

MINUTES¹

UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2002

PLACE: Room 206 Chicago Illini Union

PRESENT: Alston, Baker, Conry (Chair), Fossum, Freels, Herricks, Jones, Kaufman, Kopecky, Langley, Leonard, O'Brien, Strom (Secretary), Weller, White, Wood, Zaki

ABSENT: Marshall, Rich, Weech

GUESTS: Chester Gardner, Kenneth Schmidt, James Stukel

Professor Thomas Conry, 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 – Dr. Kenneth Schmidt

Dr. Kenneth Schmidt, member of the Board of Trustees, received his medical degree from the College of Medicine at UIC. Dr. Schmidt is Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Schmidt distributed for information a document from the Association of Governing Boards, *Ten Public Policy Issues for Higher Education in 2001 and 2002*.

Dr. Schmidt commented that the University Administration has done a very good job of analyzing the impact of the budget cuts to the University and communicating the need for higher tuition. He said that the University should focus on philanthropy the next couple of years. However, there is not a need for new buildings. Instead, the University should focus on endowed chairs, professorships, and student scholarships.

According to Dr. Schmidt, some important issues facing the University are faculty recruitment and retention; core curriculum and general education requirements at UIUC; the University's role in, not only K-12 education, but K-16 education; and issues relating to non-tenure-track faculty.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of March 27, 2002

Dr. Schmidt said that the UIUC research park is doing very well. Construction has started on the third building. The backlog of disclosures is being resolved. However, the hotel/conference center is on hold. At UIC there are 56 acres of research park. The incubator is managed by the Illinois Medical District Commission.

Dr. Schmidt reviewed the University's capital improvement items that were approved by the Governor. While the list is impressive, there is disappointment that funds were not approved for the Lincoln Hall remodeling and the Pharmacy addition.

Professor Kaufman said that University employees are in effect losing benefits due to the change of paradigm for the state funding of health insurance. Professor Conry commented that it was essential for CMS to spread the risk of rising health insurance costs throughout the whole state government, not just higher education.

Dr. Schmidt said that the base tuition increase is absolutely essential. The Board will vote on the issue in May. A report on the Chief will be presented in March.

Dr. Schmidt commented on a *Chicago Tribune* article, which attacked the University for raising tuition instead of making more cuts, and his subsequent letter to the newspaper. He said that the U of I is such a great bargain, even with the proposed tuition increase. Also, the University has a very small pool of recurring funds that are accessible for budgetary cuts. Dr. Schmidt said that the University is in line with other institutions in allocating 5% of its budget to administration, although there is a layer of middle management that needs to be examined.

Dr. Schmidt said that the initiative of assigning three trustees to each campus has opened dialogue with the faculty and has been useful.

Dr. Schmidt said that many legislators have the perception that faculty do not do enough. Many look at the average contact hours with students, 11.2-12.6 per week, and do not understand all of the time that is involved outside of the classroom. He added that it is up to the faculty to articulate faculty productivity. Professor White said that the faculty bring in \$572M in research grants. Dr. Schmidt added that these grants come in because of the faculty, not the University.

Conference members said that there is a wide array of expertise available in the faculty and suggested that the Board utilize this expertise more often. Dr. Schmidt said that the trustees are accessible to the faculty.

Professor Conry thanked Dr. Schmidt for meeting with the Conference.

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of January 23, 2002

Professor O'Brien questioned the text in parenthetical brackets on the first page, second paragraph under *Executive Session*. Professor Conry explained that the unexpected increase, the percentage over the original 5% UIUC – 4% UIS – 3% UIC, would amount to an average of \$100 per student per semester. The overall increase would be about \$200 per student per semester. Professor O'Brien suggested changing "and the total increase would be" to "bringing the total increase to..." The minutes were approved as amended.

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 Chicago, January 24, 2002

I	01/24/02	PR-02.09, Establishment of a New Degree Program, the Master of Arts in Real Estate, College of Business Administration and Urban Planning of Public Affairs
I	01/24/02	PR-02.12, Redesignation of the Master of Associated Medical Sciences (MAMS) in Biomedical Visualization to the Master of Science (MS) in Biomedical Visualization and Associated Programmatic Revisions
I	01/24/02	PR-02.13, Revision of the Master of Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences

- I 01/24/02 PR-02.14, Revision of the Master of Science in Health Informatics
- I 01/24/02 PR-02.15, Revision of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program
- I 01/24/02 PR-02.16, Revision of the Master of Education (M.Ed.) In Special Education
- I 01/24/02 PR-02.17a, Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering
- I 01/24/02 PR-02.17b, Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management
- I 01/24/02 PR-02.18, Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Economics
- I 01/24/02 PR-02.19a, Revision of the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Arts; Revision of the Minor in Studio Arts
- I 01/24/02 PR-02.19b, Revision of the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design
- I 01/24/02 PR-02.21, Establish a New Course Rubric: Interdisciplinary Studies in the Arts (ISA)

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, February 1, 2002

- I 02/01/02 R31-17, Resolution on Approving a Professional Option within the Master's of Public Health Degree
- I 02/01/02 R31-18, Resolution on Approving an Advanced Graduate (Post-Master's) Certificate within the Educational Leadership Program

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 4, 2002

- I 02/04/02 EP.02.16, Proposal from the College of Engineering for a Biomaterials Concentration for the B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering

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

4. University of Illinois at Springfield, February 1, 2002

sNc,u 02/01/02 R31-19, Resolution Expanding Membership in the Academic Technology Committee (Amendment to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws)

5. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 4, 2002

uNc,s 02/04/02 SP.02.07, Revisions to the *Bylaws* to Add Academic Professionals to Committee Memberships

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 and Discussion Items

1. OT-183. Recalculation of USC Membership.

Professor Conry said that this issue would turn on the way in which the Conference decided to define faculty. Professor Langley said that she believed the options were to not change the representation, or to re-evaluate the apportionment based on the number of faculty used by each senate when defining its membership. Professor Zaki said that the faculty numbers for each campus were not conclusive. He did not believe it would be in the best interest of the Conference to have a family feud over whether to change the current representation. Professor Strom said that he and Professor Conry discussed the situation and decided that the Conference does have an obligation to re-examine the apportionment of the membership every five years, according to the *Statutes*. Professor Kaufman thought that if USC used the faculty number reported by each senate, which was the number of eligible faculty each senate used to determine the apportionment of its membership, the USC apportionment would be about the same. Professor Strom made the motion that the Senates Conference has examined the issue of representation and feels that no change is appropriate at this time. The motion was seconded, voted on, and unanimously approved.

2. 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.

Professor Conry said that he wrote the chancellors and provosts asking for one administrator-designee per campus to serve on a task force with the purpose of addressing issues relating to multi-year contracts. He reported that Ms. Kathleen Pecknold had been designated as the Urbana person. Professor Conry asked for volunteers from USC to serve

on the task force. Professors Robert Fossum, Edwin Herricks, Elliot Kaufman, and Pat Langley volunteered to serve.

Professor Fossum warned that this is a very contentious issue that should be approached cautiously. Many colleagues believe that this is a real attack on the tenure system. He said that he personally believes multi-year contracts are important to the University. Professor Conry remarked that this would not be a policy applied across the board.

3. OT-184. Committee on Vice Presidential Search Procedures and Processes for Commenting on the Reappointment of University Officers. *Recommended Principles to be Used in Searches for Major Administrative Positions* transmitted to the President 11/14/01.

Professor Fossum asked if President Stukel had responded to the Conference's OT-176 document, Periodic Vice President Level-Reviews. Professor Conry said that he had not received a response.

4. OT-186. "The California Crucible: Demography, Excellence, and Access at the University of California," by Richard Atkinson.

The Conference decided to defer discussion of this item until the next meeting.

5. ST-30. Proposed Changes to the *Statutes: Terms of Faculty Employment*. Passed UIUC Senate 4/21/97. Passed UIC 3/11/99. Passed UIS 4/30/99. Passed USC 9/8/99. Transmitted to the President 9/15/99. Re-sent to the Senates 12/13/99. Response from UIC 1/27/00. Response from UIUC 2/14/00. Passed USC 6/28/01. Transmitted to Senates 7/18/01. Passed UIC Senate 9/28/01. Passed UIS Senate 10/12/01. Passed UIUC Senate 10/29/01. Transmitted to the President 11/14/01.

Professor Conry commented that this item had been discussed during the Executive Session and that the next move was up to the President. Professor Fossum mentioned that there are two pre-filed resolutions pertaining to this issue for the next UIUC Senate meeting. One resolution pertains to a letter Professor Fossum sent to the President on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee communicating a proposed change to the language approved by the senates. The other resolution requests that the Conference either reaffirm to the President the language approved by all three senates or ask that the proposed amendment be placed on hold until the other senates have the opportunity to consider alternate wording.

6. ST-53. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article V, Section 2, Graduate Colleges – Campus Research Board; Article XII, Research and Publication. Passed UIUC Senate 2/12/01. Revised by UIUC Senate 4/23/01. 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.

No new information.

7. 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.

No new information.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

9. Report of Observer to Board of Trustees Meeting.

No meeting had been held since the last USC meeting.

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

Reports:

AAMT	January 29, 2002	Professors Conry, Kopecky, and Strom
BAHRMT	February 14, 2002	Professors Baker and Weller

VI. New Business

11. Designation of Future Observers of Board of Trustees Meetings:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Wednesday and Thursday, May 15-16, 2002 Professor Gerald Strom

VII. Old Business – Information Items

12. ST-51. Proposed Amendments to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 4 – Faculty Advisory Committee. Passed UIUC Senate 11/1/99. Passed UIS Senate 1/21/00. Passed UIC Senate 4/27/00. USC Reconciled Language to Senates 6/4/01. Passed UIS Senate 9/14/01. Passed UIC Senate 9/28/01.

No new information.

13. 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.

No new information.

14. 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.

No new information.

15. BG-12. 2001-02 University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee.

Professor Baker reported on the committee meeting held on February 19. He said that Mr. Steve Rugg advised the committee that any important items it would like to have considered in the FY04 budget should be raised before the end of April. Mr. Rugg told the committee that the thirty-and-out early retirement program will sunset at the end of this year and it might be difficult to get it extended during the fall session. Mr. Bob Todd will raise the issue at the next SURS meeting.

16. OT-89. Fitness to Work. Passed UIUC Senate 2/24/97. Passed UIC Senate 4/23/98. Passed UIS Senate 9/24/99.

No new information.

17. OT-157. Chief Illiniwek.

No new information.

18. OT-158. Support Services Strategy (S³).

No new information.

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

No new information.

20. OT-162. UI-Integrate.

No new information.

21. 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.

No new information.

22. OT-170. Seminar on Economic Development.

No new information.

23. OT-178. USC Web Page.

No new information.

24. OT-179. ERP-Related Academic Policy Issues.

No new information.

25. OT-181. Proposed Revisions to the *Policy and Procedures on Academic Integrity in Research and Publication*, Section IV.B.2. Transmitted to the President 7/13/01. Transmitted to the Senates 10/4/01.

No new information.

26. OT-182. USC Retreat 2001.

No new information.

27. 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.

No new information.

28. Designation of Future Observers of Board of Trustees Meetings:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Wednesday and Thursday, March 13-14, 2002

Professor Kal Alston

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.