

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, June 27, 2024

PLACE: I Hotel & Conference Center, Lincoln Room

PRESENT: Burbules, Campbell, Dallesasse, De Groote, Dunning, Erricolo, Hobbs, Jenkins, Kalita, Leff, Lyons, Moorhouse, Sharma, Symes, Weuve (Chair)

Online: Danziger, Tolliver

ABSENT: Peiravian, Wink

GUESTS: William Maher

- I. Call to Order
Professor Weuve called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- II. Business Meeting
- III. Public Comment
None
- IV. Approval of Minutes from May 29, 2024
A motion was made by Professor Burbules and seconded by Professor Dunning to approve the minutes from May 29, 2024. No discussion. The minutes were approved with a voice vote by USC Members in-person and by roll call vote for members attending on Zoom.

Yes: Burbules, Campbell, Dallesasse, De Groote, Dunning, Erricolo, Kalita, Leff, Lyons, Sharma, Symes, Weuve (Chair)

Online: Danziger, Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None
- V. Classification of Senate Minutes
None
- VI. Nominations from USC Chair - USC Representation on other Programs and Committees
 - a. Discovery Partners Institute Executive Committee (2) – Jeffrey Eric Jenkins and Donald Wink
 - b. Enrollment Management Policy Council (1) – Carol Leff
 - c. President’s Executive Leadership Program (1)
Professor Weuve held an interactive discussion with USC since there was interested by Jeffrey Eric Jenkins, Linda Moorhouse, and Farid Peiravian. Due to the number of interested USC Members, Mr. Perryn distributed paper ballots to USC Members in the room and requested USC Members email him their vote for those attending remotely. Mr. Perryn tallied the votes. Jeffrey Eric Jenkins won

with the majority and will represent USC in PELP for 2024-2025. Professor Weuve noted that Professor Dunning expressed interest in PELP for next year.

- d. System-wide Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Council (1) – Linda Moorhouse
- e. University of Illinois System President’s Advisory Council (1) – Angela Lyons
- f. Workplace Behavior Policy (1) – Joyce Tolliver
- g. Data Strategy System-wide Task Force – Roy Campbell
- h. Digital Risk Council (1) – Roy Campbell

VII. Old Business – Action Items

None

VIII. Today’s Business – Action Items

- a. OT-387: University of Illinois System Values and Principles Response
Professor Weuve asked USC for a motion to approve the response. Professor Leff made the motion and Professor Burbules seconded it. A discussion was held. Professor Weuve expressed appreciation to Professor Tolliver and SGC for their efforts.

Yes: Burbules, Campbell, Dallesasse, De Groote, Dunning, Erricolo, Jenkins, Kalita, Leff, Lyons, Moorhouse, Sharma, Symes, Weuve (Chair)

Online: Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

- b. Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee
Professor Weuve inquired with USC about creating an ad hoc committee within USC for the purpose of strategic planning with the President. USC discussed different approaches but ultimately would like to be included in the strategic planning efforts. USC will inquire in the meeting tomorrow with the President.

- c. Determine USC Presenters and Observers for Board of Trustees Meetings

Date	Location	Presenter	Observer	From
7/11/2024	Chicago	Weuve	De Groote	Chicago
9/19/2024	Urbana	Jenkins	Moorhouse	Urbana
11/14/2024	Chicago		Wink	Chicago
01/23/2025	Chicago		Hobbs	Chicago
03/20/2025	Springfield		Dunning	Springfield
05/22/2025	Urbana			Urbana
07/24/2025	Chicago	Jenkins		Chicago

IX. Today’s Business – Discussion

- a. OT-391: Proposed revision to USC *Bylaws* by SGC
Discussion on this item will occur at the August 22, 2024, USC Meeting.

X. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

- a. ST-83. Revisions to the *Statutes* – newly proposed revisions. Sent to Executive Vice President Wilson 05/01/2020. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes* (USC ST-83 following ST- 77) transmitted to UIS, UIC, and UIUC Senates 09/02/2021. UIC responded with Collated Comments 01/12/2022. USC sent a request for bifurcation and clarification to UIC on 02/08/2022. UIC Senate Request for Modifications 12/01/2022. The proposed statutory revisions have been transmitted to UIS, UIC, and UIUC Senates. UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senates have sent their response. USC has referred ST-83 to SGC.

Professor Burbules mentioned that the big group is compiling information from the Senates. The plan is at the start of the fall semester, the committee will recommend that USC forward the compiled version with all the changes and corrections to the President for transmission to the Board of Trustees. President Killeen will want to have a review with his team. At the same time, the compiled version will be sent to the Senates to provide their comments that will be attached to the revised version when it's communicated to the BOT. The timeline will depend on the review by the President, input from the Senates, and the BOT Agenda.

Professor Weuve expressed the need for a deadline to be sent with the request for input by each Senate. USC expressed agreement of this important detail to continue with progress. SGC will discuss at the SGC meeting tomorrow.

- b. ST-87 Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article I, Section 5 – Chancellors and Vice Presidents, Article II, Section 3a (1) – Faculty Role in Governance, and Article III, Section 1g – The University. Passed UIUC Senate 11/15/2021. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates on 03/02/2022.
- c. ST-89 Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IV, Section 1 – The Department, Section 2 – Department Organized with a Chair (Section 2b – Department Organized with a Chair), Section 3 – Department Organized with a Head (Section 3b – Department Organized with a Head), and Section 4 – Change of Department Administrative Organization. Passed UIUC Senate 04/24/2023. Transmitted to UIC and UIS 06/21/2023.
- d. ST-90: Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Section 7a – Sabbatical Leaves and Unpaid Leaves of Absence for Members of the Faculty. Passed UIC Senate 03/14/2024. USC referred ST-90 to SGC. SGC recommends ST-90 be forwarded to UIS and UIUC Senates for input.

SGC recommended a letter be sent to UIC advising that the work on ST-83 should be completed first since language may change that would impact ST-90.

- e. ST-91: Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Sections 3a (1) and 3a (2) – Faculty Role in Governance. Passed UIC Senate 03/14/2024. USC referred ST-

91 to SGC. SGC recommends ST-91 be forwarded to UIS and UIUC Senates for input.

SGC recommended a letter be sent to UIC Senate advising that the work on ST-83 should be completed first since language may change that would impact ST-91.

- f. OT-387. University of Illinois System Values and Principles. Transmitted to the Senates on 03/27/2023 with advice requested to USC by 05/15/2023. 06/26/2023 requested an extension to provide input through Fall 2023. Revised version sent to Senates with feedback requested by 01/17/2024. The UIC and UIUC Senates have sent their response. A status update letter has been sent to EVP Jones. UIS Senate has sent their response. A letter with the USC response will be sent to EVP Jones.

- g. SI-1. Updates from each University
 - i. University of Illinois Chicago
Professor De Groot shared that UIC is reviewing and revising an open expressions policy.

 - ii. University of Illinois Springfield
Professor Weuve advised that with summer there has not been a meeting.

 - iii. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Professor Jenkins mentioned the provost had announced a new dean for the College of Fine and Applied Arts. There is also a conversation evolving around planning after the events of this past Spring.

- h. SI-2. Updates from Standing Committees
 - i. Academic Affairs and Research (AARC)
Professor Dallesasse spoke about the committee discussion of how to encourage collaborative research across the System. The goal would be to bring others together in the same room to help drive larger programs that involve multiple universities in the System. There could be a call for topics that goes out. Discussion concluded with the suggestion that a letter be sent to request assistance from the System to organize mini workshops or conferences.

AARC also discussed a presentation to the Board of Trustees on how that research and performance-based research is structured.

 - ii. Finance, Budget, and Benefits (FBBC)
Professor Lyons mentioned the discussion with FBBC on the potential impact of the IBHE Funding Formula. A question was also raised on how the 2% appropriation from the State of Illinois will impact the campuses.

iii. Statutes and Governance (SGC)

Professor Burbules reported that the committee met and discussed a proposed change to the USC *Bylaws*. The proposal change was approved by SGC and will be brought to the August 22, 2024, USC Meeting for a vote.

SGC will recommend that USC not forward ST-90 and ST-91 to UIS and UIUC Senates, but instead send a letter to the UIC Senate asking them to be reconsidered once the work on ST-83 has been completed since the language will likely change.

i. SI-3. Updates from External Groups with USC Representation

i. Data Strategy System-wide Task Force

No update.

ii. Digital Risk Council

Professor Campbell mentioned information will be forthcoming.

iii. Discovery Partners Institute Executive Committee

Professor Jenkins mentioned the last meeting was cancelled.

iv. Enrollment Management Policy Council

No update.

v. President's Executive Leadership Program

Professor Lyons shared that PELP has been wonderful, enabling her to see the University in action at each level. The program is built on seeing each campus, and then with travel to Washington D.C. meeting with many including Supreme Court Justice Jackson. The cohort toured the White House, the Pentagon, and other places.

vi. System Task Force on Online Strategy

Professor Burbules and Professor Lyons provided an update. Professor Burbules mentioned a report would be forthcoming from EVP Jones. What lessons have been learned about online platforms in the past? What are some areas in which there could be useful and productive collaboration System-wide? What are some areas where the committee is skeptical about a System-wide platform? EVP Jones communicated clearly the importance of developing a model that benefits UIC, UIS, UIUC, and the System. The platform will be different from others.

Professor Lyons spoke about the learning management systems and technology platforms. While the campuses would maintain their own autonomy, some portions of the platform would be helpful.

Professor Burbules mentioned that the state is considering legislation that

would mandate certain kinds of transfer rules. There could be some implications for programs offered online.

- vii. System-wide Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Council
No update.
- viii. University of Illinois System President's Advisory Council
Professor Sharma mentioned that President Killeen provided an update on the activities and international partnerships that University of Illinois has been involved in since the last PAC meeting.

Jay Walsh, VP Economic Development and Innovation, provided updates and information on DPI and IIN. Amy Liu, Presidential Advisory and Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution, Brookings Metro, spoke about where Illinois stands in terms of developing an innovation based eco system and asked thought-provoking questions the members of PAC. How can the Chicago area stabilize the potential to be the next innovation-based tech hub?

Bob Langer, President of PAC, and David H. Koch Institute Professor, MT, proposed the discussion on “what success means for DPI, and how will it be measured?” Members participated in breakout sessions to discuss three important questions: 1) How can DPI be more inclusive with its activities? 2) What other activities can DPI be involved in to develop the innovation-based ecosystem? 3) How can DPI utilize all of the international partnerships for the mission and vision of DPI? In summary, the members agreed that the success of DPI will depend on active involvement of faculty in its activities.

- ix. Workplace Behavior Policy
Professor Weuve mentioned this is on hold. The letter being sent regarding OT-387 may have an impact on this.

The meeting recessed at 5:59 p.m. and will resume June 28, 2024.

- j. USC Social – 6:00 p.m. – Alma Mater Room
- k. USC Dinner – 6:30 p.m. – Alma Mater Room

DATE: Friday, June 28, 2024

PLACE: I Hotel & Conference Center, Lincoln Room

PRESENT: Burbules, Campbell, Dallesasse, De Groote, Dunning, Erricolo, Hobbs, Jenkins, Kalita, Lyons, Moorhouse, Sharma, Symes, Tolliver, Weuve (Chair)

Online: Danziger, Leff, Peiravian

ABSENT: Wink

GUESTS: Timothy Killeen, Nicholas Jones, Ron Watkins, Andrew Gum (online), Robert Jones, William Maher

- l. USC Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.
- m. Committee Meetings – 8:30 a.m.
Committee meetings were held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:10 a.m.
- n. USC Organizational Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
The Organizational Meeting was held from 9:27 a.m. to 9:49 a.m.
- o. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.
- p. USC Committee as a Whole Discussion
 - i. Select deadlines for Senates to respond on ST-90 and ST-91
 - ii. Suggest speakers for the 2024-2025 USC
- q. Meeting with President Killeen, EVP Jones, Ron Watkins, and Andrew Gum
Professor Weuve welcomed President Killeen, EVP Jones, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Gum to the meeting.

Mr. Watkins gave a presentation on the Illinois Virtual School. Information in the presentation revealed the challenges faced in rural and low-income schools where AP courses are not always available. The program is expected to focus on improving access to education throughout the state, helping students be more ready for college, and decreasing the cost of higher education.

Mr. Watkins gave the example of Spanish class where teacher walks out leaving the students without anyone to teach. With the virtual school there would be redundancies. Discussion continued on classes that did not have T.A.'s. There is currently not an online model with T.A.'s but this plan includes the T.A.'s.

President Killeen spoke about the access issues that exist for students to take AP courses. With the virtual school, there is an opportunity for students. Students taking AP courses prior to college spend less on their education.

USC mentioned the concern with the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Funding Formula being proposed. While this has not been passed, it is a possibility.

Professor Weuve expressed appreciation to Mr. Watkins and his team for their presentation.

President Killeen spoke about the planning that took place over the summer after the spring semester concluded. What worked in the spring may not be what works in the fall. While minor interruptions took place, they did not interfere with commencement. USC inquired about the rules that were broken in the spring. President Killeen spoke about the efforts and reasoning behind decisions.

President Killeen spoke about the effort by the Governor to make Illinois the Quantum Capital and how the University of Illinois is involved.

EVP Jones provided an enrollment update: UIUC is up, while UIC and UIS are down slightly. These numbers may change. Transfer enrollments are up 100. All three institutions are impacted by FASFA challenges. He commended the admissions teams and leadership for their extraordinary work through the FASFA challenges.

Professor Weuve expressed appreciation to President Killeen and EVP Jones for attending.

r. Lunch meeting with Chancellor Jones – 12:00 p.m.

Professor Weuve welcomed Chancellor Jones to the USC Lunch and Meeting.

Chancellor Jones spoke about the profound impact from October 7, 2023, terrorist attacks in Israel. He remarked about being a student during the civil rights era. The encampment was a clear violation of university policy. There were many empty tents. Along with the protests came harm to police officers. Safety was the top priority and decisions were made to protect lives. University policies are being reviewed. Plans are being made for the fall to be prepared in the best way possible. Chancellor Jones conveyed the importance of holding people accountable.

Chancellor Jones remarked that he is about to begin his 9th academic year at UIUC. This academic year UIUC had the largest graduating class in the history of UIUC. Over 27,000 family and friends were in the stands of Memorial Stadium.

USC inquired with Chancellor Jones about the interactions with the protestors. Upon speaking with the students, they were reminded that they were in violation of University Policy. Several attempts to speak with them were made. His team also tried to engage them in a conversation about the complexity of divestment. UIF manages the investment strategy.

Chancellor Jones is student focused and there is a core level of respect. He met with six to eight students who had previously had interactions with Chancellor

Jones over the last few years. Faculty members were also working to resolve this and build relationships.

UIUC is doing amazing things in the world of research and innovation. Chancellor Jones spoke about the importance of collaborations and partnerships. The Governor is going to make sure that the State of Illinois is leading in Quantum.

Professor Weuve expressed appreciation to Chancellor Jones for joining the meeting.

- s. Remarks from the USC Chair – 1:00 p.m.
Professor Weuve shared insights of the past year with USC and expressed appreciation to USC for their support in her role as USC Chair.
- t. Adjournment – Next meeting will be Thursday, August 22, 2024, at UIUC.