MINUTES[1]
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE


DATE:        Friday, July 22, 2005

PLACE:       Room 206 Student Center West, Chicago

PRESENT:     Bodenhorn, Ford, Grossman (Chair), Gupta, W. Jones, Kagan, E. Kaufman
             (Secretary), L. Kaufman, Mallory, Massat, Tolliver, Yu

ABSENT:      Chambers, Finnerty, B. Jones, Langley, Schacht, Strom, Wheeler, Wood

GUESTS:      Lawrence Eppley


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


   I.   Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of June 21, 2005 and Approval of
        2005-06 Organizational Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2005

        The minutes were approved as distributed.


   II.  Discussion of Agenda

        Professor Grossman reviewed the agenda.  The Conference considered topics to discuss
        with Trustee Eppley.


                              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.

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[1]Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of September 27, 2005

IV.   <u>New Business</u>

1.  OT-218.  Proposed Guidelines for Multi-Institutional Degrees.

Professor Grossman commented that he did not know how the proposed guidelines came about or at what stage the process is in.  Professor Gupta said that there have been instances of national programs where there is no place for the senate to be involved.  He added that a person can get a Ph.D. and then do very little more work to earn a second Ph.D.  Professor Bodenhorn questioned whether the guidelines were driven by technology, as in web-based courses.  The Conference decided to discuss the proposed guidelines with Vice President Gardner in September.

2.  OT-219.  Future USC Meeting Dates.

Professor Grossman presented a three-year meeting dates plan for consideration.  He commented that the dates could be adjusted as needed.  He explained that the dates seem to be at similar times of the month each year.  By setting dates in advance, Conference members, the President, and the Vice President for Academic Affairs can get the dates on their calendars earlier.

The Conference discussed changing one of the Tuesday meeting dates in the spring to a Wednesday.  Professor Bodenhorn asked why there were four meetings in Chicago and Urbana and only two meetings in Springfield.  It was recalled that the reason for setting such a schedule was to minimize the number of people having to stay over – up to eight people stay over before Springfield meetings and up to three people stay over before Chicago meetings.  The Conference decided to move the August meeting to later in the month, and possibly have that meeting at the President's House.  The Conference also considered changing the start of its calendar year from September 1 to the day in August when academic contracts begin.

The Conference decided to revise the proposed three-year schedule and consider it at the next meeting.

Professor E. Kaufman mentioned that the 2005-06 schedule would include a meeting with area legislators at each campus the evening before the regular USC meeting.  The evening meetings will be at Allerton in September, Chicago in January, and Springfield in April.

3.  OT-220.  USC Retreat 2005.

Professor E. Kaufman asked the members of the Conference to consider topics to be discussed at the retreat.

4. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

   University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
   Thursday, September 8, 2005               To be determined

5. Role of Senate Executive Committee Chair.

Professor Grossman asked the Conference members for their opinions on two questions. First, was it a good idea to have the chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) stay on SEC as the past-chair, without vote, for one year following the end of his or her term? Some of the UIC and UIS members indicated that there is usually a small group of people that are involved in such leadership roles, and these people end up being on the executive committee anyway. Second, should the chair of the SEC be a member of the University Senates Conference? It was pointed out that a few spots on the USC membership would be taken by chairs or past chairs since USC terms are for three years.

V.   <u>Old Business – Information and Discussion Items</u>

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

The newest version of the strategic plan, which was presented to the Board of Trustees the week before, was distributed. Professor Grossman noted that the document should not be distributed beyond USC membership since the Board intends to make changes in the near future. Professor E. Kaufman suggested changing the name of this item to specify that it concerns the strategic planning process.

7. 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 Grossman reminded the Conference that the USC Budget and Benefits Committee would be asked to look into partner benefit issues in the fall. One concern is the inequality of existing benefits for same-sex domestic partners and another concern is whether benefits for opposite-sex domestic partners should be pursued.

8. 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. Implementation Passed UIC Senate 4/15/05.

Professor Grossman noted that the Statutes Committee had been asked to review the implementation processes of the senates.

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

No new information.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

11. Campus Updates.

Professor Bodenhorn said that there is a lot pending at UIS because the campus is waiting to see if it gets its budget for the proposed general education curriculum. Professor Ford said that the campus is supposed to have a permanent provost soon. Professor Grossman said that three of the four vice chancellors at UIUC are in transition. He also provided an update on the strategic planning process at UIUC. Professor E. Kaufman reported that UIC has much of its strategic plan worked out already. The Conference decided to request the strategic plans of the campuses, Alumni Association, and U of I Foundation.

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

Report:

AAMT            June 29, 2005            Professors Grossman and E. Kaufman

13. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Thursday, July 14, 2005                              Professor Mary Mallory

14. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

The Conference reviewed the pending agenda items.


Professor Grossman presented plaques of recognition to Professors Krishna Gupta and Priscilla Yu, whose terms were ending. He expressed his appreciation to them, and to Professors Gerald Strom and John Wood, who could not be present at the meeting but whose terms were ending. He commented that they would also receive plaques.

VI.  Guest

Trustee Eppley commented that the strategic planning process that the University is undergoing is a classic business practice. The Board is excited to see a vision attached to the three campuses. The strategic plan will consider the role of the University Administration and ways to share services and operate more efficiently. There has to be an evaluation of the global structure of the University.

Trustee Eppley said that the $100M that the University has lost will not be coming back in recurring dollars. Tuition has to be viewed differently, realizing that the campuses are different. He added that it is just as important to review expense trends as it is to review revenue trends. The University needs to determine where its money is going and where to make investments.

Responding to a question regarding the Board's resolution on guidelines for consensus regarding Chief Illiniwek, Trustee Eppley commented that the process has not been determined. Some possibilities are creating small groups and getting input from people who can offer creative ideas. He added that Chief Illiniwek came after the term "Illini," and Fighting Illini was used as a tribute to soldiers of war. A member of the Conference commented that the proposed compromise to keep the name Fighting Illini and get rid of the Chief overthrows other possibilities for solution. Trustee Eppley said that it is not productive to talk to those with extreme opposite views. He added that heritage should not be abandoned.

Trustee Eppley and the Conference discussed the need to reassess priorities and reallocate funds accordingly, now that the effects of the budget are being seen in ways such as terminating programs.

Professor Grossman thanked Trustee Eppley for meeting with the Conference. The Conference also expressed appreciation for the process Trustee Eppley initiated that brings together before each Board meeting the faculty observers to the meeting and Trustees Schmidt and Carroll.

VII.  Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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.

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.  Passed UIUC Senate 4/25/05.

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.

GR-38.  Proposed Revision to *The General Rules*, Article III, Section 7 (j).  Passed UIUC Senate 4/25/05.

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

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 Resolution Concerning Chief Illiniwek 6/17/04.  BoT Policy to Preserve and Recognize the State's American Indian Heritage 9/9/04.

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-187.  UI-Integrate/Support Services Strategy (S3) Related Issues.

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.