

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

DATE: Wednesday, October 26, 2005

PLACE: Room 206, UIC Student Center West

PRESENT: Anderson, Finnerty, W. Jones, E. Kaufman (Chair), L. Kaufman, Mallory, Massat, Scheff, Tolliver, Weller, Wheeler

ABSENT: Bodenhorn, Chambers, Ford, Fossum, Grossman, B. Jones, Kagan, Langley (Secretary), Schacht

GUESTS: Chester Gardner, B. Joseph White

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

I. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of September 27, 2005

The minutes were approved as distributed.

II. 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-

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<sup>1</sup>Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of November 17, 2005

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 I by the University Senates Conference:

1. University of Illinois at Chicago, September 29, 2005

- PR-05.57 Establish a New Graduate Degree, the Master of Science in Medical Biotechnology
- PR-05.59 Establish the National Center for Rural Health Professions
- PR-06.01 Establish a New Course Subject, MBT (Medication Biotechnology) for the proposed Master of Science in Medical Biotechnology Program
- PR-06.02 Revision of the Master of Public Health (Professional Enhancement)
- PR-06.08 Revision of the B.S. in Chemical Engineering and Degree Program and the Minor in Chemical Engineering
- PR-06.09 Revision of the B.S. in Computer Engineering and the Minor in Computer Engineering
- PR-06.10 Revision of the B.S. in Electrical Engineering and the Minor in Electrical Engineering
- PR-06.11 Revision of the B.S. in Engineering Physics Program

2. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 24, 2005

- EP.06.01 Proposal to Establish a Jazz Performance Major within the Bachelor of Music degree
- EP.06.07 Revision to the Undergraduate Curriculum in Painting in the School of Art & Design, FAA
- EP.06.08 Revision to the Course Numbering System (*Code Part 7. Transcripts*) to allow for use of 700-level numbers in the Professional Curricula
- EP.06.09 Revision of the Interdisciplinary Minor in African American Studies,

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

3. University of Illinois at Springfield, September 23, 2005

R35-3 Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8.a.

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

4. University of Illinois at Springfield, September 9, 2005

sNc,u R35-2 Amendments to the Bylaws: Creation of General Education Council

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

III. Old Business – Action Items

1. OT-219. Future USC Meeting Dates.

Professor Kaufman noted that the Conference approved the three-year schedule at the September meeting. The Conference moved this item to the pending agenda.

2. OT-224. Appointment of USC Members to Serve on the Management Teams: Academic Affairs; Business Administration and Human Resources; External Relations; Governmental Relations; Technology and Economic Development; and University Technology.

Professor L. Kaufman volunteered to serve on the University Technology Management Team. This item was removed from the agenda since all appointments had been made.

IV. New Business

3. OT-225. Proposal to Establish a Center for Public Service.

Professor Kaufman reported that President White had responded to the UIUC alumnus who submitted the proposal. In his response, the President indicated that the University is

currently undergoing strategic planning. The Conference discussed public service and public engagement initiatives on the campuses. The Conference decided to discuss the proposal with Vice President Gardner at the next meeting.

The Conference recessed from the business meeting to go into executive session.

V. Executive Session

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

VI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

4. OT-223. Annual Review of the Vice Presidents (2004-05).

Professor E. Kaufman noted that the Conference had not yet received the 2004-05 accomplishments of the Vice President for Administration. He said that the Conference normally holds the review of the vice presidents with the president during the summer, before the reappointment of the vice presidents, but did not receive the accomplishments in time. Conference members commented on the document submitted by the two vice presidents and then decided to have a discussion with the President at the November meeting.

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

This item was discussed with Vice President Gardner during the Executive Session.

6. OT-218. Proposed Guidelines for Multi-Institutional Degrees.

Professor E. Kaufman recommended that the proposed guidelines be referred to the senates with the suggestion that the guidelines be reviewed by each senate's educational policy committee. By voice vote, the Conference approved the recommendation.

7. ST-62. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Section 11 – to clarify employment policies applicable to Academic Professional Employees at the University Administration level. Passed UIUC Senate 9/19/05. Transmitted to Senates 10/11/05.

Professor E. Kaufman reported that the UIC Senate would have a first reading of this item the next day, with a vote expected on December 1.

8. ST-63. Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Articles II, Section 2.a. (2), change the beginning date for which terms of members begin. Transmitted to Senates 10/11/05.

Professor E. Kaufman reported that the UIC Senate would also have a first reading of this item the next day, with a vote expected on December 1.

9. OT-220. USC Retreat 2005.

Professor E. Kaufman mentioned that notes from the retreat had been distributed. He said that there are some items from the retreat that need to be followed up on.

10. OT-217. Strategic Planning Process for the University (formerly President's Summit on Strategic Leadership).

Professor E. Kaufman said that there will be another President's Summit on November 15.

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

Professor E. Kaufman said that the campus strategic plans are due by the end of the month. He assumed that the plans would be accessible to anyone who wished to view them.

12. 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.

Professor E. Kaufman said that benefits for domestic partners issues had been referred to the USC Budget and Benefits Committee.

13. 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.

Professor Finnerty said that the Statutes Committee is looking at current process and history to find out why UIC and UIUC are doing things differently, given that issues should be handled the same under the *Statutes*. Professor E. Kaufman added that it appears that the two campuses interpreted the *Statutes* differently, resulting in the same group of employees being treated differently at UIC and UIUC.

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

Professor E. Kaufman said that the review committee needs to have a discussion with Vice

President Chicoine. He added that the Vice President has been very receptive to opening his office to this group.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

16. Campus Updates.

Professor Finnerty said that the UIUC Provost search should be completed by mid-November. Professor E. Kaufman said that he attended the David Dodds Henry Lecture at UIC. The speaker was the president of the university system in California in the 1980's and, during the lecture, mentioned the important role of the faculty. Professor E. Kaufman spoke to him after the lecture and the speaker said that two of the regents were faculty – the chair and vice chair of the academic senate. The speaker went on to say that it was very advantageous having the faculty on the Board of Regents. The Conference decided to pursue a voice and seat at the Board of Trustees' table.

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

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October 7, 2005

Professor E. Kaufman

18. Designation of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Springfield  
Thursday, November 10, 2005

Professor Nancy Ford

19. Review of Pending Items on the Agenda Addendum.

The Conference reviewed the pending agenda items.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Pending USC Items  
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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. Passed UIS Senate 9/23/05.

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.

BG-17. 2005-06 University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee.

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.

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-192. Update on the UI-Integrate Steering Committee and Faculty Advisory Committee.

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-214. Flexible Tenure.

OT-215. Discussion of University-Wide Committee to Address Issues Relating to Administrative Computing System.