

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, July 22, 2004

PLACE: Room 206 Chicago Illini Union

PRESENT: Bodenhorn, Chambers, Finnerty, Grossman (Secretary), Gupta, W. Jones, L. Kaufman, Massat, Schacht, Strom, Weller, White, Wood, Yu

ABSENT: Ford, Herricks, B. Jones, Langley (Chair), O'Brien, Sisson

GUESTS: Devon Bruce, Elliot Kaufman, Mary Mallory, James Stukel, Matthew Wheeler

Professor Grossman, Secretary, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Executive Session

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

Professor Grossman broke from the agenda to present plaques of recognition to Professors Ann Weller and Bryan White, whose terms were ending. He expressed his appreciation to them, and to Professors Edwin Herricks and Nancy O'Brien, whose terms were ending but could not be present at the meeting. He commented that they would also receive plaques.

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of June 22, 2004 and approval of 2004-05 Organizational Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2004

The minutes were approved as distributed.

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

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of September 28, 2004

No action items.

IV. New Business

1. OT-208. E-Mail Security Policy.

The Conference decided to discuss this issue at its retreat in September.

2. Designation of Future Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Springfield
Thursday, September 9, 2004

Professor Langley

V. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. OT-206. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

The annual review was held during the Executive Session.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

5. Campus Updates.

Professors Chambers, E. Kaufman and W. Jones commented on the Health Affairs and College of Medicine situation at UIC. Professor Bodenhorn said that the UIS campus has been experiencing telephone and e-mail problems. He also commented on the Sloan Grant, which has provisions that significantly affect the faculty, even though faculty were not consulted about the grant. Professor Mallory updated the Conference on the UIUC Chancellor search. Professor Grossman reported that the Board approved the appointments of Provost Herman to Interim Chancellor and LAS Dean Jesse Delia as Acting Provost.

6. OT-205. Presidential Search.

Professor E. Kaufman said that the search firm is receiving and soliciting nominations. He reviewed the timeline for the search process.

7. OT-142. Update on the Management Teams: Academic Affairs; Business Administration and Human Resources; External Relations; Governmental Relations; Technology and Economic Development; University Technology.

No reports.

8. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Thursday, July 15, 2004

Professor Grossman

Professor Grossman said that the UIUC Senate sends an observer to each Board meeting and he, as Senate Executive Committee Chair, goes as well. He suggested that the other senates might want to do the same in order to increase the number of faculty at Board meetings. This would provide continuity as well as the opportunity for more faculty to experience what goes on at a Board meeting.

VI. Guest

Trustee Devon Bruce told the Conference that he received his bachelor degree from UIUC and attended the UIUC Law School. He has a long list of relatives who attended the U of I. He grew up in Springfield, where his father was a lobbyist and active in the teachers union. He has spent the past ten years in a small law firm.

Trustee Bruce said that his experience on the Board has been a delight. He was surprised that the U of I did not have same-sex benefits when he began his term, and he worked toward improving that situation. One of his concerns is the amount of long-term debt the U of I has incurred.

Trustee Bruce remarked that he would like for the next president of the University to have strong academic credentials, although he could not say that he would preclude someone who did not. He acknowledged hearing the Conference's belief that it is essential to have a president with strong academic credentials.

Conference members discussed reasons why it would be beneficial to have faculty on the Board's Academic Affairs Committee. Trustee Bruce said that he was not familiar with the structure and activity of the committee, but would look into it.

Trustee Bruce commented that he did not believe the Chief Illiniwek controversy would have much of an effect on the presidential search. He said that the Chief issue is frustrating because the University is about so much more. He added that he embraces the idea of consensus.

The Conference members thanked Trustee Bruce for meeting with them.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Pending USC Items
July 22, 2004

ST-47. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes* -- Multi-Year Contracts for Full-Time Non-Tenured Faculty. Passed UIC Senate 10/27/99. Rejected UIS Senate 3/3/00. Multi-Year Contracts Task Force Charged 4/11/02. Transmitted to Senates 2/13/04.

ST-54. Amendment 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-57. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 5 – Professional Advisory Committee. Passed UIUC Senate 9/30/02. Transmitted to Senates 11/15/02. Passed UIC Senate 3/27/03. Passed UIS Senate 2/27/04. Transmitted to the President 5/18/04.

ST-58. Review of the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 5 – Faculty Advisory Committee. Transmitted to Senates 2/13/04.

BG-14. 2003-04 University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee.

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.

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.

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-193. Interim Information Security Policy. Transmitted to Senates 11/15/02. Passed UIUC Senate 4/28/03 (modified). Passed UIS Senate 10/10/03 (modified). Transmitted to Senates 4/13/04. Passed UIUC Senate 4/26/04. Passed UIC Senate 4/29/04. Passed UIS Senate 5/7/04. Transmitted to the President 6/14/04.

OT-201. University-wide Human Resources Committee.

OT-202. Review of the *University Senates Conference Organization and Functions*.

OT-207. USC Retreat 2004