

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, April 25, 2006

PLACE: Room C, Public Affairs Center, UIS

PRESENT: Anderson, Bodenhorn, Finnerty, Ford, Fossum, Grossman, B. Jones, W. Jones, Kagan, E. Kaufman (Chair), Langley (Secretary), Mallory, Massat, Schacht, Scheff, Weller, Wheeler

ABSENT: Chambers, L. Kaufman, Tolliver

GUESTS: Harry Berman, Chester Gardner

Professor Elliot Kaufman, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Conference discussed the interactions that took place with the guests during the dinner the evening before. The Conference also discussed whether the meetings with legislators had been beneficial. Some members mentioned that there seemed to be a lack of communication to legislators and alumni regarding the value of the University system. One legislator at the previous night's dinner, a UIUC graduate, said that he had never been invited back to the University. *The Conference decided that it should be better organized before meeting with legislators. Professor Kagan suggested that the Conference find out whether the invited legislators have supported higher education. He also suggested that the Conference learn about the legislators' backgrounds, as in the information that Professor Mallory provided, in order to facilitate meaningful discussions.*

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of March 31, 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.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of May 24, 2006

Class III: Amendments to the *University of Illinois Statutes*. 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.

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

1. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 3, 2006

EP.06.16 Merge the Departments of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics and of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering and Rename the Combined Department the Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 7, 2006

R35-21 Graduate Certificate in Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 24, 2006

EP.06.31 Request for a Program in Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology, ACES and LAS

EP.06.33 Proposal to Terminate the Teacher Education Minor in Physical Education, ALS

EP.06.36 Revision of Undergraduate Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Finance, BUS

EP.06.37 Revised Major in Science and Letters Curriculum for Anthropology, LAS

EP.06.41 Graduate Minor in African American Studies

EP.06.42 Change in Degree Title from Ed.D. in Art Education to Ph.D. in Art Education, FAA

EP.06.43 Revised Core Curriculum for the Master of Architecture (M.Arch.) Degree

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

4. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 3, 2006

SP.04.03 Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX and X, to provide multi-year contracts, and related dismissal procedures, for certain academic staff (First Reading)

SP.06.05 Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII (First Reading)

SP.06.11 Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, section 2.a.(4) and (5) (First Reading)

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

5. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 7, 2006

R35-20 Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.a. (4) and (5), change the title of USC Secretary to USC Vice Chair

R35-22 Revisions to University *Statutes* to provide for Multi-year appointments

6. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 24, 2006

SP.04.03 Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX and X, to provide multi-year contracts, and related dismissal procedures, for certain academic staff

SP.06.05 Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII

SP.06.11 Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, section 2.a.(4) and (5)

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

7. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 7, 2006

sNc,u R35-23 Revisions to the Faculty Personnel Policies – Procedures for Multi-year appointments

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. 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. Passed UIUC Senate 4/3/06.

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

IV. New Business

2. ST-66. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII – Changes in Academic Organization. Passed UIUC Senate 4/24/06.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the UIUC Senate approved this item. Professor Grossman commented that there are several issues within the proposed revisions. One is to define a unit and a tenure home. In Urbana, there are thirty faculty members tenured or on the tenure-track in programs, not departments. Another issue addresses what would happen to a tenure or tenure-track professor in a program that is discontinued. Also addressed is defining the type of consultation with the senates that should take place when there is a merger of units or programs. Professor Kagan added that the proposed revisions are also to clarify that “with the advice of the faculty” means that there should be a vote.

Professor Langley said that lines 6-10 regarding tenure home violates UIS campus policy in that tenure does not reside at the college level, but rather at the campus level. She suggested an approach of determining the fundamental principles and then letting the campuses work out the details.

Professor Grossman said that the language attempts to distinguish that there is a difference between where tenure resides and the tenure home.

The Conference agreed to transmit the document to the other senates.

3. GR-40. Proposed Revisions to *The General Rules*, Article III (Intellectual Property), Sections 1-8, and Article V (University Property), Sections 1-3.

Professor E. Kaufman said that he was approached by Vice President Chicoine with the proposed revisions to *The General Rules*. The University's Intellectual Property Committee has been going through *The General Rules* and has proposed many changes, most of which reflect modern terminology. He said that there would be additional supporting documents, some new and some revisions of existing documents, coming from the Intellectual Property Committee.

The Conference agreed to transmit the proposed revisions to the senates since any changes to *The General Rules* that deal with patents, copyrightable works, or recordings are required to go through the senates and the Senates Conference. Professor E. Kaufman indicated that the proposed revisions should also be referred to the USC Statutes Committee.

Professor Schacht commented that the last section dealing with private use of University property is a variant to common practice. He said that, while this section does not contain any proposed changes, it is part of the problem where different policies are in conflict.

4. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Thursday, May 11, 2006

To be determined

V. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

5. OT-229. University Administration Reorganization.

Professor E. Kaufman reported that some of the Chicago USC members met with Chancellor Manning to discuss the Vice President for Academic Affairs position. He said that he had scheduled a meeting with Chancellor Herman for the Urbana USC members the next week. Professor Ford recommended that the Conference talk with the provosts about the position.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the person in the VPAA position defines much of the role. The Conference questioned whether it would be wise to not have a VPAA since the President's schedule often conflicts with USC meetings. Professor Finnerty mentioned that the budget has been the responsibility of the VPAA. He said that it would be important for the person in the new position of CFO to recognize and understand the importance of academic needs when figuring the numbers. Professor Langley said that the UIS campus has had a lot of interaction with the person in the VPAA position. She added that she does not know who else could have done the things that the VPAA handled and worries about the demise of the position. Professor Schacht commented that President White met with the UIUC Senate Executive Committee and expressed his opinion of the position. Professor Schacht felt that someone with the central focus of academic affairs needed to be in University Administration. Professor E. Kaufman noted that UI Online,

Banner, and the Administrative Review are some of the major accomplishments of the VPAA that might not have gotten done otherwise.

6. OT-227. The Global Campus.

Professor E. Kaufman noted that this item would be discussed with Vice President Gardner. He added that the plan is to have a consultative process that will include the senates.

7. 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.

Professor E. Kaufman noted that this item was approved by the Board of Trustees on April 11. The Conference decided to keep this item on the agenda until supplemental guidelines are established.

8. 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. Transmitted to the President 4/10/06.

No new information.

9. 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.

No new information.

10. 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.

Professor E. Kaufman said that UIS approved the document referred to the senates with two modifications. The UIUC Senate approved the modified document as well. The UIC Senate has approved language, but has not considered the modifications made by UIS. Professor E. Kaufman said that the revised document would go before the UIC Senate on Thursday, April 27. He asked the Conference if it would be permissible to send the proposed revisions to the President, pending the UIC Senate's approval of the language on Thursday, rather than wait until the next USC meeting. Professor Finnerty did not think it was a good idea to shortcut the process. Professor Kagan did not think the Conference

would be subverting the process by taking a vote today. The Conference decided to wait until its meeting on Friday, April 28, to consider transmitting it to the President.

11. 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. Passed UIS Senate 4/7/06. Passed UIUC Senate 4/24/06.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the UIC Senate would have its second reading on Thursday. The Conference decided to act at its meeting on Friday, if necessary.

12. OT-230. USC Term Limits.

Professor Finnerty said that the USC Statutes Committee was considering whether to recommend keeping the language as it is, completely do away with term limits, or specifically spell out the number of years that can be served.

Professor Langley said that she does not support terms limits because it punishes people who have advanced knowledge of the issues and institutional memory. The current system allows some people to serve longer than others. She added that the senates should have the choice to vote for whomever they want to represent them. Professor Grossman felt that the current system works because stepping out for a year allows new members the chance to participate, and those who want to come back in a year still can, therefore preserving the experience and institutional memory. Professor Kagan said that there is a steep learning curve when joining USC. He did not think there was a good reason to limit terms. Professor Schacht commented that at the end of the second term people become seasoned enough to be ready to step into a leadership role.

The Conference took an unofficial vote to find out how many were in favor of ending term limits and how many wanted to keep terms limits. The majority, 11 of 17, believed that term limits should be ended. Professor Finnerty said that he would draft language to reflect the Conference's intentions.

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

Professor Kaufman noted that the Nominating Committee had been appointed: Professors Nancy Ford, Michael Grossman, and Lon Kaufman.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

15. Campus Updates.

No information was reported.

16. 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 April 5, 2006 No report

UTMT April 20, 2006 No report

17. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Thursday, April 11, 2006

Professor Joseph Finnerty

Professor Finnerty provided a written report.

18. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information about the pending items.

VI. Executive Session

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

VII. Guest

Provost Harry Berman said that Sangamon State University came about 31 years ago during a time when community colleges were opening at a peak rate. Over the last ten years, the senior institution has not been the best model because four-year institutions are accepting a larger number of transfer students. Also, two-year upper division schools create less involved alumni and donors. There had been discussions and planning to create a lower-division program, but it did not come to fruition until SSU became a part of the University of Illinois.

Provost Berman reported that UIS has 4500 students taking classes on campus and 1500 online students. The Capital Scholars Program has admitted approximately 100 to 120 students a year. This fall, 280 first-year students will be starting. The campus has about 180 faculty members, and there are currently 43 faculty searches taking place.

Provost Berman remarked that the campus has deep roots in shared governance. However, there needs to be a proper balance so that everyone is not involved in every discussion. Decision-making responsibilities need to be given to certain people with informed expertise so that others can focus on their work. The UIS members commented that the current administrative leadership does not consult as much as the past administrative leaderships.

Provost Berman said that there are some concerns with the Global Campus. However, what the University will offer will be distinct and have a competitive advantage. UIS can continue with its current online programs, or deliver degree programs through the Global

Campus if it chooses. He added that there are some financially positive incentives.

Professor E. Kaufman thanked Provost Berman for meeting with the Conference.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Pending USC Items
April 25, 2006

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-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.

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

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.

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