

MINUTES¹
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

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.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of March 30, 2007

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 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.

4. OT-226. Permissible Use Policy.

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.

6. OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

There was no new information.

7. 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.

No new information.

8. 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.

No new information.

9. ST-67. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.a. (2), to eliminate USC Term Limits. Transmitted to Senates 7/10/06. Passed UIS Senate 9/8/06. Passed UIUC Senate 12/4/06.

No new information.

10. OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

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

11. 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.

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

12. OT-218. Proposed Guidelines for Multi-Institutional Degrees. Transmitted to Senates 11/10/05.

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.

AAMT	Bodenhorn, Kaufman, Mallory	February 16, 2007
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16. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

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

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-202. Review of the *University Senates Conference Organization and Functions*.

OT-208. E-Mail Security Policy.

OT-210. Tuition and Fees Executive Committee (Fisher, Kagan, Wood).

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

OT-214. Flexible Tenure.

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.