

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Wednesday, May 24, 2006

PLACE: General Lounge, Illini Union, UIUC

PRESENT: Bodenhorn, Finnerty, B. Jones, Kagan, E. Kaufman (Chair), Langley (Secretary), Mallory, Massat, Scheff, Tolliver, Wheeler

ABSENT: Anderson, Chambers, Ford, Fossum, Grossman, W. Jones, L. Kaufman, Schacht, Weller

GUESTS: Vernon Burton, Charles Evans, Chester Gardner, Willis Regier, Robert Rich, Joseph White

Professor Elliot Kaufman, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. Executive Session

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

II. Guests – Vice President David Chicoine and Assoc. Vice President James Weyhenmeyer

Vice President Chicoine said that the duties of his future role as interim Vice President for Academic Affairs would partly depend on the responsibilities that are given to the new position of Chief Financial Officer. He intends to listen to the interests of those associated with the position to determine what needs to be done.

Conference members discussed their thoughts on what would happen if the University did not have the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs. There was concern that University Administration should have a lightning rod for academic affairs issues. The Conference also wondered who would pick up the types of tasks that have been taken on by the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The UIS members of the Conference said that the Vice President for Academic Affairs has been extremely useful to the campus – former Vice President Manning when Sangamon State University was becoming a part of the University and Vice President Gardner on many issues since then. Vice President Chicoine said that there needs to be an infrastructure at the University level for academic affairs issues. He said that he would reserve his view until it became clear what the CFO would do.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of June 22, 2006

Vice President Chicoine said that the University Intellectual Property Committee has been reviewing all documents related to the management of intellectual property. The proposed changes to *The General Rules* are mostly to contemporize the language, bringing current terminology into place. Other changes include adding economic development to the mission of the University, adding a process for managing electronic materials created for teaching, clarifying the distribution of revenues when there are multiple parties, and adding a facilities use agreement. In addition to the changes to *The General Rules*, some related documents are being revised and new documents are being developed.

Associate Vice President Weyhenmeyer said that the new policy documents address conflicts of commitment and interest, institutional conflicts of interest, and courseware development and distribution. Professor Kagan asked what relationship these policies had to the Global Campus. Dr. Weyhenmeyer said that the policies were important whether the Global Campus exists or not. There was some concern from the Conference that the electronic courseware language suggests that the University owns the materials. Dr. Weyhenmeyer said that the current practice is the default. Vice President Chicoine added that any profits would be distributed to the creator of the electronic courseware. Also, if the creator leaves the University, the electronic courseware can be taken with him or her.

Professor Langley thanked Vice President Chicoine and Associate Vice President Weyhenmeyer for meeting with the Conference.

III. Guests – Drs. Charlie Evans, Bill Regier, Robert Rich

Dr. Robert Rich, Director of the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, discussed the importance of the academic leadership provided by the Vice President for Academic Affairs. He said that it would be difficult to envision University Administration without a hard academic component. The office has been a lightning rod for new ideas and encourages collaboration among the campuses. In addition, the VPAA has provided an academic voice to legislators.

Dr. Charlie Evans, Director of University Outreach and Public Service, said that there is a mechanical side of his operation that deals with things such as grants, new program approvals, and IBHE relations. There is also a “big ideas” side. He said that he was not sure where those ideas would come from without a Vice President for Academic Affairs. In a historical context, University Outreach has always been in the VPAA Office. Continuing education and off-campus activities need coordination among the college units. The VPAA takes on things the U of I should be involved in and is dedicated to ensuring quality. If the VPAA position goes away, there needs to be a place for great ideas in academic affairs and outreach.

Dr. Bill Regier, Director of the University of Illinois Press, said that he is grateful to be reporting to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Nationwide, University Presses are under financial duress. The Press’s mission is to serve faculty members by assisting in their attempts to publish, provide a repository for publishing, and represent the University to the public of Illinois through publications. The VPAA Office has provided the

assistance and encouragement for the Press to pursue its aspirations.

Professor Bodenhorn asked if the operations could be done without the support of the Vice President for Academic Affairs office. Dr. Evans said that P-16 has become an issue because the various parties have not worked together. The VPAA office provides the structure and clout for groups to work together and find solutions. Dr. Rich said that IGPA's relationships with legislators and the campuses have benefited from having an academic presence. Also, the VPAA has encouraged collaboration, provided leadership, and created new ideas.

Professor Massat summarized the discussion by saying that academic affairs is needed at the University level to be a great University. She added that the importance of the role should not be diminished. Professor Bodenhorn agreed that the position just not only be kept, but should be kept meaningful.

Professor Langley thanked the guests for taking the time to meet with the Conference and for articulating their thoughts in a clear and helpful manner.

IV. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of April 25, 2006

The minutes were not available.

V. Classification of Senate Minutes

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| 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 Chicago, April 27, 2006

- PR-06.52 Revision of the Joint Degree: MS in Nursing, Administrative Studies in Nursing/MS in Health Informatics
- PR-06.53 Revision of the Master of Arts in Mathematics and Master of Science in Mathematics, Concentration in Applied Mathematics
- PR-06.54 Redesignation of the Master of Architecture (M.Arch.) "Option I" One-Year Post-Professional Degree to the Master of Science in Architecture (M.S. in Architecture)
- PR-06.55 Revision of the Doctor of Philosophy in Physics
- PR-06.56 Revision of the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy
- PR-06.58 Revision of the Master of Science and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering
- PR-06.59 Revision of the Doctor of Public Health
- PR-06.60 Revision of the Master of Arts in English: Revision and Redesignation of the Concentration in the Teaching of English as the Concentration in English Education
- CP-06.07 Request to Convert the Existing Post Master's Campus Certificate in Health Informatics to a Post Master's IBHE Certificate in Health Informatics
- CP-06.07a Request for IBHE Approval of a Health Informatics Post Master's Certificate
- CP-06.08 School Nurse Campus Certificate
- CP-06.09 Teaching in Nursing Campus Certificate
- CP-06.10 Graduate Teaching of Economics Campus Certificate
- CP-06.11 Undergraduate Teaching of Economics Campus Certificate

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, May 5, 2006

- R36-1 Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Community Health Education in

the Master of Public Health (MPH) Department

R36-2 Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Epidemiology in the Master of Public Health (MPH) Department

R36-3 Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Environmental Health in the Master of Public Health (MPH) Department

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

3. University of Illinois at Chicago, April 27, 2006

Approved Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.a.(4) and (5) (USC ST-65)

Approved Proposed Changes to Revisions to Articles IX and X of the *Statutes*

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

4. University of Illinois at Springfield, April 21, 2006

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R35-24 Resolution to Amend the Campus Senate Bylaws Regarding the Personnel Policies Committee

R35-28 Resolution to Establish a Task Force to Review Implementation of Online Education on the UIS Campus

R35-29 Resolution to Amend the Campus Senate Bylaws Regarding the Continuing Education and Public Service Committee

R35-30 Resolution on Creating Residential Halls to Support Living-Learning Communities

5. University of Illinois at Chicago, April 27, 2006

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Approved Academic Calendars for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011

6. University of Illinois at Springfield, May 5, 2006

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R36-4 Revisions to Appendix 12 (Faculty Personnel Policies)

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

VI. Old Business – Action Items

1. ST-67 [formerly OT-230]. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.a. (2), to eliminate USC Term Limits.

Professor Mallory said that she was against term limits. Professor Langley asked if the UIUC Senate has term limits. Professor Mallory responded that it does.

Professor Kagan made a motion to transmit this item to the senates for consideration. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

VII. New Business

2. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago

Thursday, July 13, 2006

To be determined

VIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. OT-229. University Administration Reorganization.

The Conference decided to draft a letter to the President advising him of the Conference's opinion of keeping the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs. Professors Massat and Bodenhorn agreed to write a first draft and circulate it to the Conference.

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

The Conference decided to draft a letter to the Chair of the Board of Trustees that would express the Conference's view of the rehiring of retired faculty.

5. 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.

This item was discussed with President White during the Executive Session.

6. OT-227. The Global Campus.

This item was discussed with Vice President Gardner during the Executive Session.

7. 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. Passed UIC Senate 4/2/06. Transmitted to the President 5/12/06.

Professor Langley noted that this item had been transmitted to the President.

8. 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. Transmitted to the President 5/12/06.

Professor Langley noted that this item had been transmitted to the President.

9. 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. Passed UIC Senate 4/27/06. Transmitted to the President 5/12/06.

Professor Langley noted that this item had been transmitted to the President.

10. 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.

This item was discussed with President White during the Executive Session.

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

No new information.

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

This item was discussed with Vice President Chicoine and Associate Vice President Weyhenmeyer.

13. 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.

The Conference decided to keep this item on the agenda until supplemental guidelines are established.

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

Professor Langley said that the committee would present the slate of nominees at the June 22 meeting.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

16. Campus Updates.

Professor Langley reported that an online survey of the performance of the Chancellor was sent to the faculty and two-thirds responded. Professor Kagan said that the UIUC Senate discussed the campus strategic plan at its last meeting. A concern is the reallocation of state money.

17. 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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Professor Langley

18. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Professor Finnerty

19. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information about the pending items.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Pending USC Items
May 24, 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.

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.

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.

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

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-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.