

MINUTES¹
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, November 18, 2004

PLACE: Room 206, Chicago Illini Union

PRESENT: Bodenhorn, Finnerty, Ford, Grossman (Chair), Gupta, Henson, B. Jones, W. Jones, E. Kaufman, L. Kaufman, Langley, Mallory, Massat, Schacht, Strom, Wood, Yu

ABSENT: Chambers, Wheeler

GUESTS: Lawrence Eppley, James Stukel

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

I. Executive Session

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

II. Approval of University Senates Conference Minutes of October 29, 2004

The minutes were approved as distributed.

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 <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.

¹Subject to approval at the University Senates Conference meeting of January 25, 2005

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 I by the University Senates Conference:

1. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 1, 2004

- EP.04.33 Revision of the Undergraduate Curriculum in Leisure Studies, ALS
- EP.04.38 Proposal for the Merger of the Departments of Community Health and Kinesiology
- EP.04.41 Undergraduate Athletic Training Education Concentration in the Dept. of Kinesiology
- EP.04.42 Revision of Undergraduate Art History Major, College of Fine and Applied Arts
- EP.04.44 Proposal from FAA to Revise the Foundation Program of all Art and Design Curricula
- EP.05.01 Proposal to Rename the Interdisciplinary Minor in Afro-American Studies to the Interdisciplinary Minor in African American Studies
- EP.05.02 Proposal to Rename the Afro-American Studies and Research Program to the African American Studies and Research Program
- EP.05.04 Proposal from the Graduate College to Eliminate the M.A. in the Teaching of German
- EP.05.05 Proposal from LAS to Revise the Specialized Curriculum of the B.S. in Biochemistry

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

1. BG-15. 2004-05 University Administration Budget and Benefits Study Committee.

Professor E. Kaufman moved to approve the membership of the committee: Professors Brown, Byrnes, Chambers, Goldsmith, Gupta, B. Jones, and Strom. Professor Chambers was nominated to serve as chair and subsequently agreed during a phone call to him.

2. OT-205. Presidential Search.

This item was approved for removal from the agenda.

V. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

3. 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. Multi-Year Contracts Task Force Charged 4/11/02. Transmitted to Senates 2/13/04.

Professor Finnerty said that there would be a first reading at the December UIUC Senate meeting and possibly a vote at the February meeting.

Professor Schacht asked that the name of this item be changed to Multi-Year Contracts for Non-Tenure-Track Academic Staff. The Conference decided to leave ST-47 on the agenda as is and then to add a new item with the proposed name when the document from the UIUC Senate comes to the Conference.

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

Professor Grossman said that he had another document from the Association of Governing Boards that might be useful in the discussion of this issue. He added that Professor Stephen Kaufman would like to meet with the Conference to discuss whether the current mechanism by which Trustees are apportioned and appointed best serves the governance of the University. The Conference felt that his written comments were sufficient, and if he had additional comments to share he could provide them in writing. The Conference decided to consider whether to weigh in on this issue after the new president has been on board for a while.

5. OT-210. Tuition and Fees Executive Committee.

Professor B. Jones commented on the process for determining tuition and fees. He said

that the executive committee gets involved too late into the process to be able to make a difference. Professor Strom suggested interacting with the provosts earlier on. Professor Langley said that the provost started the process very late at UIS. Professor E. Kaufman said that the timing does not necessarily make a difference because tuition is largely determined by how much, if any, new state money is anticipated and by the amount of unavoidable expenses that is expected. Professor Henson said that UIUC's Campus Budget Oversight Committee works with the provost during the process. The Conference decided that members from each campus should talk with their provosts if there are any concerns about the process.

The Conference recessed from the business meeting at 12:10 p.m. for lunch and a discussion with Trustee Lawrence Eppley.

VI. Guest

The Conference asked Trustee Eppley his thoughts on faculty sitting at the Board table with voice but no vote. He questioned why the faculty felt there was an infrastructure problem that prevented sufficient contact with the Board, since there are procedures in place. Conference members responded that there have been times during meetings when faculty input could assist the Board in its decision-making process. Trustee Eppley proposed the establishment of a process where the respective faculty members of the campuses would meet, either in person or by conference call, with the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board the day before each Board meeting. He added that the Board Secretary should be contacted if any of the faculty representatives would like the opportunity to speak on an item at the Board meeting. The Conference agreed to try this process.

Trustee Eppley said that he thought the presidential search went very well.

Trustee Eppley commented on the tuition process. The Board needs information regarding how funds will be used and revenue assumptions for state dollars, tuition, annual giving, and reallocation.

Trustee Eppley and the Conference discussed the composition of the Board and how its members are selected. He prefers a Board that is appointed, and he predicts that if members were elected, then campaigning would be one issue: the Chief. He thinks there is the perception that there is too much control over the Board from the state, which he believes is not true.

Concerning the Chief, Trustee Eppley said that the Board owes it to the institution to find middle ground. He added that there needs to be steady progress.

The Conference thanked Trustee Eppley for coming to the meeting.

The business meeting resumed at 1:25 p.m.

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

The Conference discussed possible guests to invite to future meetings.

7. Campus Updates.

Professor Strom said that the UIC Senate is pleased to see that Urbana is working on multi-year contracts. He added that Chicago would not do anything until seeing Urbana's draft document. The UIC Senate is looking at partial tenure. The campus is considering reorganizing governance on the medical side of the campus. Professor Langley reacted to news that there may not be any new program money for FY06. She said that this would be a problem for UIS because the campus is planning a \$2M expansion of the lower division. Professor Grossman said that the UIUC Senate Executive Committee was given the task by the chancellor to help form a faculty committee to study whether the Chief has had an affect on educational effectiveness, so the chancellor can respond to the NCA report.

The Conference changed the order of the agenda to address New Business.

VII. New Business

8. OT-212. Proposed Draft Resolutions from the UIUC Senate General University Policy Committee.

Professor Schacht said that while the three resolutions were drafted by the UIUC Senate, the intention was for the other senates and Senates Conference to get involved. He said that he sees problems with both the process and the substance of changes made to the position of Vice President for Technology and Economic Development. He reviewed the history of the position, recounting that the Conference had a meaningful discussion with the President in July 2000 regarding the creation of the vice presidency, and noted that the name of the position was changed at the request of the Conference. The Conference had also requested that a review of the position and incumbent take place in five years, which would be this academic year.

Professor Schacht said that the first resolution addresses the five-year review. The second resolution addresses the situation where USC was not consulted or informed when the name of the position was changed in May 2003 from Vice President for Economic Development and Corporate Relations to Vice President for Technology and Economic Development and when the Conference was not duly consulted when the responsibilities and authority for the position changed in September 2004. The third resolution addresses

concerns that the changes this fall to the responsibilities and authority of the vice president cuts the chancellors out of the reporting process for responsibilities relating to the research park, Office of Technology Management, and intellectual property.

Professor Kaufman felt that it was not necessary to have the senates involved in the first resolution because it was Senates Conference's stipulation that there be a five-year review. He reminded the Conference that the original name of the proposed new vice presidency was Vice President for Research and Corporate Relations, but the Conference requested that "research" be removed and subsequently agreed to replacing it with "economic development", because research should be an academic affairs issue. Professor Langley suggested that the information about the name change be included in the resolution. The Conference agreed that it should be significantly involved in the review.

Professor Kaufman moved approval of the first resolution with wording to be changed as discussed. The resolution was approved with one opposed.

Professor Schacht proposed deleting the third, fourth, and fifth "whereas" in the second resolution. He said that the resolution, after the sections are deleted, would basically ask whoever is president to observe the spirit of what is in the *Statutes*. Professor Finnerty questioned whether the resolution was needed. After discussion, the Conference agreed to send only the first resolution and not to pursue the second and third resolutions at this time. Professor Schacht said that he would make the revisions to the first resolution. Professor Grossman said that he would send an accompanying cover letter with the resolution to the President.

The Conference returned to Old Business – Information and Discussion Items.

9. 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 meetings were held.

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

Report:

UI-I FAC November 11, 2004 Professor Yu

Professor Yu said that Dr. David Ruzic would like to speak with the Conference about how faculty should stay involved in Banner issues. The UI-Integrate Faculty Advisory Committee will be dissolved soon. The Conference also needs faculty representation on the Information Technology Priorities Committee, because Professor Chambers' schedule has not permitted him to attend meetings.

11. Report of Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Thursday, November 11, 2004

Professor Finnerty

12. Report on the IBHE Big Picture Meeting:

Monday, November 8, 2004

Professor Grossman

13. Designation of Future Observer of Board of Trustees Meeting:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Thursday, January 20, 2005

Professor Strom

14. Report on the Council on Illinois University Senates Meeting:

November 11, 2004

Professors Mallory and Strom

15. Report on the CIC Faculty Senate Leaders:

November 12-13, 2004

Professors Grossman and Mallory

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Pending USC Items
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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. Passed UIC Senate 9/28/01. Passed UIS Senate 11/30/01. Transmitted to the President 2/14/02.

ST-58. Review of the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 5 – Faculty Advisory Committee. Transmitted to Senates 2/13/04. UIC response 3/3/04 (no changes). UIUC response 9/15/04 (no changes).

OT-89. Evaluation of Ability to Work. Passed UIUC Senate 2/24/97. Passed UIC Senate 4/23/98. Passed UIS Senate 9/24/99. Transmitted to Senates 10/8/02. Passed UIS Senate 10/18/02. Passed UIC Senate 12/5/02. Passed UIUC Senate 7/7/03. Transmitted to the President 8/29/03. Revisions approved by USC 1/23/04. Transmitted to Senates 3/3/04. Presented to UIUC Senate 4/26/04. Passed UIC Senate 4/29/04. Passed UIS Senate 5/7/04. Transmitted to the President 6/14/04. President's letter to the Chancellors 7/19/04.

OT-157. Chief Illiniwek.

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.

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-187. UI-Integrate/Support Services Strategy (S3) Related Issues.

OT-191. Severe Sanctions Less Than Dismissal -- Follow-up and Senate Procedures. Implementation Passed UIUC Senate 4/28/03. Implementation Passed UIS Senate 10/24/03.

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.