

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, March 31, 2005

PLACE: Room 406 Illini Union, Urbana

PRESENT: Bodenhorn, Finnerty, Grossman (Chair), Gupta, B. Jones, W. Jones, Kagan, E. Kaufman, Langley, Mallory, Massat, Schacht, Tolliver, Wheeler, Yu

ABSENT: Chambers, Ford, L. Kaufman, Strom, Wood

GUESTS: Chester Gardner, Joseph White

Professor Grossman, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:05 a.m. He introduced Professor Al Kagan, who is completing the term of Professor Ward Henson.

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of February 28, 2005

Professor Tolliver noticed that on Page 9, under Campus Updates, it indicated that Professor Grossman said that the UIUC Senate met with the President. She thought that the President met with the Senate Executive Committee. Professor Grossman confirmed that it was the Senate Executive Committee, not the full Senate, that met with the President. The minutes were approved as amended.

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.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of April 26, 2005

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, March 11, 2005
 - R34-12 Educational Leadership Program Proposal Outline for Graduate Certificate in Legal Aspects of Education
 2. University of Illinois at Chicago, March 17, 2005
 - PR-05.30 Establishment of a Minor in Information Technology
 - PR-05.35 Establishment of a New Course Subject (Rubric), IT (Information Technology)
 - PR-05.38 Revision of the Master of Arts in Political Science
 - PR-05.39 Redesignation of the Concentration in International Development, Master of Urban Planning and Policy Program (MUPP) and Ph.D. in Urbana Planning and Policy
 - PR-05.40 Revision of the Master of Public Administration
 - PR-05.41 Revision of the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (Entry-level)
 - PR-05.42 Establishment a New Graduate Degree, the Doctor of Philosophy in Oral Sciences
 - PR-05.43 Revision of the Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist and Nurse Practitioner Concentrations
 - PR-05.44 Revision of the Master of Arts in Art History
 - PR-05.46 Revision to the Pediatric and Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist Concentrations

- PR-05.47 Revision of the School Nurse Specialist and School Nurse Practitioner Concentrations
- PR-05.48 Eliminate Several Concentrations Offered by the Department of Medical-Surgical Nursing
- PR-05.50 Revision of the Ph.D. in Pharmacognosy
- PR-05.52 Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a Major in Gender and Women's Studies
- PR-05.53 Revision of the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance
- PR-05.54 Revision of the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre
- EP-05.07 Establish a New General Education Curriculum

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 28, 2005

- EP.05.08 Proposal to Discontinue the Science and Letters Curriculum in Finance, LAS
- EP.05.14 Proposal from FAA for a Minor in Architecture
- EP.05.20 Proposal to Revise the Undergraduate Computer Science Curriculum, ENGR
- EP.05.23 Proposal from ENGR for a Minor in Materials Science and Engineering
- EP.05.24 Proposal from International Programs and Studies for the EU Center to be Granted Center Status

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

4. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 28, 2005

- SP.01.04 Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8.a. – General Provisions, Amendments

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

5. University of Illinois at Springfield, March 25, 2005

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

None.

IV. New Business

1. OT-217. President's Summit on Strategic Leadership.

Professor Grossman commented on the summit that was held on March 29. He said that President White convened the event that included 65 leaders from University Administration and the campuses, the Alumni Association, and the U of I Foundation. He attended, along with Professors Kaufman, Langley, and Strom. Professor Langley felt that it was a very insightful day. President White was an excellent facilitator and his message was consistent. She said that the President discussed reorganization, taking into account that there would never be an influx of additional state money, and the need to control our own destiny.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the University receives \$1B a year from the state, which is the University's largest source of revenue. The President's message was that we have to be effective in reorganizing and reallocating those dollars. Professor E. Kaufman told the Conference that there is a specific timetable for the strategic plan, with the preliminary draft of the central strategic plan being completed in July, the campus plans completed in October, and everything being done by the end of December. He said that the process will move quickly, so the faculty must be willing to participate according to the timetable in order to be involved.

Professor Langley said that on-line education was discussed at the summit. The University has not done a good job of marketing what it has to offer, and there are many populations that are under-served. Professor Grossman said that the discussion implied that the University cannot be dismissive of new ideas.

Professor E. Kaufman said that specifics of the process were not discussed. He did not know exactly how the faculty would be involved. Professor Schacht felt that the fast-track timeline would make it difficult to have meaningful input from the faculty. Professor Kagan expressed the need to be even more attentive to communicating what we know

with our own senates and faculty. Professor Grossman said that it would be important to ask the chancellors how the faculty will be involved as they are building their strategic plan. Professor E. Kaufman added that the faculty need to be involved at the college level as well. Professor B. Jones commented that there are many integral parts of the University that have to be considered in order to have a plan with the potential of being implemented.

2. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Thursday, May 19, 2005

Professor Elliot Kaufman

V. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. 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.

Professor Grossman noted that this item would be discussed with the President during the Executive Session.

4. OT-157. Chief Illiniwek.

Professor Grossman asked if there was a need to discuss this issue before bringing it up with the President. Professor Finnerty mentioned the guidelines for resolving the Chief Illiniwek issue that were circulated at the Board meeting. Some Conference members reacted to the Board's lack of action on the Chief issue over the past several months and thought the six points fell short. Professor Grossman mentioned the lawsuit against the Board of Trustees regarding the Chief. He expressed concern over whether state money would be used to defend the lawsuit. Professor Kagan said he had received a press release from the National Coalition on Racism in Sports and the Media that mentioned a self study the NCAA is doing on its expressed misgivings about sports symbols. Professor Grossman said that the UIUC Interim Chancellor has put together a committee to respond to the North Central Association as to whether the Chief has an affect on educational effectiveness. He also noted that the UIUC Senate has weighed in on the issue twice by passing resolutions calling for the retirement of the Chief.

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

Professor E. Kaufman reported that he sent a letter to Vice President Chicoine regarding the review and requested various information about the office. He plans to meet with the Vice President in April. The VPTED Office is in the process of reorganizing and the review will coincide with the process. Professor E. Kaufman expects that the review

committee will offer assistance and make suggestions during the reorganization process. Both the reorganization and the review should be completed during the fall.

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

Professor Grossman reminded the Conference that members from each campus were to report back to the Conference on faculty involvement in information technology decisions. He said that UIUC Interim Chancellor Herman sent him a letter indicating that he plans to add faculty to campus committees that provide advice on system priorities and needs. The Chancellor also supports adding faculty to the University Information Technology Priorities Committee. Professor Grossman encouraged UIC and UIS Conference members to ask their chancellors to include faculty on campus committees dealing with IT issues.

The Conference decided to inform Professor David Ruzic that USC supports putting more faculty on ITPC and its subcommittees and increasing faculty participation on campus committees.

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

Professor Grossman reviewed the origin of this item. At the UIUC annual meeting of the faculty in the fall, a faculty member raised the issue of the different ways to select Board of Trustees members and asked if this was something the UIUC Senate should explore. The UIUC Senate Executive Committee did not believe it was appropriate for it to take up the issue. Professor Grossman reminded the Conference that it also considered taking up the issue, which is basically to consider whether the Board should be appointed or elected, and decided that it should not take a stance.

Professor Grossman referred to a document from the Association of Governing Boards, which was included in the agenda information, about selecting governing boards at public universities. Professor Kagan said that he found the document very useful and asked who would take this issue on if this body does not. Professor Grossman said that it was a legislative issue and he has passed the information on to local legislators. Professor Mallory suggested that the AGB document be given to Mr. Rick Schoell of Governmental Relations. She also said that she would like to see support for all three campuses from throughout the state and one way to do that would be for trustees to come from different regions.

Professor Grossman felt that the faculty should not be promoting one side or the other (appointed vs. elected). Professor B. Jones thought that the real issue was who is chosen rather than how trustees are chosen. He thought that there should be a way to give advice as to what type of person is needed. Professor E. Kaufman commented that the process of electing Board members had its problems as well. Professor Massat pointed out that some of the comments made dealt with non-political issues, such as improving the appointment process in order to select the best people. Professor Kagan referred to a section of the

AGB report that stated 34 states use some sort of screening commission to nominate judicial candidates. Even though the report is somewhat out-of-date, the concept is valid. Professor W. Jones asked if the Alumni Association still had a role in making recommendations to the Governor for appointments. Professor Grossman did not think the Alumni Association was still involved in the process.

The Conference decided to create an ad hoc committee to study the process of selecting Board of Trustees members. Professors Mallory and Massat volunteered to be on the committee. Professor Ford, who was not present, was recommended to be the UIS member of the committee due to her involvement in governmental relations issues. The group was asked to report back at the next USC meeting.

8. ST-61. Proposed Changes to the Process for Amending the *Statutes*.

Professor Finnerty reported that the UIUC Senate had a first reading at its March 28 meeting. The University Statutes and Senate Procedures Committee met the next day and modified a few words in the background section. The document will be an action item at the Senate's next meeting, April 25.

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

Professor E. Kaufman said that he has been working with Mr. Rick Schoell to try to find a way to schedule legislators to meet with the Conference. They decided that the best way would be to invite a small group of area legislators to an informal gathering at each campus. There would be a pre-meeting dinner the evening before the September meeting in Urbana, the January meeting in Chicago, and the April meeting in Springfield. The President, campus chancellor, and the Vice President for Academic Affairs would also be invited. There would be a briefing before the event with the legislators and a debriefing the next morning by Mr. Schoell. Professor E. Kaufman also suggested inviting the other vice presidents to USC meetings once a year. Professor Mallory said that she would like to find a way to get the legislators on the campuses and perhaps even in the classrooms. Professor Grossman urged the senates to invite their local legislatures to campus.

10. Campus Updates.

Professor Langley said that the UIS campus has been involved in strategic planning. The campus has also been working on general education reform and adding more first-year students outside of the Capital Scholars Program. She discussed problems due to the underfunded infrastructure of the campus. Professor Mallory reported that the UIUC Chancellor search is on track. Professor Grossman said that the Urbana Senate had a short presentation by Mr. James Hacking, Executive Director of SURS, explaining what the Governor's pension reform proposal means as it affects current and new employees. Professor W. Jones said that on April 20 there would be an all day seminar to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of Mayor Richard J. Daley. In the evening there will be a gala where proceeds will presumably go to the Library.

(The remaining items 11-13 on the agenda were not discussed due to a lack of time.)

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.

Report:

AAMT	March 16, 2005	Professors Grossman, E. Kaufman, and Langley
BAHRMT	March 9, 2005	Professors Massat and Yu
UTMT	March 3, 2005	Professor Mallory

12. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Thursday, March 10, 2005

Professor Barclay Jones

13. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

Conference members were asked to review the addendum and comment if they knew of any new information. The Conference was also to determine whether any of the pending items could be removed.

The Conference adjourned from the business meeting at 12:30 p.m. for lunch with Vice President Gardner, Mr. Tom Eakman, and Mr. Larry Mann. The Executive Session began at 1:40 p.m.

VI. Executive Session

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

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Pending USC Items
March 31, 2005

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. Request to Senates to Consider MYC Issues 2/13/04. Passed UIUC Senate 2/14/05.

BG-15. 2004-05 University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee.

BG-16. Review of the Charge to the 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. Passed UIUC Senate 7/7/03. Transmitted to the President 8/29/03. Revisions approved by USC 1/23/04. Transmitted to Senates 3/3/04. Presented to UIUC Senate 4/26/04. Passed UIC Senate 4/29/04. Passed UIS Senate 5/7/04. Transmitted to the President 6/14/04. President's letter to the Chancellors 7/19/04.

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

OT-191. Severe Sanctions Less Than Dismissal -- Follow-up and Senate Procedures. Implementation Passed UIUC Senate 4/28/03. Implementation Passed UIS Senate 10/24/03.

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

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-212. Proposed Draft Resolutions from the UIUC Senate General University Policy Committee.

OT-214. Flexible Tenure.

OT-216. Policies and Practices Pertaining to Academic Professional Employees in the University Administration.