

MINUTES<sup>1</sup>  
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Friday, January 25, 2008

PLACE: Room 206 Student Center West, UIC

PRESENT: Burbules, Burton (Chair), Chapman-Novakofski, Eisenhart, Fisher, Fossum, Kaufman (Vice Chair), Langley, Massat, Scheff, Tolliver, Weller, Wood

ABSENT: Anderson, Chambers, Grossman, Jones, O'Brien, Schacht, Strom

GUESTS: Walter Knorr, Mrinalini Rao, Joseph White

Professor Vernon Burton, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of December 5, 2007

The minutes were approved as written.

II. Classification of Senate Minutes

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| 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. |

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<sup>1</sup>Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of February 19, 2008

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

1. University of Illinois at Springfield, January 18, 2008

R37-13 Create a Temporary UIS Center for Systems Security and Information Assurance

R37-14 Changing the Name of the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs from Political Studies to Political Science

2. University of Illinois at Chicago, January 24, 2008

PR-08.26 Revision of the Master of Arts in Linguistics

PR-08.27 Revision and Re-activation of the Currently Suspended M.S. and Ph.D. in Pathology

PR-08.28 Revision of the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm D) Program

PR-08.29 Revision of the Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

PR-08.30 Redesignation of the Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies as the Bachelor of Science in Architecture

PR-08.31 Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Music

PR-08.32 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, RN/BSN Track

PR-08.33 Establish a Master of Science in Patient Safety Leadership

PR-08.34 Establish a New Course Subject (Rubric), PSL (Patient Safety Leadership)

CP-08.03 Establish the Undergraduate Chicago Civic Leadership Campus Certificate

CI-08.01 Establish the Center for Cognitive Medicine

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. ST-61. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8.a. – General Provisions, Amendments. Passed UIUC Senate 4/25/05. Transmitted to Senates 8/18/05. Passed UIS Senate 9/23/05. Passed UIC Senate 10/27/05. Transmitted to the President 2/21/06. Re-transmitted to the President 10/17/07. Approved by the Board of Trustees 1/17/08.

This item was approved by the Board of Trustees on January 17. Professor Weller moved to remove the item from the agenda. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

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

Professor Weller said that the guidelines do not apply to UIC because the campus does not have any plans for offering multi-institutional degrees. Professor Langley said that this item had been referred to the UIS's Graduate and Undergraduate Council. The Conference agreed that the guidelines were too detailed because there needs to be flexibility when working out an agreement. Some members suggested that there be a general University policy and detailed campus policies for the campuses that choose to create them. (Also see VII. 15.)

IV. New Business

3. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Robert Fossum

4. OT-242. Awarding of Degrees.

The Conference discussed whether degrees should be awarded by the president or by the chancellors. Professor Burton commented that the U of I is the only Big 10 multi-campus institution where the president awards degrees rather than the chancellors. Professor Fossum noted that the UIUC Senate used to approve a list that included the names of those being considered for the awarding of degrees. Professor Weller said that the UIC Senate votes to approve degrees as awarded by the departments. Professor Wood commented that the programs are the campuses' programs. Professor Eisenhart thought that the *Statutes*, which say that the faculty award degrees, should be followed. Professor Burton said that the president should still sign the degrees. Professor Wood said that the president awarding degrees is really just a formality. Professor Burton asked if this should be brought up with President White. The Conference thought that the matter should be discussed with the President. The Conference also discussed the awarding of Global

Campus degrees.

5. Upcoming Meetings and Protocol.

Professor Burton said that Provost Katehi would be hosting a dinner for the Conference on February 18, which is the day before the next USC meeting. The group also discussed the possibility of changing the March 28 meeting since the President is not available to attend. Professor Burton asked Conference members their opinion of allowing members to participate in meetings by conference call. While some members thought it was okay to do this as long as it did not become excessive, the Conference decided it was best to have everyone in the same room for meetings, unless the meeting was being held by videoconference.

6. OT-243. Resource Summit.

The Conference members who attended the Resource Summit commented about the event.

V. Executive Session

(Text suppressed due to confidential nature of material discussed.)

VI. Guest

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Walter Knorr met with the Conference during lunch. He told the Conference a little bit about himself and the journey that lead him from public accounting, to working for Chicago administration, back to private industry, back to Chicago, and then to the University of Illinois. He has spent much of his first year here dealing with energy and utility matters, the Global Campus, and farm leasing issues.

Vice President Knorr is making the budget process more open. He is also working on a multi-year budget plan, which is something the University has not done. The capital budget request has been put out and we need to see some progress. He will report on the budget to the Board of Trustees at the March meeting.

Vice President Knorr made projections on next year's budget. He said that we do not know what the University will get from the state this next year. If the University approves the same tuition increase as last year, we will get \$45M. Private giving and research dollars will also bring in funds. He commented on the Illinois Bill of Health, which asks the state to increase funds to the University specifically for improving and increasing medical education.

Conference members were pleased to hear that the budget process was going to become more open and more purposely planned for the future. The group also discussed the Energy Task Force and energy savings that could be recognized from making improvements to buildings.

Professor Burton thanked Vice President Knorr for meeting with the Conference.

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

7. 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.

Professor Burton mentioned that the UIS and UIUC senates are still working on campus procedures.

8. OT-236. Recalculation of Apportionment of USC Membership.

Professor Kaufman moved to remove this item from the agenda since the recalculation has been completed. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

9. OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

Professor Kaufman said that Rick Schoell thought the Conference should have a good turnout for the event in Springfield. Professor Burton said that the dinner would be April 21.

10. 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.

No new information.

11. OT-227. The Global Campus.

No new information.

12. OT-229. University Administration Reorganization.

No new information.

13. OT-240. Chancellor Reviews.

No new information.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

15. Campus Updates.

Professor Kaufman commented on the search for a chancellor. Professor Burbules updated the Conference on the status of the Academy on Capitalism. Professor Langley said that UIS is adding more first-year students. The campus is having growing pains and there have been problems in the student services area.

Professor Kaufman wanted to add to the discussion of Proposed Guidelines for Multi-Institutional Degrees (OT-218) since he had missed that discussion earlier in the meeting. The item has languished in the UIC Senate because there are no programs to base a policy on. The guidelines were drafted by University Administration when the UIUC campus was developing a program with a Singapore institution. Now that the program is happening, the UIUC Senate drafted a specific policy. Until there are enough of these programs, it is difficult to craft a general, university-wide policy. Professor Langley said that this item was referred to the Graduate Council. Guidelines would be an abstraction for UIS. Perhaps in the future there might be joint degree programs. For now, they do not know what to do with it. Professor Wood said that there cannot be too much detail in a general policy because there needs to be room for negotiations. Professor Langley suggested that this issue be discussed with Vice President Rao. The Conference agreed.

16. OT-142. Update on the Management Teams: Academic Affairs; Business Administration and Human Resources; External Relations; Governmental Relations; Technology and Economic Development Cabinet; University Technology.

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| AAMT | (Burton, Kaufman, Langley) | January 11, 2008 |
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| UTMT | (Weller) | January 24, 2008 |
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17. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago  
Thursday, January 17, 2008

Elliot Kaufman

18. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

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.

Professor Langley said that the UIS Senate reviewed UIC's policy and thought it was good. After the policy went to the Provost, it came back to the senate with the part taken out about the senate communicating directly with the Board of Trustees. Professor Kaufman said that the UIC Senate felt it was important to be able to communicate directly with the Board in regards to naming programs, which is an academic concern. Professor Burbules said that he would find out where this is at UIUC.

#### VIII. Items Proposed for Removal from the Agenda

Professor Burton asked the Conference if there were any objections to removing any of the items. Professor Tolliver recommended leaving OT-211 on the agenda because there is a proposal working its way through the legislature regarding the process for selecting Board members. Professor Kaufman moved to remove all of the items listed except for OT-211. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

##### 19. OT-217. Strategic Planning Process for the University.

The strategic plans for the University, campuses, and support organizations can be found at: <http://www.uillinois.edu/president/strategicplan/StrategicPlans.cfm>.

##### 20. OT-222. Strategic Plans of the Campuses, the Alumni Association, and the Foundation.

The strategic plans for the University, campuses, and support organizations can be found at: <http://www.uillinois.edu/president/strategicplan/StrategicPlans.cfm>.

##### 21. OT-201. Update on the University-wide Human Resources Committee.

The committee is no longer in place.

##### 22. OT-208. E-Mail Security Policy.

The Conference reviewed the policies of the three campuses in Fall 2004.

##### 23. OT-211. Process for Selecting Board of Trustees Members.

In March 2005, the Conference reviewed various documents from the Association of Governing Boards concerning this topic. A USC ad hoc committee was created to examine the process for selecting Board of Trustees members and to consider whether changes should be made.

##### 24. OT-214. Flexible Tenure.

Proposed changes may eventually be brought to USC.

25. OT-215. Discussion of University-Wide Committee to Address Issues Relating to Administrative Computing Systems.

When UI-Integrate, the implementation of the Banner system, was completed in spring 2005, two committees having Conference representatives were disbanded: UI-Integrate Steering Committee and UI-Integrate Faculty Advisory Committee. The Conference considered whether a new committee was needed, but ultimately decided that representation on the Information Technology Priorities Committee would be sufficient. USC decided to monitor the effectiveness of this approach.

IX. Discussion of any other issues.

Professor Chapman-Novakofski brought up a discussion that is going on in her college concerning Pro-Quest. Two Ph.D. students were about to deposit their dissertations with Pro-Quest and read the fine print that says if any work has already been published, permission has to be given from the publisher before it can be deposited. This is a problem because students' dissertations have to be deposited before they can graduate. The students' pulled the published chapters out of their dissertations. This results in dissertations that have been deposited and published with open access by the University without actually including all of the work. Professor Burton suggested adding the Pro-Quest issue as an agenda item.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.



Pending USC Items  
January 25, 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.

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.

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.

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-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-231. Shared Governance Issues.

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