

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, April 26, 2005

PLACE: Room G, Public Affairs Center, Springfield

PRESENT: Bodenhorn, Chambers, Finnerty, Ford, Grossman (Chair), Gupta, B. Jones, W. Jones, Kagan, E. Kaufman, L. Kaufman, Langley, Mallory, Schacht, Strom, Tolliver, Wood, Yu

ABSENT: Massat, Wheeler

GUESTS: Chester Gardner, Richard Ringeisen, Joseph White

The Conference reviewed its confidentiality policy. Professor Grossman said that the Executive Sessions should be considered confidential. He added that the President and Vice President will sometimes remind the Conference that the discussion is confidential when a certain topic is particularly confidential. Professor Kagan asked whether the materials sent with the agenda packets, including the minutes, are confidential. Professor E. Kaufman said that most documents should be considered public unless specifically marked as confidential. He added that in cases where there is uncertainty as to whether an item is confidential, members should be conservative. Professor W. Jones commented that expression of opinions by the President and Vice President should be kept confidential. It was noted that the minutes are on the USC website, although the text of the Executive Session is suppressed. Professor Grossman said that Conference members should think in terms of collegiality when deciding whether to repeat something another Conference member has said. Professor Langley commented that the candid discussions that take place with the President could be jeopardized if the Conference breaches confidentiality. She added that the way that it is handled now and has been handled for some time has worked.

Professor Grossman, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of March 25, 2005

The minutes were approved as distributed.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of May 25, 2005

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.

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

1. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 25, 2005

- EP.05.09 Urban Planning Minor
- EP.05.17 Proposal from LAS for the Creation of an American Indian Studies Program
- EP.05.18 Proposal to Combine Two Majors in ACE
- EP.05.25 Proposal to Add CI:199 to Graduation Requirements, College of Education
- EP.05.26 Proposal to Change the Name of the Graduate Degrees in Electrical & Computer Engineering
- EP.05.21 Guidelines for Graduate Concentrations

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

2. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 25, 2005GP.03.06 Resolution on the Revision of the *General Rules*, Article III

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

3. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 25, 2005SP.01.04 Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8.a. –
General Provisions, Amendments (Action)SP.05.07 Revision to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Section 11 (Information)

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

4. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 8, 2005

sNc,u R34-14 Changing the Name of the Capital Scholars Program

5. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 22, 2005

sNc,u R34-11 Specification of Background and Experience for Faculty Rank

sNc,u R34-15 Revising the UIS General Education Requirements

Explanation of File NumbersST - 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-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.

Professor Grossman said that the Evaluation of Ability to Work document is now University Policy. Professor Strom moved to remove OT-89 from the agenda. The motion was seconded. With no objections, OT-89 was removed from the agenda.

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

Professor Grossman said that one resolution has been dealt with and another has become a new *General Rules* item. Professor Wood moved to remove OT-212 from the agenda. The motion was seconded. With no objections, OT-212 was removed from the agenda.

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

Professor Grossman said that this item is now a *Statutes* item. He noted that the UIUC Senate has proposed statutory language. Professor Chambers moved to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded. With no objections, OT-216 was removed from the agenda.

IV. New Business

4. GR-38. Proposed Revision to *The General Rules*, Article III, Section 7 (j).

Professor Schacht said that the focus of the UIUC Senate's resolution relates to the fact that, as the *General Rules* now read, the chancellors are cut out of any explicit role in intellectual property administration on the three campuses. Various responsibilities are now in the portfolio of the Vice President for Technology and Economic Development. The resolution requests that the Board of Trustees amend *The General Rules* in order to put the chancellors back into the process for the responsibilities in these areas. Professor Schacht mentioned that there are no regular procedures for requesting changes to the *The General Rules*. He said that he hoped the other senates and the Senates Conference would join in to support the resolution.

Professor Strom asked if the UIUC Senate required multiple readings of the resolution. Professor Schacht said that it did not. The resolution was presented and approved at the meeting the day before.

Professor Finnerty commented that the Conference should consider how this issue might accord with the relationship between the University Administration and the campuses. Professor L. Kaufman thought that the Conference should find out about any changes in budget flow that might have been made when the chancellors were cut out of the process.

Professor Schacht said that there would still be the problem of dual reporting lines if the proposed amendment is approved.

Professor Strom moved to transmit the UIUC Senate resolution to the UIC and UIS Senates for consideration. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

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.

Professor Finnerty said that the UIUC Senate had a first reading at its meeting the day before. He reminded the Conference that President Stukel sent a letter to academic professionals stating that employees in University Administration would follow the rules on the campus at which they reside. The proposed amendment to the *Statutes* would reflect this.

V. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

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

The Conference discussed the University of Illinois Plan for a Brilliant Future. Professor Schacht said that the UIUC Senate General University Policy committee's main concern was in regards to Strategic Goal #3. The Committee did not think it would be appropriate for the teaching and research missions to be driven by somebody's picture of what the most pressing needs are. Professor E. Kaufman suggested adding to the guiding values a statement about ensuring a diverse student population. Professor Schacht suggested adding excellence in undergraduate education. Professor Yu said that she would like to see a statement added about extending and developing the international aspect of the University under the vision section. Professor L. Kaufman viewed the document as overarching in that it includes all aspects of what the University can do, but the campuses do not have to fit into each category under the umbrella. Professor Tolliver thought that arts and culture should not appear to be separate from academic, scholarship, and research.

Professor Grossman reminded that Conference that this was not the final document and there would be opportunities to suggest changes.

7. 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 the President 2/14/02.

Professor Grossman noted that this item would be discussed with the President during the Executive Session. Professor Finnerty thought that the item should go to the Board for its decision as to whether the proposed statutory amendment should be approved.

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

Professor Grossman reminded the Conference that it decided the best way to increase faculty participation would be to do it at the campus level and on the Information Technology Priorities Committee and its subcommittees. He said the Vice President Gardner agreed to the latter and has contacted the provosts. The Conference decided to monitor the effectiveness of this approach.

9. 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.

Professor Strom said that the UIC Senate planned to have a second reading of this item at its next meeting. Professor E. Kaufman indicated that there may be a need to pull it back due to concerns that the title modifiers, which are used differently on each campus, used by UIC might present a problem by diminishing notice rights. He said that the problem could possibly be rectified by adding a sentence to the proposed statutory language. Professor Langley asked to be notified if the UIC Senate passed the item so UIS could consider the language at its next meeting.

The Conference recessed from the business meeting and went into Executive Session.

VI. Executive Session

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

VII. Guest

Chancellor Ringeisen said that he has been at UIS for four years. It is a very exciting time as several initiatives are coming to a culmination. The general education curriculum for students entering in Fall 2006 was approved the week before. For the first time, UIS will admit freshman other than those in the Capital Scholars Program, which has been renamed the Capital Scholars Honors Program. The campus aspires to be a high quality, small public institution.

The strategic planning process for the campus is coming to a close. The process began in Fall 2003 with a task force of 23, although about 200 people were involved at various times. The strategic plan for the campus will be compared to the President's plan for the University.

Chancellor Ringeisen said that the campus plans to have 6,000 students eventually. There are 4,500 students now, and there were 2,200 students four years ago. The student body used to be mostly part-time students. There are currently 700 students living on campus.

More recreational facilities are being planned as they tend to bring students together as a community. The campus is figuring out how to obtain funds to add the additional freshmen and sophomores.

Chancellor Ringeisen commented that he believes in shared governance and appreciates how it works. He acknowledged that there is a natural friction that goes along with it. Chancellor Ringeisen said that UIS has a difficult fundraising base since the campus is only 35 years old and a lot of the former students were part-time. UIS has an endowment of \$6.5M. The campus does not have a corporate fundraising base.

Chancellor Ringeisen was asked why UIS did not consider expanding significantly in order to increase its income fund since the campus does not receive research dollars and the state is not increasing funds to the University. He said that the campus and the Board of Trustees decided to keep the campus small because there is a need for a small, high quality public institution in Illinois. He added that he believes the right choice was made.

Chancellor Ringeisen said that this summer the campus will have been part of the University of Illinois for ten years.

The business meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

V. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items - continued

10. ST-61. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8.a. – General Provisions, Amendments.

Professor Finnerty reported that the UIUC Senate approved language at its meeting the day before. He said that he felt negotiation and consensus was important when proposing changes to the *Statutes*. Professor Kagan commented that the USC Protocols for Relations of Senates Conference to Campus Senates would need to be revised if the statutory amendment is approved.

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

Professor E. Kaufman commented that Vice President Chicoine sees the review as an opportunity to do a self-study. Vice President Chicoine has provided documentation about his office and a long list of people to contact. Professor E. Kaufman said that much of the review will be done over the summer. He added that this was not a review of either of the Offices of Technology Management.

12. BG-16. Review of the Charge to the University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee.

Professor E. Kaufman said that he and Professor B. Jones were reviewing the charge to the committee. Professor B. Jones said that there will have to be a lot of reallocation this coming year and there does not seem to be input from a faculty point of view. Professor E. Kaufman added that there will be no new dollars, so how the University reallocates its resources will determine its future. Professor B. Jones said that the faculty from the campuses need to get involved. Professor Grossman commented that the UIUC campus has the Campus Budget Oversight Committee. Professor E. Kaufman said that UIC has a Budget and Planning Committee. He also said that the USC committee seems to operate more like an ad hoc committee. The Conference decided to consider whether there was a place in the process for the USC committee and discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

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

Professor Grossman said that Trustee Shah planned to meet with the Conference in May and Trustee Eppley in July. The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to the June meeting.

14. Campus Updates.

Professor Mallory said that the UIUC Campus has a new chancellor, Richard Herman. Professor Grossman reported that the UIUC Senate elected Joyce Tolliver, Robert Fossum, and him as the new and continuing members to USC. The Senate also approved procedures for a provost search. Professor Strom said that a town hall meeting was held to discuss the UIC strategic thinking document. Professor Ford said that the UIS Senate passed a general education curriculum. She also said that she will be chairing the search for a new provost.

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.

Reports:

BAHRMT	April 14, 2005	Professor Yu
UTMT	April 7, 2005	Professor Mallory

16. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Thursday, May 19, 2005

Professor Elliot Kaufman

17. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

The Conference reviewed the pending agenda items.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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

OT-157. Chief Illiniwek.

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-211. Process for Selecting Board of Trustees Members.

OT-214. Flexible Tenure.