

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Friday, March 31, 2006

PLACE: Videoconference – 2703 UH (UIC), 180G LIB (UIS), 67B HAB (UIUC)

PRESENT: Bodenhorn, Chambers, Finnerty, Ford, B. Jones, W. Jones, Kagan, E. Kaufman (Chair), L. Kaufman, Langley (Secretary), Schacht, Scheff, Tolliver, Wheeler

ABSENT: Anderson, Fossum, Grossman, Mallory, Massat, Weller

GUESTS: Chester Gardner, Gerald Strom

Professor Elliot Kaufman, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed Professor Gerald Strom, UIC Senate Executive Committee Chair, to the meeting.

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of March 8, 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.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of April 25, 2006

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

1. University of Illinois at Chicago, March 16, 2006

- PR-06.35 Elimination of the Ph.D. in Geotechnical Engineering and Geosciences
- PR-06.36 Revision of the Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Policy
- PR-06.37 Revision of the Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Concentration
- PR-06.39 Revision of the Master of Business Administration Program
- PR-06.40 Establish a Concentration in Clinical Research in the Master of Science in Public Health Program
- PR-06.41 Revision of the Minor in Computer Engineering
- PR-06.42 Revision of the Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering
- PR-06.43 Revision of the Master of Science (MS) in Public Health: Core, Concentration in Epidemiology, and Concentration in EOHS
- PR-06.44 Revision of the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Neuroscience
- PR-06.45 Establish the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program
- PR-06.46 Revision of the Community Health Sciences Concentration, Master of Public Health
- PR-06.47 Revision of the Chicago Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program
- PR-06.48 Revision of the Rockford Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program
- PR-06.49 Revision of the Urbana Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program
- PR-06.50 Revision of the Peoria Doctor of Medicine (MD) Programs
- PR-06.51 Establishment of an Asian American Studies (ASAM) Subject (Rubric)
- CP-06.03 Establish an Emergency Management and Continuity Planning (EMCP) Campus Certificate

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, March 24, 2006

R35-16 Proposed Addition of Concentrations to the Post Master's Certificate Program in Education Leadership

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 27, 2006

EP.06.34 Revision to the Art Education Undergraduate Curriculum within the School of Art and Design

EP.06.39 Proposal to Rename the College of Applied Life Studies to the College of Applied Health Sciences

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

4. University of Illinois at Chicago, March 16, 2006

Approved Proposed Revisions to *The General Rules*, Article III, Section 7 (USC GR-38)

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

5. University of Illinois at Springfield, March 24, 2006

R35-9 Revisions to *Statutes*, Article IX, Section II, Employment of Academic Professional Staff

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

6. University of Illinois at Chicago, March 16, 2006

cNs,u Approved Academic Professional Representation on the UIC Senate

7. University of Illinois at Springfield, March 24, 2006

sNc,u R35-17 Resolution to Replace University Bill 14-9 – On-Campus English Testing

sNc,u R35-18 Resolution Proposing Changes in the Policy on Academic Minors

sNc,u R35-19 Resolution to Adopt a Dual Credit Policy (To Accept College Level Courses Taken in High School)

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. 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.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the proposed revisions to *The General Rules* had passed all three senates. By voice vote, the Conference approved sending the proposal to the President with the recommendation that it be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

IV. New Business

2. OT-229. University Administration Reorganization.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the Conference needed to carefully consider its advice to the President as to whether there needs to be the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs. He said that he and some of the other Conference members from Chicago met with Chancellor Manning the day before to discuss her thoughts about the position, which she formerly held. Some of the attendees came out of the meeting with the new view that perhaps the University does not need a VPAA. Professor E. Kaufman commented that the Conference might want to interact more with the chancellors if the position is eliminated. He said that he is trying to schedule a meeting with Chancellor Herman to discuss the VPAA position.

Professor B. Jones reminded the Conference that President White indicated that he would have more of a prominent role in academic issues, along with the chancellors, if the VPAA position is eliminated. Professor Langley commented that the University Senates Conference would fundamentally change if the decision-making process currently at the UA level is decentralized and passed down to the chancellors. She added that it seems like the institution is heading towards three separate universities. Professor Finnerty said that, while there would be changes to the duties of USC, there are still common interests among the campuses.

Professor Langley suggested that there be a small group within the Conference to hammer out the rationales for keeping or eliminating the position. She also suggested that other people be consulted who have been in or close to the position. The Conference decided to create an *ad hoc* committee. Professors E. Kaufman, Langley, and Schacht volunteered to serve.

3. OT-230. USC Term Limits.

Professor E. Kaufman said that this item was to clarify the Conference's understanding of the statutory language regarding terms of service on USC. The issue arose because Professor Langley is the USC Secretary and there was the anticipation that she would be USC Chair next year. Because the chair cannot be from the same campus in two consecutive years, the Conference has rotated the chairship among the campuses by tradition. However, Professor Langley is in the last year of her second three-year term, and the *Statutes* state that "Any faculty senator or faculty senator-elect shall be eligible for election to the conference except that no member shall serve more than two full terms consecutively." The Conference has interpreted this to mean that after a member's second full term, the member must go off of the Conference for a year before becoming eligible for re-election. An exception to the rule has been when someone comes on the Conference for a year or two to fill out the remaining year(s) of a member's term when the member can no longer serve. Then that person is allowed to be elected to two more consecutive full terms. Professor E. Kaufman said that there are two problems: 1) How should the *Statutes* be interpreted? and 2) What do we do about the chair for next year?

Professor Langley said that she would prefer a rule that has consistent results, rather than now where some people can serve seven or eight years and other people can serve only six years. The purpose of the rule is to make sure there is turnover. However, the order in which the terms are served becomes more important than the number of years served. She felt that it would be better to limit the number of years served so that the order in which terms or partial terms are served do not have such a decisive impact.

Professor Schacht commented that there is a clear and consistent rule for everyone in the sense that the number of consecutive full terms that anyone can serve is the same. He did not think that the total number of years served needed to be the operative consideration, as there could also be consequences. He added that the Conference is stuck with a difficult situation, but he did not see a problem with the clarity or consistency of the current language. Professor Kagan said that he is philosophically opposed to term limits and suggested that perhaps the *Statutes* should be changed. Professor L. Kaufman said that it would be difficult to make a change when there is a case on the table. Professor E. Kaufman added that the process for changing the *Statutes* would not allow enough time to resolve the current situation.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the current interpretation does not penalize those who step in to fill a partial term. He added that the current process allows for approximately one-third of the Conference members to be elected annually, which maintains a balance. Professor Langley commented that UIS does not have the same flexibility as the other two campuses since there are only three USC members from UIS.

Professor E. Kaufman suggested that the USC Statutes Committee review the statutory language to consider whether the Conference should propose changes. Professor Schacht suggested that the USC Nominating Committee make a recommendation as to what to do about next year. Professor Langley said that the chair should be from UIS, according to

the Conference's practice of rotating the chair among the campuses. Professor Schacht said that the rotation is not written into the rules, and changes might be necessary in certain situations. Professor E. Kaufman responded that this would happen only if there was no one from a particular campus able to serve as chair. Speaking to Professor Kagan's thoughts about term limits, Professor Wheeler commented that there is a steep learning curve for Conference members. Members are more useful after being on the Conference long enough to know the issues, some of which go on for years. While he agreed that there should be some type of term limits, he added that it does restrict the effectiveness of the Conference.

4. NC-12. Nominating Committee for 2006-07 Officers and Executive Committee.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the USC Chair appoints the Nominating Committee. He asked for advice. Professor Ford volunteered. Professor L. Kaufman agreed to serve. Professor E. Kaufman noted that the USC election procedures require the Nominating Committee to contact each member of USC Executive Committee and as many other USC members as possible for suggestions and advice.

V. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

5. 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. Passed UIS Senate 3/24/06.

Professor E. Kaufman said that all three senates had passed identical language. Professor Schacht made a motion to transmit the proposed revisions to the President. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

6. 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* were scheduled to go to the Board of Trustees at its April 11 meeting. Professor Schacht thought that the Conference should see the document that was going to the Board to find out if the changes recommended by the Conference had been enacted. Professor E. Kaufman did not think the Conference could ask for a delay, but said that he would attempt to get a copy of the document and circulate it to the group.

Professor Langley said that the UIS Senate voted against naming academic programs. She asked if that report was mentioned in the letter given to the President with recommendations. Professor E. Kaufman said that the letter did not note the UIS Senate's action, but pointed out that the Conference's main concern was with the corporate naming of academic programs.

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.

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

8. 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.

VI. Executive Session

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

V. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items (continued)

9. OT-227. The Global Campus.

There were no further comments.

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

No new information.

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

No new information.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings. Professor E. Kaufman mentioned that there would be a dinner on April 24, the night before the next USC meeting, with local legislators being invited. He said that Chancellor Ringeisen planned to attend. Professor E. Kaufman also told the Conference that President White would not be available to attend the April 24 dinner and April 25 meeting. The Conference decided to schedule a videoconference with President White later in the week of the meeting.

13. Campus Updates.

No information was reported.

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

ITPC March 29, 2006 Professors L. Kaufman

UTMT March 16, 2006 Professors L. Kaufman

15. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago
March 9, 2006 Professor L. Kaufman

16. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
April 11, 2006 Professor Joseph Finnerty

17. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information about the pending items.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Pending USC Items
March 31, 2006

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.

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-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.

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-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.

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.

OT-226. Permissible Use Policy.