

MINUTES¹

UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, September 20, 2001

PLACE: President's House, Urbana

PRESENT: Alston, Conry (Chair), Fossum, Jones, Kaufman, Kopecky, Leonard, Marshall, O'Brien, Rich, Strom, Weech, Weller, White, Wood, Zaki

ABSENT: Baker, Freels, Herricks, Langley

GUESTS: Nancy Cantor, Chester Gardner, James Stukel

Professor Thomas Conry, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 10:00 a.m. He requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

I. Executive Session

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

II. Guest

Professor Conry welcomed Chancellor Nancy Cantor. She said that she would like for the Conference to provide feedback to her on issues to be discussed. Professor Strom commented that the Conference's role is defined in the *Statutes*, but its most important function is to advise the President.

Chancellor Cantor said that the Urbana campus took big hits in faculty lines several years ago. Humanities and social sciences need to be made more visible. The remodeling of Lincoln Hall is high on the list of priorities. One question she has been thinking about is how to make sure the pieces of the campus come together. There needs to be a clear linking of programs. Chancellor Cantor said that she believes that it is important to build the humanities and the social sciences by increasing their ties to interdisciplinary programs, but not at the expense of the humanities and social sciences disciplines. The Chancellor said that she was committed to rebuilding faculty numbers.

Chancellor Cantor said that the campuses should not spend a lot of time thinking about the redundancy of the programs among the campuses. Rather, more time should be spent on synergy – thinking about what could be built together.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of October 19, 2001

Chancellor Cantor told the Conference that she believes the University of Illinois is too quiet of a jewel and needs to get a lot noisier. The University should coordinate with alumni groups around the country and have more of a presence in the geographics of the student body. It is important to be at the right tables. She said that it is very important to move towards a more national student body, and added that it is possible to do this without necessarily taking away from the number of in-state students.

Chancellor Cantor was asked to comment on the present budgeting situation. She said that the collective units have to be fed while dispersing to departments. She added that the process can be cumbersome with the different layers of the budget.

The Chancellor was asked to comment on the plan for UIUC to become more visible in Chicago. She said that there would be connections in the fine and applied arts, commerce, and law. Chancellor Cantor added that she would like to see more connections with the UIC health sciences, life sciences, and biotechnology.

Chancellor Cantor said that, while the University needs a central voice, it is each campus that knows its own strengths.

Professor Conry thanked Chancellor Cantor for meeting with the Conference.

III. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of July 25, 2001

The minutes were approved as distributed.

IV. Classification of Senate Minutes

Class I:	Matters of policy affecting one campus only. Item is sent to the President and Board of Trustees for action.
Class II:	Matters affecting more than one campus. Item is sent to Senate(s) for action, then to President and Board of Trustees. At the time of this classification, the Conference member will file with the recording secretary an accurate final copy of the Senate action.
Class III:	Amendments to the <i>University of Illinois Statutes</i> . Procedure is the same as with Class II items. At the time of reporting this classification, the Conference member will file with the recording secretary an accurate final copy of the Senate action.
Class N:	This designation requires no USC action, but alerts one or more Senates to an item of interest from the originating Senate. The "N" is preceded by and followed by a lower case letter(s); c = Chicago; s = Springfield; u = Urbana-

Champaign; usc = University Senates Conference. Example: "cNs,u" means that a matter has come up in the Chicago Senate, which may be of interest to Springfield and Urbana-Champaign.

A. The following items were classified III by the University Senates Conference:

1. University of Illinois at Springfield, September 14, 2001

III 09/14/01 R31-8, Amendment to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 4 – Faculty Advisory Committee (ST-51)

B. The following items were classified N by the University Senates Conference:

2. University of Illinois at Springfield, June 15, 2001

sNc,u 06/15/01 R31-3, Resolution Regarding Policy for Academic Accommodations and Course Substitutions for Students with Disabilities

3. University of Illinois at Springfield, July 13, 2001

sNc,u 07/13/01 R31-4, Amendment to Bylaws, Undergraduate and Graduate Councils Purpose of the Councils

sNc,u 07/13/01 R31-6, Establishment of a Center for Administrative and Policy Studies

sNc,u 07/13/01 R31-7, Creation of a Joint Master's Degree in Public Administration and Public Health

4. University of Illinois at Springfield, September 14, 2001

sNc,u 09/14/01 R31-9, Sense of the Senate: Benefit Equity for Domestic Partners of State Employees

V. Campus Updates

Professor Weech said that Chief Illiniwek would not appear at Saturday's home football game. Professor Alston added that there would be a patriotic half-time show.

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

VI. Old Business – Action and Discussion Items

1. ST-30. Proposed Changes to the *Statutes: Terms of Faculty Employment*. Passed UIUC Senate 4/21/97. Passed UIC 3/11/99. Passed UIS 4/30/99. Passed USC 9/8/99. Transmitted to the President 9/15/99. Resent to the Senates 12/13/99. Response from UIC 1/27/00. Response from UIUC 2/14/00. Transmitted to Senates 7/18/01.

The Conference discussed whether the final word against sanction should rest with the provost or the elected committee. Professor Fossum said he had been advised by members of the administration that the authority of the chancellors should not be impinged upon. The general feeling of the Conference was that each senate should determine the language it believes is appropriate.

2. OT-89. Fitness to Work. Passed UIUC Senate 2/24/97. Passed UIC Senate 4/23/98. Passed UIS Senate 9/24/99.

Professor Conry said that the President indicated that there should be a uniform policy. Professor Kaufman suggested that this item be referred to the USC Statutes Committee. Professor Fossum asked if the President had formally responded to the Conference's proposal that each campus determine its own policy. Professor Kopecky said that he had informally discussed the issue with the President, who indicated a preference towards a uniform policy. Professor Kaufman made a motion that Professor Conry get a clear indication from the President whether he would accept the Conference's proposal or whether he would like for the Conference to further pursue a uniform policy. The motion was seconded. Professor Fossum recommended that the Conference vote down the motion and instead ask the President for the opportunity to discuss the issue with the full Conference. The motion was approved with one opposing vote.

3. OT-181. Proposed Revisions to the *Policy and Procedures on Academic Integrity in Research and Publication*, Section IV.B.2. Transmitted to the President 7/13/01.

Professor Fossum said that the UIUC Senate Council decided that appeals should be made to the Vice Chancellor for Research rather than to the Provost, as was originally recommended by the senate's Committee on General University Policy. Professor Kopecky said that he did not believe this item was an issue for UIS. Professor Strom moved that the language, with the change proposed by UIUC Senate, be sent to the UIC Senate for consideration. Professor Rich suggested that the document be sent to the UIS Senate as well. The suggestion was accepted as a friendly amendment. The motion was voted on and approved.

4. OT-176. Periodic Vice President-Level Reviews. (Recommendations to the President: Revision of duties of the Vice President for Academic Affairs; Creation of a Vice President for Economic Development and Corporate Relations.) USC Proposal to the President 1/10/01.

Professor Kaufman moved that this item be removed from the agenda. Professor Conry said that reviews fall under the new agenda item, OT-184, Committee on Vice Presidential Search Procedures and Processes for Commenting on the Reappointment of University Officers. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved.

Professor Kaufman reminded the Conference that when the position of Vice President for Economic Development and Corporate Relations was created, the Conference made it clear that academic research should remain in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Professor Rich suggested that Professor Conry inform the President that the Conference would like to discuss with him where research resides. The Conference agreed.

5. 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.

With regards to Trustee Shea's plan that three Trustees be assigned as liaisons to each of the campus senates, Professor Conry asked that the chairs of the respective senates coordinate topics for discussion. Professor Rich remarked that this arrangement should not take the place of OT-167. The Conference agreed.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

7. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting.

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Professor Strom said that all items passed; the main issue being the request for funds for VentureTECH and AgriFIRST.

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

Reports:

AAMT

September 6, 2001

Professors Conry, Kopecky, and Strom

BAHRMT September 19, 2001

Professor Weller

EDCRMT September 5, 2001

Professors Fossum and Kaufman

VII. New Business

9. ST-55. 2001-02 Statutes Committee

The USC Statutes Committee was appointed as follows: Professors Robert Fossum (chair), William Jones, Frank Kopecky, Pat Langley, Robert Rich, and Ann Weller.

10. BG-12. 2001-02 University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee.

The Committee could not be appointed because nominations had not been received from the UIS and UIUC Senates.

11. OT-183. Recalculation of USC Membership.

Professor Conry said that, according to the *Statutes*, every five years the Conference has to reapportion its membership. He suggested that this task be referred to the Executive Committee and be settled by February, which would be prior to the election cycle.

12. OT-184. Committee on Vice Presidential Search Procedures and Processes for Commenting on the Reappointment of University Officers.

Professor Conry said that the committee was appointed at the July meeting and the members were Professors Pat Langley (chair), Robert Rich, and Ann Weller.

VIII. Old Business – Information Items

13. 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.

Professor Fossum said that the UIC and UIUC Chancellors plan to work together to set out a basis for policy to allow for multi-year contracts.

14. ST-51. Proposed Amendments to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 4 – Faculty Advisory Committee. Passed UIUC Senate 11/1/99. Passed UIS Senate 1/21/00. Passed UIC Senate 4/27/00. USC Reconciled Language to Senates 6/4/01.

No new information.

15. ST-53. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article V, Section 2, Graduate Colleges – Campus Research Board; Article XII, Research and Publication. Passed UIUC Senate

2/12/01. Revised by UIUC Senate 4/23/01. Transmitted to Senates 5/18/01.

No new information.

16. 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.

No new information.

17. 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.

No new information.

18. 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.

No new information.

19. OT-157. Chief Illiniwek.

No new information.

20. OT-158. Support Services Strategy (S³).

No new information.

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

No new information.

22. OT-162. UI-Integrate.

No new information.

23. OT-170. Seminar on Economic Development.

No new information.

24. OT-174. USC Retreat 2000 (follow up).

No new information.

25. OT-178. USC Web Page.

No new information.

26. OT-179. ERP-Related Academic Policy Issues.

No new information.

27. OT-182. USC Retreat 2001.

Professor Conry commented that the retreat would be held in St. Charles the next day.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.