

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Monday, August 11, 2003

PLACE: Room 206, Chicago Illini Union, UIC

PRESENT: Conry, Fossum, Grossman, Gupta, W. Jones, Langley (Secretary), O'Brien, Strom (Chair), Wood

ABSENT: Bodenhorn, Chambers, Ford, Herricks, E. Kaufman, Rich, Sisson, Weller, White, Yu

GUESTS: Joseph Finnerty, Barclay Jones, Lon Kaufman, Carol Massat, Richard Schacht, Robert Sperling, James Stukel

Professor Strom, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 9:55 a.m.

I. Executive Session

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

II. Guest – Trustee Robert Sperling

Trustee Sperling discussed the process that led him to being appointed to the Board of Trustees, an appointment he had not sought after. When he was being interviewed, he was asked his opinion on tuition increases. His view was that tuition increases should be determined by whatever it takes to maintain quality. He is concerned with affordability for students and the loss of faculty. Trustee Sperling commented that the relationship between the University and the Governor and General Assembly must improve. He added that politics should not be involved because everyone should want the University to succeed.

The group discussed search procedures for high-level administrative searches. Trustee Sperling remarked that there should be a faculty role.

The Conference asked about ways the faculty could have a more active role with the Board. It was mentioned that the Senates Conference and the Senates have been interested in faculty representation on the Board, specifically a voice at the table. Trustee Sperling said that the Board is very sensitive to the needs of the faculty and wants faculty input. The group discussed ways to increase interaction between the Board and the faculty.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of September 26, 2003

Professor Strom thanked Trustee Sperling for meeting with the Conference.

Professor Strom broke from the agenda to present plaques of recognition to Professors Thomas Conry and Robert Fossum, whose terms were ending. He expressed his appreciation to them, and to Professors Elliot Kaufman, Donald Marshall, and Robert Rich, whose terms were ending but could not be present at the meeting. He commented that they would also receive plaques.

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of June 24, 2003

Professor O'Brien proposed the following change to the minutes: page 5, six lines up from the bottom of the first paragraph, change the word "roll" to "role." Professor B. Jones proposed the following change to the minutes: page 3, paragraph 4, change the sentence "Over the past 30 years, there has been a decrease in public and an increase in private funding from the state" to "Over the past 30 years, there has been a decrease in funding to public institutions and an increase in funding to private institutions from the state. The proposed changes were approved. The minutes 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. 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.

Professor Fossum moved to transmit the document approved by the Conference and all three senates to the President. The motion was seconded. Professor L. Kaufman asked if financial provisions would be made to fulfill the duties of a faculty member that was determined unable to work. Professor Langley referred to section VI. 3. of the policy, last sentence under *Unable to work*, which indicates that the administration will consult and work with the unit regarding the workload implications of these decisions. Professor Langley asked if it was the opinion of the Conference that the policy was intended to cover alcohol and drug impairment. The Conference responded in the affirmative. The motion to transmit the document to the President was voted on and approved.

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

Professors Weller and Yu were not present but had previously consented to continue

serving on BHRMT. The Conference approved the continuation of their appointments. Professor Finnerty agreed to serve on TEDMT. The Conference appointed Professor Chambers, pending his willingness to serve, to TEDMT. Professor Ford agreed to serve on GRMT. The Conference felt that it was important to have someone from USC on the University Technology Management Team (UTMT) and someone on the External Relations Management Team (ERMT). The Conference appointed Professor White, pending his willingness to serve, to UTMT. Professor B. Jones agreed to serve on ERMT. It was decided that the UIC and UIUC Senates should decide whether to pursue putting someone on the Campus Technology Commercialization Teams, UIC CT2 and UIUC CT2.

V. New Business

3. Designation of Future Observers of Board of Trustees Meetings:

University of Illinois at Springfield
Thursday, September 11, 2003

Professor Langley

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

4. ST-58. Review of the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 5 – Faculty Advisory Committee.

The Conference decided that the USC Statutes Committee should make recommendations. The committee will be appointed in September.

5. OT-198. USC Retreat 2003.

Professor Strom mentioned that the retreat would be on September 25, the night before the next regular USC meeting.

6. OT-199. Resolution on Centralization. Passed UIS Senate 4/25/03; Passed UIUC Senate 4/28/03; Transmitted to the President 7/2/03; Transmitted to the Board of Trustees 7/9/03.

It was noted that this item had been transmitted to the President, and the President forwarded it to the Board of Trustees.

7. OT-161. Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Appointments.

Professor Schacht moved to change the title of this item to “Non-Tenure-Track Academic Staff Appointments.” The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

9. Campus Updates.

There were no updates.

10. Report from the USC Observers to the Board of Trustees Meetings:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Friday, June 27, 2003

Professor Strom

The Conference discussed the advantages of having the same faculty members attend Board meetings so relationships could develop.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Pending USC Items
August 11, 2003

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.

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.

BG-10.a. Proposed Supplemental Retirement Option. Passed UIUC Senate 4/19/99. Passed UIC Senate 1/27/00. Passed UIS Senate 2/18/00.

BG-10c. Resolution on Faculty Salary and Benefits. Passed UIUC Senate 5/1/00. Passed UIS Senate 6/16/00. Passed UIC Senate 9/28/00. USC Resolution Transmitted to the President 1/11/01.

BG-13. 2002-03 University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee.

OT-157. Chief Illiniwek.

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-170. Seminar on Economic Development.

OT-184. Committee on Vice Presidential Search Procedures, Processes for Commenting on the Reappointment of University Officers and (formerly OT-176) Periodic Vice President-Level Reviews. Periodic Vice President-Level Reviews approved by USC 11/28/00; Transmitted to the President 1/19/01. Recommended Principles to be Used in Searches for Major Administrative Positions transmitted to the President 11/14/01; President transmitted to Board of Trustees 11/27/01.

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.

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

OT-188. *Interim Code of Conduct*. Transmitted to Senates 5/13/02. Endorsed by UIC Senate 9/26/02. Passed by UIS Senate 11/15/02. Passed by UIUC Senate 12/9/02.

Transmitted to the President 2/3/03.

OT-190. Report on the Tuition Planning Committee.

OT-191. Severe Sanctions Less Than Dismissal -- Follow-up and Senate Procedures. Implementation Passed UIUC Senate 4/28/03.

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).

OT-194. Support of FY04 Budget Request.

OT-195. Process of the IBHE Big Picture Meeting.

OT-196. Staffing Trends – Changes in Numbers of Institutional Support Staff and Faculty.

OT-197. Resolution on Salary Increases for FY04.