. The group reviewed rules for committee of the whole discussions. Professor Maher said that one of the parliamentary differences with committee of the whole discussions is the ability to jump around on topics rather than having to have a motion to introduce new topics. The Conference approved a motion to move into a committee of the whole discussion.

V. Committee of the Whole Discussion – The Changing Land-Grant Mission

Professor Burbules referred to his draft summary of the main strategic planning topics that were discussed at the USC retreat. He would like for USC to have a set of recommendations by the end of the semester that can feed into the University Strategic Planning process. He commented that the land-grant mission is one of many topics to be considered in the strategic planning process.

The group discussed the idea of the University being a system and what impact that has on the land-grant status, which mostly identifies with the Urbana campus. The group felt that there has not been a lot of discussion of what it means to be a system. Professor Mohammadian thought there should be a discussion of what the University wants to be, not just what it is. Professor Burbules said that he sees two issues that are central to the debate between one university and a system: 1) What is the function of UA and what types of services and leadership should UA provide? 2) Are the campuses local sites of a single institution or three relatively self-governing units?

Professor Villegas considered how the land-grant mission transfers to UIC and UIS. Professor Johnson commented that the University of Missouri has a similar structure to the University of Illinois and refers to itself as a system. The Columbia campus is considered the land-grant institution. Professor Burbules felt that, even though Urbana is the land-grant campus, there is the philosophy of serving the public good that is shared among all three campuses. Professor Maher thought that the fundamental concept of accessibility to the common man and woman should be added to the report. Professor Jackson said she appreciates the spirit of the land-grant mission but felt that there should be thoughts about broadening the concept of who the University is serving, which is increasingly reaching out to the nation and the world; not only serving the state. Professor Deberry-Spence cautioned that, in rethinking the definition of land-grant, the University needs to think carefully about what it is willing to give up. Professor Rao thought it might be helpful to look at the national thinking of the term land-grant. Professor Maher said that one of the original intentions was to deliver science to the people of the area, where today's students are used to an international environment. However, there still needs to be strong ties to serving the state. Professor Burbules suggested that the campuses might focus on how each participates in the principles that outline a land-grant mission, such as access and serving the public good. The group discussed the funding of University Extension and how University Extension reaches every part of the state in broad areas, such as agriculture, health, nutrition, and business.

Professor Burbules brought up the topic of cross-campus collaboration; what are the impediments and what are the ways to incentivize it? Professor Rao suggested asking the VCRs and VPR for information they might have on collaborations. Professor Weech said that GSLIS will be piloting the campus attempt to provide online research collaboration among units and the Library will take on the responsibility. There is some concern with the outsource provider.

Professor Villegas commented that there needs to be a grassroots approach to collaborations that comes from the faculty. Providing a culture that supports collaboration is important. Professor Maher said that collaboration discussions usually start with research. He brought up the idea of collaborative teaching. Professor Burbules mentioned virtual team teaching and joint programs and degrees. He added that there can be many issues to sort out, such as course articulation and who offers the degree. Specialty courses could be offered by one campus. Professor Mohammadian said that is it easier for students to take a course from another university than to take a course from another U of I campus. He mentioned a program

collaboration in his unit that allows other students to take courses through UIC. The group discussed impediments in place for allowing cross-campus teaching.

Professor Burbules discussed the part of the draft on access to success which deals with enrollment management and the idea of creating a diversity index. Professor Deberry-Spence commented that increasing numbers does not always increase success. Professor Rao said that UIC is focusing on closing the educational gap rather than just looking at numbers. Professor Johnson commented that some people believe there is a cultural issue, which is something that cannot be quantified by a number. Professor Burbules said that there are multiple measures that need to be weighted appropriately.

Professor Burbules asked members to send suggestions concerning the draft document to him. The Conference moved to leave the committee of the whole.

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

VI. Old Business – Action Items

None.

VII. New Business

1. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, January 21, 2016

Chicago

To be determined

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

Professor Erricolo commented on the report that he would be giving to the Board on November 12 on behalf of the USC Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee.

Professor Jackson said that the committee was charged with developing material to try to explain the impact of the budget impasse on our public facing and educational missions. Committee members looked in various areas for examples. The three best targets were MAP grant funding, the Illinois Transportation Center, and the Hospital Services Fund, which includes Medicaid withholding.

3. 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.

Professor Burbules noted that the UIC Senate approved the revised statement. The item is in committee at UIUC and UIS will take up the issue soon.

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

4. 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.

No new information.

5. 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 Vice President Pierre has been designated as the point person for the oversight of the *Statutes* and *General Rules* revision process. Professor Burbules said that he has suggested that the rest of the revisions not be held up due to a small number of concerns.

6. 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.

No new information.

7. OT-304. Open Access to Research Articles. Transmitted to Senates 10/21/14. Feedback from UIC Senate 10/19/15. Passed UIUC Senate 10/19/15.

There were concerns about the process for approving a policy. Professor Burbules said that the senates were asked to provide advice and then USC will attempt to reconcile any differences.

8. 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.

9. OT-324. Policy on Criminal Background Checks. USC Statement on Background Checks 8/26/15. UIUC Senate Resolution on Postponement of the Criminal Background Checks 9/21/15. UIC Senate Criminal Background Check Policy Resolution 9/24/15. UIS Senate Postponement of Criminal Background Check Policy Resolution 10/9/15. UIUC Senate Report in Response to the University Policy on Background Checks 10/19/15.

This item was discussed with the President Killeen and Vice President Pierre earlier in the meeting.

10. OT-328. Letter to Governor and Legislative Leaders Concerning State Employees' Group Insurance Program. Sent 9/30/15. Transmitted to Senates 9/30/15. UIS Senate letter 10/9/15. UIC Senate letter 10/28/15.

Approved for removal from the agenda.

11. OT-327. University Strategic Planning.

This item was discussed with the President Killeen and Vice President Pierre earlier in the meeting.

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

No new information.

13. OT-320. Salary increments and campus budgeting priorities.

No new information.

14. OT-323. USC Statement on Budget Planning and Reform. Transmitted to President Easter, President-elect Killeen, and Chairman McMillan 4/27/15.

Approved for removal from the agenda.

15. OT-123. University Senates Conference Guests.

The Conference discussed possible future guests.

16. Designation of USC Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting (for information):

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Meena Rao
Danilo Erricolo

17. Campus Updates.

There were no campus updates.

18. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

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

Gay Miller
Sally Jackson
Jorge Villegas
Matthew Wheeler

There were no reports.

19. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: Enrollment Management Policy Council; UI Labs Task Force (Chambers); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (Burbules, Mohammadian, Villegas); Vice President for Academic Affairs UA Budget Review Advisory Committee (Mohammadian, Villegas, Wheeler); Vice President for Research Faculty Advisory Committee (Boltuc, Villegas, Wheeler).

There were no updates.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.