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


   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 is 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 Conferences 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-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-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-157. Chief Illiniwek.

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


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-207. USC Retreat 2004