

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, August 28, 2007

PLACE: President's House, Urbana

PRESENT: Anderson, Bodenhorn, Burbules, Burton (Chair), Eisenhart, Fossum, Jones, Kaufman (Vice Chair), Langley, O'Brien, Schacht, Scheff, Strom, Tolliver, Wood

ABSENT: Chambers, Chapman-Novakofski, Green, Grossman, Massat, Weller

GUESTS: Mrinalini Rao, Joseph White

Professor Vernon Burton, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:00 a.m. He thanked President White for hosting the meeting in the President's House.

Introductions were made. Burton thanked Professor Terry Bodenhorn, outgoing USC chair, for his dedicated leadership and for setting a great example as chair. Bodenhorn presented Burton with the traditional engraved gavel given to each USC chair.

President White gave a warm welcome to the USC members and invited everyone to look around the house and grounds. He briefly talked about his summer.

I. Executive Session

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

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of June 26, 2007

The minutes were approved as written.

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

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of September 25, 2007

III. Old Business – Action Items

1. OT-236. Recalculation of Apportionment of USC Membership.

Kaufman mentioned that there is a recalculation every five years to see whether the membership still reflects the proportionality of the faculty on the campuses. He said that UIC extends faculty privileges to a much broader spectrum of employees than those defined as faculty in the *Statutes*. Finding the right numbers to use in the calculation has been difficult. Kaufman proposed that the question of membership be revisited every five years, but in a non-formulaic way. He added that the current apportionment seems to work well. Strom moved to declare that the Conference has examined the distribution of membership and finds the status quo satisfactory. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved. Kaufman noted that the *Statutes* require the Conference to use the formulaic model. At some point, the language will need to be changed.

IV. New Business

2. BG-19. Senate 2007-08 University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee.

Burton understood that this committee had not met in some time. The Conference discussed whether there was a need for this committee. Kaufman said that there was no pressing business for this committee. Strom preferred to discuss budgetary issues directly with the President. Kaufman made a motion to change the committee from a standing committee to an ad hoc committee when the need arises. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

3. ST-69. Appointment of 2007-08 Statutes Committee.

Burton said that nominations were needed for the committee. Strom noted that there should be two members from each campus. The Conference decided to appoint the committee at the next meeting.

4. OT-234. Appointment of USC Members to Serve on the Management Teams and Other Committees: Academic Affairs; Business Administration and Human Resources; External Relations; Information Technology Priorities Committee; Technology and Economic Development; and University Technology.

The following appointments were made:

	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>
AAMT*:	Terry Bodenhorn Elliot Kaufman Mary Mallory	Vernon Burton Elliot Kaufman Pat Langley**

BAHRMT:	Vacant	has not met
ERMT:	Vernon Burton	Barclay Jones
GRMT:	Nancy Ford	has not met
ITPC:	Ann Weller	to be determined
TED Cabinet:	Elliot Kaufman Matthew Wheeler	Elliot Kaufman
UTMT:	Ann Weller	to be determined

*Members are the USC chair, vice chair, and past chair

**Pat Langley is serving for Terry Bodenhorn, whose USC term has ended

5. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Thursday, September 6, 2007

Joyce Tolliver

V. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

6. OT-227. The Global Campus.

The Conference members discussed ways to interact with Vice President Rao regarding Global Campus issues.

Burbules voiced his support for the Global Campus programs being offered by the College of Education. He said that the right people are involved and the programs should be of good quality.

Burton brought up a request from Chet Gardner to expedite the approval process for the College of Education programs. Kaufman said that the programs are to start in January, but they want to start admitting people in earlier. In order for the programs to be approved by the Board of Trustees in time, the items need to be approval by the senate and classified by the Conference.

Strom moved to approve the classification of these items contingent upon approval by the UIUC Senate. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

7. OT-229. University Administration Reorganization.

The President discussed several issues with the Conference during the Executive Session.

There was no further discussion.

8. 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. Approved by the Board of Trustees 11/9/06. Campus Procedures – Passed UIC Senate 4/26/07.

Schacht said that this should come to the UIUC senate soon. Langley said that the UIS Senate has approved procedures. Kaufman said that UIC has developed procedures and is hiring people on multi-year contracts.

9. 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.

The Conference plans to reconsider the language.

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. UIC Facility Naming Policy 2/21/07.

No new information.

11. GR-40. Proposed Revisions to *The General Rules*, Article III (Intellectual Property), Sections 1-8, and Article V (University Property), Sections 1-3. Transmitted to Senates 7/10/06. Approved by the Board of Trustees 3/13/07. Supporting Policy Documents to Senates 4/19/07.

Kaufman mentioned that the senates had been asked to review the policy documents. He suggested that a reminder be sent to the senates.

12. OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

Burton noted that legislators had been invited to the retreat dinner.

13. OT-237. USC Retreat 2007.

The Conference discussed plans for the September 24 and 25 retreat at Allerton House Conference Center.

14. OT-239. Senate Joint Resolution – IBHE master plan for Illinois Higher Education.

No new information.

15. OT-240. Chancellor Reviews.

Kaufman and Langley reported on the chancellor reviews on their campuses.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

17. Campus Updates.

Kaufman described the process that will be used for the UIC Chancellor search. The UIC Senate Executive Committee will be solicited for nominations of members to serve on the search committee. The full senate will have an open election.

Langley discussed the UIS Chancellor's aspirations for the campus joining the NCAA.

Burbules said that the E-Learning Committee at UIUC will define an independent campus vision for online teaching. He also talked about the campus's discussion of tolerance for diversity of opinions and voices and its slogan, One Campus - Many Voices, which will encourage a broad range of views.

18. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Monday, July 30, 2007

Elliot Kaufman

19. 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.

20. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Pending USC Items
August 28, 2007

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-66. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII – Changes in Academic Organization. Passed UIUC Senate 4/24/06. Transmitted to Senates 7/10/06. Passed UIC Senate 3/15/07.

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 (Fisher, Kagan, Wood).

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.

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-222. Strategic Plans of the Campuses, the Alumni Association, and the University of Illinois Foundation.

OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents.

OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.