

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2003

PLACE: Room 206 Chicago Illini Union

PRESENT: Chambers, Conry, Fossum, Grossman, Gupta, Jones, Kaufman, Langley
(Secretary), O'Brien, Strom (Chair), Weller, White, Wood, Yu

ABSENT: Bodenhorn, Ford, Herricks, Marshall, Rich, Sisson

GUESTS: Lawrence Eppley, Chester Gardner, James Stukel, Michael Tanner

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

I. Executive Session

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

II. Guest – Trustee Lawrence Eppley

Trustee Eppley discussed the budget situation and the State's concern with rising tuition costs. He said that these conditions challenge the University to create opportunities and the Board is willing to do whatever is ultimately good for the University.

Part of the challenge for Board members is to work with legislators in Springfield. Public universities bring money back into the State, one of the few components of the State budget that do so. Some Conference members could not understand why higher education has a bad reputation in Springfield and why legislators do not understand that the University uses best practices in its operations. Trustee Eppley did not know why the message was not getting through. He said that Vice President Gardner has provided very good data.

Professor Strom mentioned that the Senates Conference and the Senates have been interested in faculty representation on the Board, specifically a voice at the table. The group discussed ways the faculty could have a more active role with the Board. Vice President Gardner said that faculty members are involved throughout governance in ways such as serving on committees, including the Academic Affairs Management Team, and the Senates Conference meeting monthly with him and the President. Professor Fossum commented that the UIUC Senate Executive Committee has profited greatly from meetings with the Board liaisons.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of March 18, 2003

Professor Strom thanked Trustee Eppley for meeting with the Conference.

III. Guest – Provost Michael Tanner

Provost Tanner said that the U of I will continue to thrive despite the current state of the budget. He discussed State support of the University and the value of financial aid.

Provost Tanner discussed the multiplicity of cultures of the Chicago campus and the tremendous opportunities for cooperative programs and research. He commented on the important roles of the faculty and the need for the administration to quickly deal with State expectations.

Provost Tanner projected that the economic health of the State will recover and Chicago is a terrific growth area. Some goals he sees for UIC is to maintain student diversity, assist in improving regional schools that feed into UIC, and become more engaged with Chicago.

Professor Strom thanked Provost Tanner for meeting with the Conference.

IV. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of January 22, 2003

The minutes were approved as distributed.

V. 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 Chicago, January 30, 2003

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| I | 01/30/03 | PR-03.05, Revision of the M.Ed. in Curriculum, Instruction and Evaluation (CIE) Instructional Leadership: Reading, Writing and Literacy |
| I | 01/30/03 | PR-03.06, Revision of the M.Ed. in Instructional Leadership: Educational Studies – Secondary Education |
| I | 01/30/03 | PR-03.07, Revision of the M.Ed. in Instructional Leadership: Educational Studies – Elementary Education |
| I | 01/30/03 | PR-03.08, Revision of the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership and Administration |
| I | 01/30/03 | PR-03.09, Revision of the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, Specialization in Reading, Writing and Literacy |
| I | 01/30/03 | PR-03.10, Revision of the Ph.D. in Bioengineering |
| I | 01/30/03 | PR-03.11, Revision of the Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering |
| I | 01/30/03 | PR-03.12, Revision of the Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering |
| I | 01/30/03 | PR-03.13, Revision of the Pharmacy Administration Specialization within the M.B.A. Program |
| I | 01/30/03 | PR-03.14, Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education |
| I | 01/30/03 | PR-03.15, Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering |
| I | 01/30/03 | PR-03.16, Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering |
| I | 01/30/03 | PR-03.17, Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a Major in Physics, Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Science with a Major in the Teaching of Physics, Minor in the Teaching of Physics, and the Bachelor of Science Curriculum in Physics |

2. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 17, 2003

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| I | 02/17/03 | EP.03.06, Revision of the MATSE Undergraduate Curriculum |
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| I | 02/17/03 | EP.03.07, Proposal to Change the Name of the Dept. of Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering to the Department of Aerospace Engineering |
| I | 02/17/03 | EP.03.08, Proposal to Change the Name of Performance Studies Program in the Department of Theatre |
| I | 02/17/03 | EP.03.09, Revision of the Mathematics Minor |
| I | 02/17/03 | EP.03.10, Proposal to Rename the Women's Studies Program to Gender and Women's Studies |
| I | 02/17/03 | EP.03.12, Proposal for the Creation of the Doctor of Audiology Degree Program |

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

VI. Old Business – Action Items

1. ST-54. Amendment 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 the President 2/14/02.

The Conference agreed that this was not the right time to take this issue to the Board. Professor Chambers felt that the faculty should relay the message that academic professionals are valuable members of the community and should be treated in a valuable way. Professor Strom thought that the Conference should discuss with the President ways to improve conditions for academic professionals who are not full-time employees. The Conference agreed not to pursue ST-54 at this time, but to discuss the general issue of employment conditions for part-time academic professionals with the President.

VII. New Business

2. Designation of Future Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago – College of Medicine at Rockford
Wednesday and Thursday, March-12-13, 2003

Professor Kaufman

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. OT-196. Staffing Trends – Changes in Numbers of Institutional Support Staff and Faculty.

Professor Strom suggested that this item remain open for discussion and that data that has been received be compiled so that it can be referred to later.

4. OT-195. Process of the IBHE Big Picture Meeting.

Professor Strom said that the President had not yet considered the Conference's request for a faculty observer at the meetings.

5. OT-190. Report on the Tuition Planning Committee.

Professor Strom commented that this was discussed with Vice President Gardner during the Executive Session.

6. OT-161. Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Appointments.

The Conference decided that the report from the subcommittee should be discussed further before it is decided whether it should be referred to the senates. Professor Strom suggested that the report be discussed when the subcommittee's chair, Professor Marshall, would be present.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

8. Campus Updates.

Professor Jones said that UIC received permission from the Board of Trustees to use the title "University Librarian" for its search. The *Statutes* were changed a few years ago, as part of a cleaning-up process, and "University Librarian" was changed to "Campus Librarian". However, the other campuses still use University Librarian. Professor Jones asked if this was a topic the USC Statutes Committee should consider. Professor Kaufman, Chair of the Statutes Committee, said that he would look into it.

Professor Strom said that the UIC Senate is drafting policy as follow-up to ST-30. Professor Kaufman reminded the Conference that when each campus had its own policy in place, USC planned to compare them to make sure the policies were not significantly diverse as to create legal problems.

Professor Chambers noted that, according to information provided by the President earlier in the meeting, UIC was now above the University of Chicago in total research expenditures.

Professor Langley provided an update on the growing Capital Scholars Program and opening up first- and second-year courses to non-Capital Scholars Program students.

Professor Fossum said that the UIUC Senate Executive Committee passed a resolution in support of Chancellor Cantor in response to criticism of the Chancellor that relates to Chief Illiniwek. The full Senate will vote on the resolution the following Monday.

Professor Fossum said that he met with two people from the Provost's office to discuss multi-year contracts (ST-47). When the USC Multi-Year Contracts Task Force last met, the group was considering multi-year contracts for positions such as adjunct and clinical faculty, and academic professionals. Now, the UIUC campus sees reasons for not extending multi-year contracts to academic professionals at this time. Someone from the Provost's office was going to contact Professor Herricks, Chair of the Task Force, to request that the scope be changed so that academic professionals are not included. Professor Fossum added that the Provost's office is very interested in pursuing multi-year contracts for this limited group because the deans want them. Professor Kaufman said that the Board might accept multi-year contracts more readily if the long notice rights were reduced. Professor Fossum said that there is also the issue of dismissal for cause within the contract term. Professor Kaufman thought that the contract would contain provisions.

9. Report of Observer to Board of Trustees Meeting, February 12-13, 2003, Chicago.

Professor Strom reported on the meeting.

10. OT-142. Update on the Management Teams: Academic Affairs; Business Administration and Human Resources; Economic Development and Corporate Relations; Governmental Relations.

Report:

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February 19, 2003

Professors Conry, Langley, and Strom

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Pending USC Items
February 20, 2003

ST-47. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes* -- Multi-Year Contracts for Full-Time Non-Tenured Faculty. Passed UIC Senate 10/27/99. Rejected UIS Senate 3/3/00. Multi-Year Contracts Task Force charged 4/11/02.

ST-57. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 5 – Professional Advisory Committee. Passed UIUC Senate 9/30/02. Transmitted to Senates 11/15/02.

BG-10.a. Proposed Supplemental Retirement Option. Passed UIUC Senate 4/19/99. Passed UIC Senate 1/27/00. Passed UIS Senate 2/18/00.

BG-10c. Resolution on Faculty Salary and Benefits. Passed UIUC Senate 5/1/00. Passed UIS Senate 6/16/00. Passed UIC Senate 9/28/00. USC Resolution Transmitted to the President 1/11/01.

BG-13. 2002-03 University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee.

OT-89. Evaluation of Ability to Work. Passed UIUC Senate 2/24/97. Passed UIC Senate 4/23/98. Passed UIS Senate 9/24/99. Transmitted to Senates 10/8/02. Passed UIS Senate 10/18/02. Passed UIC Senate 12/5/02.

OT-157. Chief Illiniwek.

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.

OT-170. Seminar on Economic Development.

OT-184. Committee on Vice Presidential Search Procedures, Processes for Commenting on the Reappointment of University Officers and (formerly OT-176) Periodic Vice President-Level Reviews. Periodic Vice President-Level Reviews approved by USC 11/28/00; Transmitted to the President 1/19/01. Recommended Principles to be Used in Searches for Major Administrative Positions transmitted to the President 11/14/01; President transmitted to Board of Trustees 11/27/01.

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.

OT-187. UI-Integrate/Support Services Strategy (S3) Related Issues.

OT-188. *Interim Code of Conduct*. Transmitted to Senates 5/13/02. Endorsed by UIC Senate 9/26/02. Passed by UIS Senate 11/15/02. Passed by UIUC Senate 12/9/02. Transmitted to the President 2/3/03.

OT-191. Severe Sanctions Less Than Dismissal -- Follow-up and Senate Procedures.

OT-192. Update on the UI-Integrate Steering Committee and Faculty Advisory Committee.

OT-193. *Interim Information Security Policy*. Transmitted to Senates 11/15/02.

OT-194. Support of FY04 Budget Request.