

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, June 22, 2006

PLACE: Room 206, Student Center West, UIC

PRESENT: Anderson, Bodenhorn, Finnerty, Ford, Fossum, Grossman, B. Jones, W. Jones, Kagan, E. Kaufman (Chair), L. Kaufman, Tolliver, Weller, Wheeler

ABSENT: Chambers, Langley (Secretary), Mallory, Massat, Schacht, Scheff

GUESTS: Lawrence Eppley, Lynn Fisher, Chester Gardner, Gerald Strom, Joseph White, John Wood

Professor Elliot Kaufman, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Executive Session

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

The Conference recessed for a special luncheon to honor Vice President Gardner. Vice President Gardner encouraged the faculty to focus on the big, important issues. He thanked the Conference members for their keen interest in the Global Campus, and commented that there had been many lively discussions over the last several months. He said that this is the type of issue to focus on. Vice President Gardner said that he would miss the monthly interactions with the Conference.

II. Guest

Trustee Larry Eppley provided some history on why the rehiring of retired University employees became a contentious issue. A couple of questionable, but probably manageable, cases of rehiring administrators caused the whole practice to be reevaluated. The rehiring of faculty was caught in the process. Trustee Eppley said that his intention is to get a rational policy passed. He added that the rehiring of faculty has never been a problem to him. Conference members commented on other instances when the Board has questioned the administration on decisions that it should be capable of making. Trustee Eppley responded that the Board wants to make sure that best practices are used. Trustee Eppley commented that the use of Chief Illiniwek violates NCAA policy. He does not believe that the Board as an entity should mandate that its athletics division be in noncompliance. However, his view on resolving the Chief matter has been that there

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of July 21, 2006

should be a consensus resolution. The University's first action was battling the rhetoric used by the NCAA. The second action was an appeal that led to the University being able to keep the name Fighting Illini. Next, the University argued that it should have institutional autonomy. The final ruling has left the University with the task of finding a way to allow all student athletes in Urbana to have full rights. Trustee Eppley said that the ability to host post-season play affects recruiting and the athletic facilities that are built.

Trustee Eppley said that Trustee Schmidt values the interactions that have been taking place with the faculty before each Board meeting. He added that Trustee Schmidt shares with him the opinions brought forth by the faculty.

Trustee Eppley commented that he senses a lot of enthusiasm for the University outside of the University. He was asked why it appears that there is not a lot of support for the University by state government. He replied that the support is not always reflected in the money. There are other issues the state has to consider, such as health care and P-12. Also, the capital budget is not being approved.

Professor E. Kaufman thanked Trustee Eppley for meeting with the Conference.

The Conference recessed from the regular meeting at 1:40 p.m. in order to conduct the 2006-07 Organizational Meeting. The regular meeting resumed at 1:50 p.m.

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of April 25, 2006 and May 24, 2006

Professor E. Kaufman commented that the May 24 minutes do not reflect that after the session with Professor White, Professor E. Kaufman relinquished the chair to Professor Langley because he had to leave the meeting. Professor Kagan referred to the portion of the minutes of the April 25 meeting that discussed the meeting with the legislators. He reminded the Conference that it had discussed the need to be better organized before meeting with the legislators. He suggested matching the Conference members' interests and knowledge with various legislators that are going to appear. The minutes of the April 25 and May 24 meetings were approved as amended.

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

IV. Old Business – Action Items

1. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Thursday, July 13, 2006

Professor Lon Kaufman

- V. New Business

2. OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the USC subcommittee (Professors Anderson, Ford, Grossman, and Mallory) would be working on a document for the Conference to consider in July. The document will be shared with various individuals and groups. Professor Grossman said that he would send the Conference members a document he wrote on shared governance.

- VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. OT-227. The Global Campus.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the Conference planned to formulate a statement on the Global Campus.

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

Professor E. Kaufman said that the document Trustee Eppley read from seemed to address the concerns of the Conference.

5. OT-229. University Administration Reorganization.

Professor E. Kaufman reminded the Conference that it needed to formulate its opinion on the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs and send a letter to the President. Professor Bodenhorn said that the letter he and Professor Massat drafted is in opposition of eliminating the position, but one or two Conference members have expressed doubts about whether the position is needed. Professor Fossum commented that the budget will be done by the new CFO and the offices under the VPAA could report somewhere else. Professor E. Kaufman said that the VPAA takes on and creates special projects such as Banner and Global Campus. He added that there needs to be academic representation in the budget. The Conference discussed other ways academic issues could be addressed, such as by the President, Chancellors, or Provosts. Professor Kagan commented that University Administration seems to be moving towards a corporate oriented way.

Professor E. Kaufman took an informal vote of who would and would not be in favor of retaining the VPAA position. Fourteen members voted that it should be retained, two

voted that it should not, and there was one abstention.

6. 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 Trustee Eppley.

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

Professor E. Kaufman said that this item needed to be officially transmitted to the senates.

8. ST-67. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.a. (2), to eliminate USC Term Limits.

Professor E. Kaufman said that this item would be transmitted to the senates. Professor Fossum asked if the UIC Senate had term limits. Professor E. Kaufman said that it did not.

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.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the President referred this item to the University Intellectual Property Committee for review.

10. 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. Professor E. Kaufman said that he would write a letter to the President.

11. 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 President White officially transmitted this item to the Conference for consultation. Most of the changes to *The General Rules* are simple

wording changes to bring in current terminology. He said that there are also three supplemental documents to be considered. Professor E. Kaufman suggested that the senates be asked to respond by mid-September.

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

Professor E. Kaufman thanked the committee.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

14. Campus Updates.

There were no updates.

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.

AAMT	June 8, 2006	Professors Grossman, E. Kaufman
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AAMT	May 25, 2006 June 15, 2006	Professor L. Kaufman
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16. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Pending USC Items
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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.

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.

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.

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.

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-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.