

MINUTES<sup>1</sup>  
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, August 29, 2006

PLACE: President's House, Urbana

PRESENT: Anderson, Bodenhorn, Burton, Chapman-Novakofski, Finnerty, Fisher, Ford, Fossum, Grossman, B. Jones, W. Jones, Kagan, E. Kaufman (Chair), L. Kaufman, Langley (Secretary), Mallory, Schacht, Scheff, Wheeler, Wood

ABSENT: Chambers, Massat, Strom, Tolliver, Weller

GUESTS: David Chicoine, Joseph White

Professor Elliot Kaufman, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

I. Executive Session

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

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Before the business meeting resumed at 1:05 p.m., Professor E. Kaufman presented plaques of recognition to Professors Joseph Finnerty and Lon Kaufman, whose terms were ending. He then turned the meeting over to Professor Bodenhorn, 2006-07 USC Chair.

Vice President Chicoine said that the FY08 budget would be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at its September 7 meeting. IBHE will provide feedback between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Vice President Chicoine reported that enrollment numbers are basically the same as last year, except that there are more first-year students at UIS. ACT scores of the incoming class are down a little. Revenues are up by 11%, \$53M, from FY06.

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<sup>1</sup>Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of September 26, 2006

Vice President Chicoine commented on the political outlook in Illinois.

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of July 21, 2006

The minutes were approved as distributed.

III. Old Business – Action Items

1. OT-227. The Global Campus.

Professor Bodenhorn referred to the draft statement on the Global Campus and asked for comments. Professor Ford said that the Conference should make it clear that it supports online education and the idea of providing access to people who are currently not served. Professor Grossman commented that the scalability in the Global Campus initiative seems to plan for a huge increase in a short amount of time. Professor Bodenhorn mentioned that the initial targets are business, nursing, education, and liberal studies. Professor Scheff was concerned with the fundamental lack of communication between the Conference and the administration involved in the Global Campus. Professor L. Kaufman suggested that the Conference focus on quality instead of scalability.

Professor Mallory asked if the Global Campus has to be set up as an LLC, rather than using a method of shared governance. She felt that by insisting that the Global Campus be an LLC, it suggests that the traditional way is not a viable way to be scalable. Professor E. Kaufman responded that the decision to create an LLC was made for business reasons. Professor Mallory asked if State of Illinois Statutes needed to be changed to add a fourth “campus”. Professor E. Kaufman responded that a new campus is not being established, rather a new way to deliver education. Professor Schacht thought that the use of the term “campus” should be addressed in the statement. He also proposed alternate language to the last paragraph which describes the Conference’s stand on the initiative.

Conference members were concerned that the Global Campus would be awarding its own degrees in a few years. Professor E. Kaufman said that the LLC would have to become accredited. Until then, courses will be partnered with campus units. He did not know if the degrees awarded by the Global Campus, after it is accredited, would be differentiated from campus degrees.

The Conference discussed to whom to direct the letter/draft statement. Professor Schacht suggested that the statement on the Global Campus be directed to President White and Dr. Gardner. The Conference agreed to send the letter to them and copy the senates and the chancellors. Professors Bodenhorn, Schacht, and Scheff agreed to work on revisions to the statement.

2. OT-229. University Administration Reorganization.

Professor Bodenhorn commented that the restructuring of the way in which the budget is

constructed and the role of the new CFO might make it necessary for the campuses to reconsider how the budget and planning committees relay information to the chancellors and provosts. He also questioned what role the Vice President for Academic Affairs would have in the budget formation process. Professor E. Kaufman pointed out that the budget does not really change much from year to year. He thought that the important budget decisions are made at the individual campuses. He added that it would be symbolically important for the VPAA to be involved in the University budget process. Professor Burton commented that many faculty are not aware that there is a VPAA position and a University Senates Conference. He thought that the roles of the chancellors and the others involved in the budget process should be made clear.

Professor Bodenhorn commented that there has been tension between conservative groups and a small but visible lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender group on the UIS campus. Other campuses throughout the country have been addressing issues such as this. He wondered if this would be an issue for the VPAA.

The Conference decided to send to the President the revised letter containing the Conference's recommendation regarding the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs.

### 3. OT-231. Shared Governance Issues.

Professor Langley said that the document on shared governance has multiple issues that are not all necessarily of interest to each party that would receive the document. Professor Bodenhorn said that the Conference had discussed sending the document to University Administration, the Board of Trustees, and the campus senates. Professor Mallory mentioned that the Conference had considered sending separate cover letters. Professor Bodenhorn said that another way would be to send the document to the senates and copy the other groups. Professor E. Kaufman suggested that the President be asked to convey the document to the Board.

Professor Ford moved that the document be adopted by the University Senates Conference. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

### 4. OT-228. Policy on Retirement and Reemployment at the University of Illinois. Approved by the Board of Trustees 7/13/06.

Professor Ford moved to remove this item from the agenda. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

## IV. New Business

### 5. ST-68. Appointment of 2006-07 Statutes Committee.

The committee was appointed. The 2006-07 members are Professors Anderson, Bodenhorn, Ford, Grossman, W. Jones, and Wheeler.

## 6. BG-18. 2006-07 University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee.

Nominations from the senates had not been received. The Conference decided to appoint members at the next meeting.

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

USC needs to fill positions on the management teams for the upcoming year. AAMT is pre-determined (USC chair, vice chair, and past chair).

	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>
AAMT:	Michael Grossman Elliot Kaufman Pat Langley	Terry Bodenhorn Elliot Kaufman Mary Mallory
BAHRMT:	Joyce Tolliver	To be determined
ERMT:	Barclay Jones	Mary Mallory
GRMT:	Nancy Ford	Nancy Ford (if comm. still exists)
ITPC:	Lon Kaufman	To be determined
TEDMT:	Donald Chambers Joseph Finnerty	(TED Cabinet): Elliot Kaufman Matthew Wheeler
UTMT:	Lon Kaufman	To be determined

## 8. OT-210. Tuition and Fees Executive Committee.

Professors Lynn Fisher and Al Kagan agreed to serve on the committee. Someone from UIC needs to be appointed.

V. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items9. 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.

Professor Bodenhorn mentioned that this item was discussed with President White.

10. OT-232. Interactions with Legislators.

Professor Bodenhorn reported that Rick Schoell would meet with the Conference in October to discuss meetings with legislators. His office will track down bios for the legislators and assist the Conference in having productive interactions.

11. OT-233. USC Retreat 2006.

Professor Bodenhorn said that the retreat would be on September 25 and 26 at Allerton House Conference Center. The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to the dinner.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

13. Campus Updates.

Professor Burton said that this would be a very challenging year. Things are happening very quickly at the national scene regarding shared governance. Important issues will be the Global Campus and Chief Illiniwek. The annual meeting of the faculty will be on September 11. Professor Mallory said that she, Joyce Tolliver, and Kim Graber were discussing the merits of having the SEC chair as an ex officio member of USC. She asked the Conference to consider this. Professor Burton said that, as SEC chair, he finds it very important to know what is happening in Senates Conference. However, he did not necessarily want to take the place of someone else who might serve. Professor Grossman commented that the UIUC Senate Executive Committee does not seem to be in favor of term limits.

Professor Bodenhorn said that the UIS Senate would probably move very quickly on the Global Campus issue.

14. 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.

15. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

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Prof. Karen Chapman-Novakofski

16. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Pending USC Items  
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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.

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-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.

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.

ST-67. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 2.a. (2), to eliminate USC Term Limits. Transmitted to Senates 7/10/06.

GR-38. Proposed Revision to *The General Rules*, Article III, Section 7 (j). Passed UIUC Senate 4/25/05. Transmitted to Senates 4/27/05. Passed UIS Senate 1/20/06. Passed UIC Senate 3/16/06. Transmitted to the President 4/10/06.

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.

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 Consensus Resolution Concerning Chief Illiniwek 6/17/04. BoT Policy to Preserve and Recognize the State's American Indian Heritage 9/9/04. BoT Resolution Concerning Guidelines for Consensus Regarding Chief Illiniwek 7/14/05. BoT Resolution to Add Eighth Guideline for Consensus Process 9/8/05.

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.

OT-211. Process for Selecting Board of Trustees Members.

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

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-221. Review of the Strategic Plan of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

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-226. Permissible Use Policy.