**MINUTES**¹
**UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 28, 2007  
**PLACE:** General Lounge, Illini Union, UIUC  
**PRESENT:** Bodenhorn (Chair), Burton, Fisher, Ford, Fossum, Grossman, Kagan, Kaufman, Mallory (Vice Chair), Schacht, Scheff, Tolliver, Weller, Wood  
**ABSENT:** Anderson, Chambers, Chapman-Novakofski, Jones, Strom, Wheeler  
**GUESTS:** David Dorris, Larry Mann, Joseph White

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

I. **Executive Session**

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

II. **Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of January 26, 2007**

The minutes were approved as written.

III. **Classification of Senate Minutes**

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¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of March 30, 2007
A. The following items were classified I by the University Senates Conference:

1. **University of Illinois at Springfield, February 9, 2007**
   
   R36-18 Merging the Institute for Legislative Studies (ILS) with the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies (ILAPS) and naming the new unit the Institute for Legal, Legislative and Policy Studies (ILLAPS)

2. **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 19, 2007**
   
   EP.07.14 Master of Urban Planning Joint Degree Option
   
   EP.07.17 Graduate Concentration in Taxation
   
   EP.07.20 Creation of the Concentration Preparatory for the Teaching of East Asian Languages
   
   EP.07.28 GSLIS Concentration in MS in Bioinformatics
   
   EP.07.34 Concentrations in Educational Administration and Leadership,
   
   EP.07.35 Certificate of Advanced Studies, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of
   
   EP.07.36 Education, Master of Education, and Master of Science
   
   EP.07.37
   
   EP.07.38

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

3. **University of Illinois at Springfield, December 8, 2006**
   
   sNc,u R36-7 Additions to Article 10 Faculty Personnel Policies – Q Contracts

4. **University of Illinois at Springfield, January 19, 2007**
   
   sNc,u R36-17 Resolution on Smoking Policy and the UIS Campus Senate

5. **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 19, 2007**
   
   uNc,s SC.07.05 Global Campus Partnership Proposal
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

IV. Old Business – Action Items

No old business for action.

V. New Business

The Conference discussed USC membership issues such as attendance, temporarily replacing members, and the recalculation of apportionment to each campus.

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

1. OT-227. The Global Campus.

Bodenhorn commented that the UIS Senate would be developing and considering a statement on the Global Campus similar to that of the UIUC Senate’s statement.

The Conference discussed President White’s and Chet Gardner’s views on partnering with other institutions. Schacht proposed that the Conference adopt the UIUC Senate’s advice on the Global Campus. The Conference decided to transmit the advice with some modifications, including a recommendation that there be an impact study and strengthening the language on partnering with other institutions.

The Conference recessed from the business meeting for lunch and a discussion with Trustee David Dorris.

VII. Guest

Trustee Dorris commented that the University has served as a ladder for people to succeed. If the University begins acting more like a private institution, a lot of talent will not get tapped into.

Trustee Dorris commented on the Global Campus. The University has been a leader in education. Others have tried to do online education without the quality and genius that
make our campuses. He agrees with the overall philosophy of the Global Campus and believes that uncertainty should not deter the initiative. He said that the faculty have the credibility and expertise to advise and help shape the Global Campus. Conference members expressed some of their concerns. Trustee Dorris replied that the leaders need to listen to the experts. Stress and conflict will help shape a better product.

Trustee Dorris discussed his views on the Chief Illiniwek controversy. He is not concerned with symbols, but rather with discrimination. He does not believe that the Chief is hostile or abusive. The tradition should be about the spirit of the Illini and the University family. Trustee Dorris commented that the way the decision was made is politically concerning. He also thought that there should have been an indication of plans for the future before the use of the Chief was discontinued.

Trustee Dorris was asked his opinion of how trustees should be selected. He responded that he believes there should be some sort of procedure where there is University involvement.

Bodenhorn thanked Trustee Dorris for meeting with the Conference.

The business meeting resumed at 2:10 p.m.

Old Business – Information and Discussion Items (cont.)

1. OT-227. The Global Campus. (cont.)

Schacht reviewed the proposals that had been mentioned earlier for the USC advice statement and read his proposed wording. By voice vote, the Conference agreed on what would go into the document. The Conference decided to send the document to the President with the request that he transmit it to the Board of Trustees.

2. OT-229. University Administration Reorganization.

Bodenhorn said that the Conference would have the opportunity to interview the final two candidates for Vice President for Academic Affairs soon. The Conference decided to develop a list of questions beforehand.

3. 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.

Professor Bodenhorn mentioned that the proposed revisions to The General Rules would be going to the Board next month. The Conflict of Commitment and Interest document is still under review.

Schacht commented that the policy is a way of conforming to state law. No new language would be added. Bodenhorn said that this item would be put on the agenda for further discussion with the President at the next meeting.

5. OT-157. Chief Illiniwek. UIUC Senate Resolution Passed 3/9/98; UIS Senate Resolution Passed 4/3/98; Resolutions (without USC endorsement) transmitted to the President 7/10/98; Trustee Plummer report to BoT 3/14/02; UIS Senate Resolution Passed 2/13/04; UIUC Senate Resolution Passed 2/16/04; UIUC Senate Resolution Passed by USC 2/20/04; Resolution transmitted to BoT Secretary 3/3/04. BoT Consensus Resolution Concerning Chief Illiniwek 6/17/04. BoT Policy to Preserve and Recognize the State’s American Indian Heritage 9/9/04. BoT Resolution Concerning Guidelines for Consensus Regarding Chief Illiniwek 7/14/05. BoT Resolution to Add Eighth Guideline for Consensus Process 9/8/05.

Bodenhorn commented that this item was discussed with Trustee Dorris. There was no further discussion.


There was no new information.


No new information.


No new information.

No new information.


Bodenhorn commented that the Conference would meet with legislators in April.


Kaufman indicated that UIC would have a document to share soon.


No new information.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

14. Campus Updates.

Kaufman reported that UIC is looking at tenure modifications. Burton commented that UIUC has been focusing on Global Campus, the Chief, looking at the appropriate discipline for hate speech, and a review of senate processes.

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

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16. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Joyce Tolliver
Tuesday, March 13, 2007

17. BG-18. 2006-07 University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee.

No new information.

18. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.
No new information.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.
Pending USC Items
February 28, 2007

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.


GR-38. Proposed Revision to The General Rules, Article III, Section 7 (j). Passed UIUC Senate 4/25/05. Transmitted to Senates 4/27/05. Passed UIS Senate 1/20/06. Passed UIC Senate 3/16/06. Transmitted to the President 4/10/06.

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-201. University-wide Human Resources Committee.


OT-208. E-Mail Security Policy.


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


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

OT-217. Strategic Planning Process for the University (formerly President’s Summit on Strategic Leadership).

OT-221. Review of the Strategic Plan of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
OT-222. Strategic Plans of the Campuses, the Alumni Association, and the University of Illinois Foundation.

OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

OT-234. Appointment of USC Members to Serve on the Management Teams and other committees: Academic Affairs; Business Administration and Human Resources; External Relations; Information Technology Priorities Committee; Technology and Economic Development; and University Technology.