MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, September 25, 2007
PLACE: Allerton House Conference Center, Monticello
PRESENT: Anderson, Burbules, Burton (Chair), Chambers, Eisenhart, Grossman, Jones, Kagan, Kaufman (Vice Chair), Langley, Massat, O’Brien, Schacht, Scheff, Strom, Tolliver, Weller
ABSENT: Chapman-Novakofski, Fossum, Green, Wood
GUESTS: Mrinalini Rao, Joseph White

Professor Vernon Burton, Chair, called the University Senates Conference to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. Executive Session

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

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of August 28, 2007

The minutes were approved as written.

III. 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 University of Illinois Statutes. 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. |

1 Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of October 24, 2007
A. The following items were classified I by the University Senates Conference:

1. **University of Illinois at Springfield, September 7, 2007**
   
   R37-3  Proposal for Graduate Certificate in IT Project Management in the Department of Management Information Systems
   
   R37-4  Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Digital Organizations in the Department of Management Information Systems
   
   R37-5  Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Business Process Management in the Department of Management Information Systems

2. **University of Illinois at Chicago, September 27, 2007**

   PR-08.01  Establish a Minor in Nutrition
   
   PR-08.02  Revision on the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Germanic Studies, Concentration in German with Business Minor (Concentration II)
   
   PR-08.03  Revision of the Doctor of Philosophy in Art History
   
   PR-08.04  a) Redesignation of the Department of Criminal Justice to the Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice; b) Redesignation of the B.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Criminal Justice to the B.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Criminology, Law, and Justice; the Minor in Criminal Justice to the Minor in Criminology, Law, and Justice; the M.A. in Criminal Justice to the M.A. in Criminology, Law, and Justice; and the Ph.D. in Criminal Justice to the Ph.D. in Criminology, Law, and Justice; c) Redesignation of the Criminal Justice subject (Rubric) from CRJ to CLJ (Criminology, Law, and Justice)
   
   PR-08.05  Redesignation of the Concentration in Curriculum Design as the Concentration in Curriculum Studies, Doctor of Philosophy in Education (Curriculum and Instruction)
PR-08.06 Revision of the Master of Arts in Sociology
PR-08.07 Revision of the Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology
PR-08.08 Establish the Master of Science in Clinical and Translational Science
CP-08.01 Basic Community Public Health Practice Campus Certificate
CP-08.02 Advanced Community Public Health Practice Campus Certificate
*Pending approval of the UIC Senate

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


sNc,u R37-6 Faculty Compensation Review

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


The Conference decided to re-transmit the language to the President with the request that the statutory changes be moved forward.


Burton said that nominations were needed for the committee. Eisenhart volunteered to serve. Other members will be appointed later.

3. OT-234. Appointment of USC Members to Serve on the Management Teams and Other Committees: Academic Affairs; Business Administration and Human
No additional appointments were made. Someone is still needed to serve on ITPC.

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

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

V. New Business

4. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:
   University of Illinois at Springfield
   Wednesday, November 14, 2007
   Kathryn Eisenhart

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

5. OT-227. The Global Campus.

Global Campus issues were discussed during the Executive Session. There was no further discussion.


The President discussed several issues with the Conference during the Executive Session. There was no further discussion.

7. 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.
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.

No new information.


The Conference discussed the meaning of tenure home.

9. 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.

10. 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.

The Conference discussed the Conflicts of Commitment and Interest document. Chambers commented that the real focus is usually on financial interest and material things that can be quantified as well as intellectual conflicts of interest.

Concerning permissible use issues, Kaufman said that the proposed wording changes would go against state ethics requirements. Burton commented that current practices that most people engage in, such as phone use, go against the rules. Chambers said that the real problem will occur when someone wants to enforce the rules on a specific person who is doing what everyone else is doing. Burbules compared these practices with the speed limit. While everyone understands the speed limit is commonly violated, there has to be some standard in place to deal with egregious instances. He could not imagine a case where a faculty member would be singled out for calling home. Chambers was concerned that there would be no one to advocate for someone who was being targeted by a disgruntled co-worker. Burbules did not think there could be a set of provisions that would prevent that sort of thing from happening. Langley commented that it seems necessary for faculty to have liability insurance. Burbules added that what is important is that there be a sensible and fair model.


The Conference agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

No new information.


Burbules thought that it would be useful to have follow-up sessions with the legislators to focus on particular topics. Grossman did not think it would be useful for the legislators to come back and talk with the Conference. He recommended that forums, seminars, or town meetings be held to bring together people who know about the issues. Chambers suggested that a group come up with a list of issues to discuss and then decide the best way to educate the legislators. Langley said that it was important for the University to have effective public relations. Kaufman did not agree with the legislators when they indicated that the faculty are not doing a good job of telling their stories. He thought that the faculty do not have enough political clout for them to be listening. Eisenhart said that the information about the University that is given to solicit donors should also be given to the general public. There is a lot of wonderful information to tell, the problem is getting it out.

Burton asked whether the Conference should try to meet with more legislators. Grossman preferred not to meet with legislators. Massat thought that it could be useful if the right legislators were invited. Kaufman said that there were more opportunities while in Chicago to get a different group of legislators, rather than meeting with the same people again. Burton thought the meetings should focus on dealing with issues rather than getting to know the legislators. He suggested that the Conference continue the discussion of how to proceed at the next meeting.


Burton suggested that the three senate executive committee chairs decide whether the Statutes need to be changed.


Conference members commented on problems such as poor cell phone reception and temperature irregularities in guest rooms.


No new information.

17. OT-240. Chancellor Reviews.

Langley said that UIS would follow-up this fall on issues from the chancellor review.
18. OT-123. Discussion of University Senates Conference guests.

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

19. Campus Updates.

Kaufman said that the UIC Chancellor search would officially begin later that week.

Burbules said that there was a good overview in *Inside Higher Education* on the Academy for Capitalism and Limited Government Fund. Chancellor Herman recently made a statement that there is no academy or an institute. There is an endowment fund in the Foundation and everything has to be approved by the chancellor and a faculty advisory committee. There cannot be an academic entity in the Foundation. Donors will not get to unilaterally decide how money is used for academic matters. Burbules added that the campus welcomes any fund that enriches and diversifies the range of point of view. However, there needs to be an appropriate shared governance process.

20. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

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

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

AAMT
(Burton, Kaufman, Langley)
September 14, 2007

22. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

No new information.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.
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.

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-208. E-Mail Security Policy.

OT-210. Tuition and Fees Executive Committee.

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


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-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.