

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

DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2006

PLACE: Colonial Room, Illini Union, UIUC

PRESENT: Anderson, Bodenhorn, Ford, Fossum, Grossman, B. Jones, W. Jones, Kagan, E. Kaufman (Chair), L. Kaufman, Mallory, Massat, Schacht, Scheff, Tolliver

ABSENT: Chambers, Finnerty, Langley (Secretary), Weller, Wheeler

GUESTS: O. Vernon Burton, Chester Gardner, Stephen Rugg, B. Joseph White

Professor Elliot Kaufman, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of January 27, 2006

The minutes were approved as distributed.

II. 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.

<sup>1</sup>Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of March 31, 2006

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

1. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 20, 2006

- EP.06.13 Revision to the B.S. Curriculum with a Major in Agr./Environ. Communications and Education
- EP.06.22 Environmental Chemistry Option
- EP.06.23 Interdisciplinary Minor - Study of Islamic World
- EP.06.24 Graduate Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- EP.06.26 M.S. (Ph.D.)/M.B.A. Joint Degree Program between MATSE and the MBA Program, BUS
- EP.06.27 Graduate Minor in Balkan Studies
- EP.06.28 Elimination of the Graduate Specialization in Biophysical Chemistry
- EP.06.30 Revision of LAS Major in Sciences and Letters Curriculum in East Asian Langs. And Cultures

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, March 3, 2006

- R35-12 Resolution to Approve a Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies

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

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 20, 2006

- SP.06.06 Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.a.(2) – University Senates Conference (First Reading)

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

4. University of Illinois at Springfield, February 17, 2006

- sNc,u R35-11 Resolution in Opposition to the Elimination of the College of Public Affairs and Administration
- sNc,u R35-13 Resolution in Opposition of the Merger of the College of Education and Human Services and the College of Public Affairs and Administration

The UIS members indicated that the Class III item regarding multi-year contracts for the UIS Campus Senate meeting of March 3, 2006, was taken off the agenda and therefore should be deleted from the proposed classification. This led to a discussion of the multi-year contract pending agenda item, ST-47.

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 Reconciled Language to Senates 1/10/06.

Professor E. Kaufman noted that the language approved by the UIC Senate had been sent to the UIS and UIUC Senates for approval because the language more accurately reflects the non-reappointment process. The Conference discussed multi-year contracts and the Global Campus. Professor E. Kaufman indicated that, if the Global Campus is a separate entity from the University, instructors can be hired on multi-year contracts regardless of whether the *Statutes* are changed to permit them. Professor L. Kaufman pointed out that departments could have some academic staff who are eligible for multi-year contracts and some who are not. Professor Ford expressed concern with the part of the language that says that the chancellors set the policy with the advice of the senates.

#### 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. 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.

Professor E. Kaufman noted that the draft resolution had been revised based on previous comments. The Conference discussed how to proceed. While some members thought that the Conference should approve a resolution and move it forward, others thought that there were better ways to communicate with the Board at this time. The Conference discussed the possibility of asking to have another faculty governance session in conjunction with a Board meeting. Professor Schacht moved to table the resolution and move this item to the pending agenda. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved with two abstentions.

IV. New Business

None

V. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

2. 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.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the proposed revisions to *The General Rules* would allow more opportunities for naming rights, which could be beneficial during the upcoming fundraising campaign. The senates have reviewed the proposed language and responded. Professor E. Kaufman noted that a letter containing comments from the Conference and the senates was sent to the President and would be discussed during the Executive Session.

Professor Grossman reported that he met with Mr. Tom Bearrows to discuss the proposed revisions. Mr. Bearrows thought it would be worthwhile to have a set of guidelines, liked the idea of including a statement regarding due diligence and academic freedom, did not think setting time limits would work, but agreed that there should be a process in place for revoking naming rights. Professor Grossman said that he advised Mr. Bearrows to take out the word “exclusively” in the part of the document that says naming shall be exclusively within the authority of the Board of Trustees, because the *Statutes* state that the unit, senate, and Senates Conference must be consulted when an academic unit is renamed.

3. 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.

Professor E. Kaufman noted that the proposed statutory revisions had been transmitted to the President.

4. ST-65. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.a. (4) and (5), change the title of USC Secretary to USC Vice Chair. Transmitted to Senates 2/21/06.

Professor E. Kaufman noted that the proposed statutory revisions had been transmitted to the senates.

5. OT-226. Permissible Use Policy.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the document approved by the Conference had been sent to Vice President Gardner. He suggested that the Conference discuss the document, which offers suggested changes to existing University policies, with Vice President Gardner during the Executive Session.

6. OT-227. The Global Campus.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the Conference would discuss the Global Campus with Vice President Gardner during the Executive Session.

7. OT-228. Policy on Retirement and Reemployment at the University of Illinois.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the draft policy would be discussed with President White during the Executive Session.

8. OT-213. Five-Year Review of the Position of Vice President for Technology and Economic Development.

Professor E. Kaufman told the Conference that he is on the committee that will be reviewing the strategic plan of the Office of the Vice President for Technology and Economic Development. Professor Schacht urged the USC five-year review committee to consult people who interact with the office.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

10. Campus Updates.

Professor Vernon Burton, Chair of the UIUC SEC, commented that one goal this year is to get the notion of shared governance back on the table. He said that there are several new appointments in administration and people need to be reminded that they need to consult with the faculty. He added that the Chief is always on the agenda. Professor Schacht said that the new provost at UIUC, Linda Kaheti, begins in April. The campus strategic plan is coming along. Professor Bodenhorn said that the UIS Campus Senate had a retreat on shared governance. Professor L. Kaufman said that UIC has decided to start a high school on the west side of the campus.

11. 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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Professors Grossman, E. Kaufman

12. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
April 11, 2006

Professor Joseph Finnerty

### 13. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information about the pending items.

## VI. Guest

Vice President Rugg began by discussing his various roles as Vice President of Administration. Vice President Rugg is the University's chief business and financial officer, Comptroller of the University, and Treasurer of the Foundation. Offices that report to him are Business and Financial Services, Human Resources, Facilities Planning and Programs, Planning and Budgeting, and Administrative Information Technology Services. The latter two are shared with the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Vice President Rugg said that some of his duties will change when the University hires a Chief Financial Officer. President White concluded that the University needs a CFO in order to have someone with deep and broad experience in finance since the University will not be able to count on the state in the future to fund operations and facilities to the same degree as in the past. Vice President Rugg said that his role has been focused primarily on planning and budgeting, and working with IBHE and the legislature. He will still oversee Facilities Planning and Programs, Human Resources, Planning and Budgeting, and AITS. He discussed some of the organizational changes in University Administration over the years. The group discussed the future of the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Vice President Rugg commented on how disappointing the state's underfunding of the pension system has been. While there is constitutional protection of the pension system, it is possible that more of the cost could be shifted to the institutions. Professor E. Kaufman discussed the negative impact that the retroactive rate increase for fringe benefits has had on research grants. In addition, the University pays for fringe benefits over nine months, but the coverage is for twelve months. Those who teach in the summer in addition to their nine-month appointment then pay again for the fringe benefits. Vice President Rugg said that the double counting problem is worth pursuing. Professor E. Kaufman also suggested that the indirect cost rate on grants should be higher.

Professor Kaufman thanked Vice President Rugg for meeting with the Conference.

## VII. Executive Session

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

## VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 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-62. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Section 11 – to clarify employment policies applicable to Academic Professional Employees at the University Administration level. Passed UIUC Senate 9/19/05. Transmitted to Senates 10/11/05. Passed UIC Senate 12/1/05.

ST-63. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Articles II, Section 2.a. (2), change the beginning date for which terms of members begin. Transmitted to Senates 10/11/05. Passed UIC Senate 12/1/05. Passed UIS Senate 1/20/06.

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.

BG-17. 2005-06 University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee.

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.

OT-161. Non-Tenure-Track Academic Staff Appointments.

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.

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

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.