

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Wednesday, May 25, 2005

PLACE: Room 206, UIC Student Center West

PRESENT: Bodenhorn, Chambers, Finnerty, Ford, Gupta, B. Jones, W. Jones, Kagan, E. Kaufman (Secretary), L. Kaufman, Langley, Mallory, Massat, Strom, Tolliver, Wood

ABSENT: Grossman (Chair), Schacht, Wheeler, Yu

GUESTS: Chester Gardner, Niranjan Shah, Joseph White

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

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of April 26, 2005

Professor Kagan said that the minutes did not mention the discussion on confidentiality when meeting with the President and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Although the discussion took place before the meeting was called to order, the Conference decided to adjust the minutes to reflect the discussion. 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 June 21, 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 Chicago, April 28, 2005

- PR-05.45 Revision of the Master of Science in Biomedical Visualization
- PR-05.49 Revision of the Master of Science in Health Informatics
- PR-05.51 Establish a Joint Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) and Master of Public Health (MPH) program
- PR-05.58 Establish a New Doctoral Professional Degree, the Doctor of Occupational Therapy
- PR-05.60 Revision of the Master of Health Professions Education
- PR-05.62 Establish a Joint Degree Program, the Master of Science in Health Informatics and the Doctor of Pharmacy
- PR-05.63 Revision of the Advanced Certificate in Periodontics
- PR-05.64 Elimination of the M.Ed. Program in Educational Leadership and Administration
- PR-05.65 Revision of the M.A. and Ph.D. in English
- PR-05.66 Revision of the Doctor of Dental Surgery Curriculum
- PR-05.67 Revision of the Master of Science in Oral Sciences Graduate Program
- PR-05.68 Establish the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Second Language Teaching
- PR-05.69 Elimination of the Master of Arts in Art Therapy
- PR-05.70 Revision of the Chicago Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program

- PR-05.71 Revision of the Urbana Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program
- PR-05.73a Redesignate and Reorganize the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography/Film/Electronic Media into three Separate Degrees
- PR-05.73b Degree Requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography
- PR-05.73c Degree Requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Moving Image
- PR-05.73d Degree Requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Electronic Visualization

Certificate Programs:

- CP-05.01 Specialist in Blood Bank Technology (SSB) Campus Certificate
- CP-05.02 Health Informatics Campus Certificate
- CP-05.03 Public Health Informatics Campus Certificate
- CP-05.04 Wireless Communications Technology Campus Certificate
- CP-05.05 Engineering Law and Management Campus Certificate
- CP-05.06 Electromagnetics Technology Campus Certificate
- CP-05.07 Environmental Health Informatics Campus Certificate

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

2. University of Illinois at Chicago, April 28, 2005

UIC approved version of “Revisions to the University *Statutes*, Article IX and X, to provide optional multi-year contracts, and related dismissal procedures, for certain academic staff.”

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. NC-11. Nominating Committee for 2005-06 Officers and Executive Committee.

Professor E. Kaufman said that Professors Ford, Strom and Yu were appointed to serve on the committee. He added that the committee will poll members of the Conference for nominations for chair, secretary, and the remaining members of the Executive Committee. The slate of nominees will be presented at the June 21 meeting.

2. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Thursday, July 14, 2005

Professor Mary Mallory

The Conference recessed from the business meeting at 10:10 a.m. and went into Executive Session.

V. Executive Session

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

VI. Guest

Trustee Shah said that the biggest challenge that the University is dealing with right now is the budget. The Board has to question everything that it approves because the Board carries the public's trust. The University can save millions of dollars by negotiating and renegotiating purchasing contracts and by using the best tools for competitive bidding. Trustee Shah also discussed deferred maintenance issues.

Conference members commented on the decreasing number of faculty and salary compression. Trustee Shah acknowledged these problems. He said that he used to be a college teacher before he came to the United States. He commented that it is important for faculty to stay in touch with students.

The Conference asked Trustee Shah how he would feel about the faculty having a voice, without vote, at the Board table. He said that this was a legislative issue, but believed that the faculty already had a voice at the table. He added that the faculty need to use the power they already have.

Trustee Shah commented that there is much miscommunication regarding Chief Illiniwek. He believes the correct approach is to honor and respect the long tradition of history with Native Americans. Conference members pointed out that the UIUC Senate and some departments have voted to get rid of the Chief.

Trustee Shah closed by saying that in any business situation, there is always an alternative.

Professor Kaufman thanked Trustee Shah for meeting with the Conference and members responded with a round of applause.

The business meeting resumed at 2:00 p.m.

VII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. 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.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the observers met with Trustee Schmidt the evening before the May Board meeting. This was the third such meeting with Trustee Schmidt, who is Chair of the Board's Academic Affairs Committee. The observers and Trustee Schmidt agreed that the meetings should continue. Subsequently, Trustee Schmidt raised the issue at the Board meeting. Trustee Eppley was in support of continuing the meetings.

Professor E. Kaufman said that Trustee Carroll will be co-chair of the Academic Affairs Committee and will therefore join in on the meetings.

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

Professor E. Kaufman reminded the Conference that the participants of the summit will reconvene on June 17.

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

Professors E. Kaufman and Langley reported that the UIC and UIS Senates have not yet acted on this item.

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

Professor E. Kaufman commented that the review is on schedule.

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

Professor B. Jones said that this committee could provide more clout when addressing budget and benefit issues since it covers the three campuses. Pension issues are not going to go away. He also said that the campuses have budget oversight committees, but wondered who provides oversight to the University Administration. He suggested that the committee move forward and look into pertinent issues, such as salary compression. Professor E. Kaufman thought that it might not be necessary to rewrite the charge to the committee.

Professor Langley discussed problems with domestic partner benefits. Partners must find their own health insurance, which often cannot be obtained at a reasonable cost. Some managers deny employees family leave and bereavement leave. She said that a group of people from the three campuses met with Vice President Steve Rugg. She suggested that the Conference weigh in on domestic partner benefits, because they are separate and unequal. The Conference agreed that it should look into these issues.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings. It was noted that Mr. Rick Schoell plans to attend the June meeting, and Trustee Eppley plans to attend the July meeting. Professor E. Kaufman said that the President and Vice President are not available to attend the July meeting.

Professor Chambers asked if it was necessary for the Conference to meet every month, especially when the President and Vice President cannot attend. Professor E. Kaufman responded that there are ten meetings each academic year, and the Conference could consider changes to the schedule, perhaps canceling a winter meeting. He added that there is the option of having videoconferences.

9. Campus Updates.

Professor E. Kaufman reported that the UIC campus has a group working on strategic planning. Professor Ford said that the UIS Chancellor has issued a new mission statement.

10. 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:

AAMT

May 17, 2005

Professors Kaufman and Langley

UTMT May 5, 2005 Professor Mallory

11. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Thursday, May 19, 2005

Professor Elliot Kaufman

12. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

The Conference reviewed the pending agenda items.

13. 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.

Professor E. Kaufman reported that all three campuses had approved language, but the versions differ. Professor Finnerty suggested referring the documents to the USC Statutes Committee. The Conference agreed.

14. 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.

Professor E. Kaufman said that there was at least one trustee who would like the Conference to revisit the issue of benefits for opposite-sex domestic partners. The Conference decided to put this item back on the agenda to discuss benefits for opposite-sex domestic partners and to review the benefits in place for same-sex domestic partners.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Pending USC Items
May 25, 2005

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.

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

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.

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

OT-157. Chief Illiniwek.

OT-161. Non-Tenure-Track Academic Staff Appointments.

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.

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