

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Wednesday, December 6, 2017

PLACE: Public Affairs Center, Springfield

PRESENT: Brennan*, Burbules, DeBerry-Spence*, De Groote*, Erricolo*, Francis, Johnson, Kalita, Karri, LaDu, Li, Maher, Miller, Novak (Vice Chair), Rao (Chair), Razfar, Tolliver, Vincent*, Weech, Wheeler*

GUESTS: Timothy Killeen, Susan Koch, Dennis Papini, Barbara Wilson

* Participated by phone.

Professor Rao, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Report from Professor Jorge Villegas on the search for a Vice President/Chief Financial Officer (OT-340)

Professor Villegas provided an update on the search, which is in the early stages. The search committee has met and the position description is being written. He commented on some of the expectations of the position. The search committee is casting a wide net and a search firm will be used.

II. Remarks from the USC Chair

Professor Rao reported that the Board's Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting showcased faculty. Two University Scholars gave presentations. She noted that Professor Burbules gave a report on campus climate and freedom of speech to the Board at its November meeting.

Professor Rao commented that she and President Killeen discussed ways to move proposed statutory revisions forward. She met with Vice President Wilson to discuss the Institute of Government and Public Affairs (IGPA). Dr. Wilson plans to move the IGPA tenure-track faculty appointments to each university. She would like to invite the director to meet with USC. There have been some concern raised in regards to the correct procedure for transferring faculty lines. After discussion of IGPA issues, Professor Tolliver moved that the USC Statutes and Governance Committee look at 1) the internal governance structure of IGPA, and 2) what the proper procedure should be for moving IGPA faculty appointments to the universities. The motion was seconded by Professor Johnson and approved by voice vote.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of January 26, 2018

Professor Rao commented that USC will continue to monitor the progress of the Discovery Partners Institute (DPI). Professor LaDu said that UIC is opening up a conversation with the John Marshall Law School for a possible affiliation.

III. Meeting with Chancellor Susan Koch and Provost Dennis Papini

Chancellor Koch said that UIS is a very young campus that will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in two years. There has been successful enrollment growth over the last six years. Part of the University's system-wide strategy is to increase enrollment; UIS's part is to grow by 1,000 students. There were 5,000 students this fall. Undergraduate numbers were basically flat, but there was a loss in the number of graduate students, mostly students from India. There has been a 50% decline in international students nationwide this past year. UIS is working to increase the number of undergraduate students by adding new academic programs, growing athletics, and improving its visibility and reputation. The university has many business alliances and extensive internships throughout the community and governments. The Chancellor commented on several successful searches.

Chancellor Koch commented that UIS is looking forward to the opening of its first student union. The 50,000 square foot building is mostly done. Students campaigned for the building and approved a student fee. No state dollars were used to build the union, and there was a successful fundraising campaign. The student union will be a game-changer and central to the growth of the campus. There have been campus renovations in athletic, Nursing, and Memorial Health Systems spaces. UIS purchased a property with a building on the nearby lake which will be used as a multi-use facility, including a field station.

All of UIS priorities related to campus growth, increasing talent, and improving facilities tie in with the Reaching Stellar campaign. Scholarships are the number one priority and academic excellence, which includes support for faculty, is next. UIS is establishing a new center for Lincoln studies.

Chancellor Koch said that athletics is an important part of campus life and recruiting. UIS is in Division II athletics. Thirty academic honor students came to UIS because of athletics. The average GPA of the 230 student athletes is higher than the average of the student body. All fall sports qualified for conference tournaments for the first time ever. Chancellor Koch commented that she is equally proud of the theatre and music programs that are growing in quality. There is a new Theatre major. UIS has a minor in Music.

Provost Papini reported on various academic issues. The collective bargaining agreement process is concluding. The process has been relatively smooth and differences are being resolved. There will be an HLC visit in February. The tenure review process is coming up. The Strategic Framework provides a sound and productive overview in thinking how UIS fits into the system. The campus will be going through a strategic planning process which is being called Strategic Compass. UIS is working with consultants as part of the process. A report will be issued in July, but nothing will be decided upon until after faculty return in the fall. Admissions and Records and Financial Aid are being moved from Student Affairs to Academic Affairs. He commented on the Nursing Program, which is in collaboration with UIC and supported by Memorial Health Systems.

Chancellor Koch said that online education is a big part of UIS. This year, about one-third of enrollment is online, which is the balance they were looking for. Faculty are providing great experiences. Provost Papini said that the relocation of Illinois Online to UIS will create some good opportunities. UIS has a solid reputation nationally with its online programs. Chancellor Koch added that UIS is providing high quality online programs to people who would not otherwise be able to earn a college degree.

Chancellor Koch said that there have been preliminary conversations regarding UIS's involvement in the Discovery Partners Institute. Chancellor Koch discussed fundraising efforts as part of the capital campaign as well as potential funding for DPI initiatives. There are local chambers, boards, and a community foundation that are all committed to UIS.

IV. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Wilson

The session began with the continuation of the discussion of the proposed revisions to the *General Rules*, beginning with Article I, Section 2. The group discussed the part that gives the Vice President for Economic and Development authority over the research parks. USC suggested that the section end at "relevant offices, policies, and programs." There was also a suggestion to replace the word "face" with "representative" in (e). In Article II, Section 3 (d), there was a question as to why the language was taken out that provides a monetary threshold. Vice President Wilson said that she would look into this. In Section 6, it was suggested that the last sentence in (a) be removed, which deals with the administrative coordination of research programs. There were questions as to why the sentence was in the *General Rules* and whether the information still applied. Professor Burbules said that he would look into this. Regarding Section 8 (d), Professor Burbules said that the language regarding intellectual property needs more review, as does copyright registration notice in Article III, Section 4 (d).

Professor Rao said that USC is in favor of sending the A File to the Board. Professor Burbules commented that the A File includes revisions that have been agreed upon by the senates, USC, and the President. Professor Tolliver added that the A File includes important changes. President Killeen said that he would like to have the system language included in the document that will go to the Board. Vice President Wilson agreed that the document was not quite ready to go and thought that the system language could be worked out by mid-spring.

Professor Burbules said that the B File contains changes that have been proposed but not accepted as well as new revisions that the senates have not seen, but will need to see.

There was a discussion of the additional revisions that were made to USC ST-79 that would permit the president to initiate revisions to the *Statutes*. The UIC Senate voted down the language. Professor Vincent said that some senate members felt that the president already has the opportunity to make changes, so it was not clear why the language was needed. Professor LaDu commented that some members felt that they did not have the opportunity to be a part of the discussion. Professor Burbules thought that the proposed language had been discussed extensively in USC. He felt that it should not

matter who proposes revisions as long as the process includes the senates and USC. Professor Tolliver added that USC approved the language and the rationale that was transmitted to the senates. Professor Vincent said that some people felt that the process was not completely clear in the language. Professor Rao said that the USC Executive Committee would discuss this at its next meeting. Professor Burbules said that the UIUC Senate would be voting on the language next week.

President Killeen said that the next step in the Discovery Partners Institute is soliciting input. Outreach to leadership is taking place and faculty working teams have been in place. A team will be meeting with developers about the donated land. Funding is also being discussed. The group discussed the possibility of overlapping funding efforts between DPI and the University's fundraising campaign. President Killeen said that DPI will bring in new donors; those who have never donated to the U of I before. The group also discussed the structure of faculty lines. President Killeen expects there to be new faculty as well as current faculty involved in DPI.

President Killeen commented that the tax reform being considered that would tax graduate student tuition waivers would be very problematic. Calls are being made to the Illinois delegation of Congress, FAQs have been drafted, and a statement will be going out that will highlight the most problematic areas of the tax bill.

President Killeen left the meeting at 2:45 p.m. USC and Vice President Wilson discussed symbols and branding regarding the system and each university. Vice President Wilson said that nothing has been rolled out formally, but there is information on the web.

Vice President Wilson discussed the task force report on the Institute for Governmental Public Affairs (IGPA). She commented on the great qualities of IGPA. The report focuses on the structure, funding model, and faculty lines of IGPA. Vice President Wilson said that the task force report recommends keeping the entity at the system level with all three universities participating. The group discussed difficulties with the process of moving tenure lines back to the campuses and how faculty service on IGPA will be recognized by the individual units.

Vice President Wilson reported that the Board approved an FY19 budget that includes a \$98M increment over the FY18 budget. She noted that the FY18 budget included a 10% cut and the University never recouped its full FY16 budget. Vice President Wilson said that some of the budget priorities are undergraduate scholarships, a salary program, and distinguished faculty hiring. There is also a capital budget request for \$585M. There has not been a capital budget program in the last ten years.

Professor Rao thanked Vice President Wilson for showcasing faculty at the Board's ASAC meeting.

V. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of October 24, 2017

Professor Burbules moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Professor LaDu.

VI. 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.

Professor Burbules moved to approve the classification of senate minutes. Professor LaDu seconded the motion. By voice vote, the proposed classifications were approved.

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

1. University of Illinois at Chicago, October 25, 2017

- PR-17.36 Revision of the Master of Healthcare Administration
- PR-18.02 Revision of the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
- PR-18.03 Revision of the Master of Science in Materials Engineering
- PR-18.04 Rename the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Design and Arts as the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Education in the Arts
- PR-18.05 Establish the Interdisciplinary Education in the Arts (IDEA) Course Subject Rubric
- CP-18.01 Establish the Post-Baccalaureate Campus Certificate in Sleep Health
- CP-18.02 Establish Ten (10) Post-Doctor of Nursing Practice Campus Certificates

- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse-Midwifery
- Nurse-Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Acute Care Program
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner- Primary Care Program
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Women's Health Nurse Practitioner

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, November 10, 2017

Res. 47-3 Establish a Minor in Legal Studies

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 13, 2017

- EP.18.12 Proposal to Add Philosophy to the List of Majors Available for the BSLAS in Computer Science and an LAS Discipline (CS + X), from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- EP.18.13 Proposal to Add Economics to the list of Majors Available for the LAS Major in Computer Science and an LAS Discipline (CS + X) from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- EP.18.15 Proposal to Relocate the M.S. and the Ph.D. in Biology with a Concentration in Ecology, Ethology, and Evolution from the School of Integrative Biology to the Department of Animal Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- EP.18.16 Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Actuarial Science and Eliminate the Actuarial Science Concentration within the Master of Science in Applied Mathematics, one year after the Master of Science in Actuarial Science is established, College of LAS
- EP.18.18 Proposal to Establish the Master of Animal Sciences in Animal Sciences as a Self-Supporting Program from the College of ACES
- EP.18.19 Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Molecular & Cellular Biology (M.S. in MCB) from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- EP.18.22 Proposal to Rename and Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Religious Studies, College of LAS

- EP.18.26 Report of Administrative Approvals through November 6, 2017
- EP.18.27 Request for the Senate's advice to seek Board of Trustees' approval for the naming of the Gies College of Business to recognize donor contribution
4. University of Illinois at Chicago, November 30, 2017
- PR-18.06 Revision of the Master of Science in Medical Physiology
- PR-18.07 Revision of the Master of Arts in Latin American and Latino Studies
- PR-18.08 Revision of the Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
- CP-18.03 Elimination of the Campus Certificates in 1) Advanced Community Public Health Practice; 2) Environmental Health Informatics; 3) Public Health Practice; and 4) Public Health Emergency Preparedness

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

5. University of Illinois at Chicago, November 30, 2017

The motion to approve the proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8-to authorize the University Senates Conference to initiate revisions to the *Statutes* (USC ST-79) failed by a vote of 19 in favor and 44 opposed and two abstentions.

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

6. University of Illinois at Chicago, October 25, 2017

cNs,u First Reading: Proposed revisions to the Statutes, Article XIII, Section 8-to authorize the University Senates Conference to initiate revisions to the Statutes (USC ST-79)

Endorsed the Climate Action Implementation Plan (CAIP)

7. University of Illinois at Springfield, November 10, 2017

sNc,u Res 47-4 Updates to Faculty Personnel Policy

8. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 13, 2017

uNc,s	SP.17.15	Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.10 – Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion
	SP.18.03	Revisions to the Bylaws, Part D.7 – Conference on Conduct Governance
	SP.18.06	Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.14 – Committee on Information Technology

9. University of Illinois at Springfield, December 1, 2017

sNc,u	Res 47-5	Clarification of Personnel Committee role of Faculty with Administrative Appointments
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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

VII. Old Business - Action Items

None.

VIII. New Business

1. Designation of USC Observer to Board of Trustees meeting:

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IX. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

2. ST-77. Revisions to the *Statutes* – Edits and Updates. Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. Transmitted to Senates 10/10/14. Passed UIC Senate 12/3/14. Passed UIS Senate 1/23/15. Passed UIUC Senate 5/4/15. Transmitted to the President 5/29/15.

Professor Burbules moved that the A File remain as ST-77 and the B File receive a new ST number. The motion was seconded by Professor Tolliver and approved by voice vote.

Professor Rao asked if the SGC would be looking at the system/university language in the A File. Professor Burbules said that the committee would do whatever USC asked it to do. Professor Rao felt that it would be best to go ahead and incorporate the system/university

language into the A File. After discussion, USC decided to ask the SGC to attempt to get the system/university revisions done in the A File as soon as possible so that it can be sent to the senates. If it takes too long to complete the revisions in a reasonable amount of time, USC could then ask that the A File be taken to the Board and the system/university language be dealt with later.

Professor Burbules asked that Professor Maher be added to the SGC for the rest of this term. Professor Maher and USC agreed.

3. GR-46. Revisions to the *General Rules* – Edits and Updates. Received from the Board of Trustees Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee 10/6/14. Transmitted to the President 12/22/14. 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. Intellectual Property transmitted to the President 5/29/15.

Professor Rao commented that the SGC is stilling working on the document.

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. Referred back to UIUC Senate USSP Committee in consultation with CAFT 2/23/17.

Professor Rao commented that this item is still in the Urbana Senate.

5. 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. USC new proposed revisions 4/27/17. Transmitted to Senates 5/11/17. Background statement to senates 9/6/17. Passed UIS Senate 9/15/17.

Professor Burbules said that the SGC would be happy to modify the language if there are concerns at the senate level.

6. 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. Passed UIS Senate 12/11/15. Passed UIUC Senate 3/7/16. UIUC Senate version transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 3/31/16. Passed UIS Senate 4/22/16. Passed UIC Senate 9/29/16. Transmitted to Vice President Wilson 11/22/16.

Professor Rao note that this item has been transmitted to Vice President Wilson.

7. ST-82. Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Sections 3. (Appointments, Ranks, and Promotions of the Academic and Administrative Staff) a., and 4 (Principles Governing Employment of Academic and Administrative Staffs) b. Passed UIUC Senate 5/2/16. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates 6/6/16. Passed UIS Senate 9/23/16. Passed UIC Senate 10/26/16. Transmitted to President 12/5/16.

Professor Rao noted that this item has been transmitted to President Killeen.

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

Professor Rao said that Professor DeBerry-Spence would be giving the presentation to the Board at its January meeting. The report will focus on her research. Professor Rao said that ideas and presenters are needed for the March and May meetings. Professor LaDu suggested that reports be collaborative with two or more members. She indicated that the Health Affairs Committee should be ready to give a presentation at the May meeting. Professor Novak indicated that the Academic Affairs and Research Committee could also be ready to make a presentation at the May meeting. Professor Rao suggested that both committees work on reports as it is always good to have presentations ready to go.

9. OT-339. Audit of the University Senates Conference.

Professor Rao commented that USC would continue to work on the audit recommendations.

10. OT-340. Search for a Vice President/Chief Financial Officer.

Professor Rao commented that Professor Villegas provided an update at the beginning of the meeting.

11. OT-123. University Senates Conference Guests.

The Conference discussed guests to invite. Professor Rao mentioned that Vice President Seidel is scheduled to come to the January meeting.

12. Campus Updates.

There were no updates.

13. OT-142. Updates on External Committees: Enrollment Management Policy Council (Novak); President's Executive Leadership Program (Johnson); Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Advisory Committee (DeBerry-Spence, Novak, Tolliver); Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation Faculty Advisory Committee (TBD).

There were no reports.

14. Reports from USC Committee Chairs:

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

Kathy Novak, Chair
Harley Johnson, Chair
Mary Jo LaDu, Chair
Nick Burbules, Chair

Professor Rao asked committee chairs to submit any reports they might have.

X. Adjournment

Professor LaDu moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Professor Weech and approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.