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UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2024

PLACE: University of Illinois Springfield, Student Union, Room 222

PRESENT: Campbell, De Groot, Fisher, Hale, Hobbs, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Schwinn, Wink  
Online: Danziger, Dunning, Erricolo, Floros, Jenkins (Chair), Moorhouse, Symes, Tolliver

ABSENT: Leff, Sharma

GUESTS: Nicholas Jones, Janet Gooch

I. Call to Order

Professor De Groot called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. Approval of remote participation

Professor De Groot made a motion to allow those attending via Zoom (Danziger, Dunning, Erricolo, Floros, Leff, Jenkins, Tolliver) to vote and participate in the meeting. Professor Hobbs seconded. No discussion. Motion failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groot, Fisher, Hale, Hobbs, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Schwinn, Wink

No: None

Abstain: None

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of the minutes from October 8-9, 2024

A motion was made by Professor Jenkins and seconded by Professor Hale to approve the minutes from October 8-9, 2024. A brief discussion was held. The amended minutes were approved by a voice vote by USC Members in-person and by roll call vote for members attending on Zoom. Motion failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groot, Fisher, Hale, Hobbs, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Schwinn, Wink

Online: Danziger, Dunning, Erricolo, Jenkins (Chair), Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

V. Remarks from USC Chair

Professor Jenkins shared that overall, there were differing concerns brought forth by the

three Senates with the process of the proposed revisions to ST-83 and the elements in it. Upon consultation with the SEC Chairs, the USC Executive Committee, and input from individual USC Members, it became apparent the best approach was to contact President Killeen and EVP Jones to ask for a pause in the process and that ST-83 be returned to USC. This is currently in process. It will be up to USC to determine the next action.

VI. Meeting with Executive Vice President Jones

Professor De Groot welcomed EVP Jones to the meeting.

EVP Jones spoke about the process for ST-83, mentioning the importance of shared governance and academic freedom, both which are vital to the university. EVP Jones stated that there is not a BOT deadline for ST-83. There is a process, and a cadence associated with the process. If there is a need to pause and reconsider a matter that has emerged, then the President and EVP Jones are more than happy to pause to give time and space to do so. Process serves strategy, it does not drive it.

SGC expressed an interest in removing the December 16, 2024, deadline for input and will discuss at the SGC meeting today.

EVP Jones acknowledged that he understands some concerns have been raised on ST-83. President Killeen will send a formal letter to USC advising the document is being returned to allow USC an opportunity to work with the senates to promote agreement. This will allow input to be received by USC, so that it can be considered. When ST-83 is transmitted in the future, President Killeen will consult with his cabinet. It is ultimately up to the President how ST-83 is handled and to advance it to the Board of Trustees for approval. The President can also make changes to the document.

Professor De Groot made a motion to add Professor Moorhouse and Professor Symes to the remotely participate in the meeting. Professor Fisher seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion failed due to lack of quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groot, Fisher, Hale, Hobbs, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Schwinn,  
Wink

Online: None

No: None

Abstain: None

EVP Jones spoke about SB3965, the proposed IBHE Equitable Funding Formula and how it impacts K-12 and higher education.

The K-12 education approach is focused on graduating students upon being adequately prepared through grade 12 with a high school diploma. K-12 components: 1) No economic development; 2) No tuition for public K-12; 3) Place-based

The higher education model is more complex with four main components: 1) Adequacy Target (estimate of what it costs to fulfill the mission as a public institution); 2) Resource Profile (funding available toward achieving the adequacy target); 3) Adequacy Gap (difference between the adequacy target and the resource profile); 4) Allocation Formula (looks at adequacy gaps where each of the institutions are and then allocates and increase in endowment)

One of the main concerns is that endowments (restricted funds) are being included in the Resource Profile which would make a university have a lower adequacy gap, reducing funding. Instead, net tuition could be considered when comparing institutions. While the legislation is in draft form, there have been a series of meetings (6) which have allowed an opportunity for input on the legislation and for potential adjustments. The importance of graduation rates was discussed but does not appear in the proposed funding formula.

EVP Jones spoke about the low occupancy levels for office space in Chicago. At this time, DPI will remain in the leased space. There were some costs incurred to design the DPI Building. An architect and engineering design firm were contracted to design the building. There was also some preliminary work completed for construction, but not a lot. In total, cost incurred were likely a couple of tens of million dollars. DPI will most likely have a presence in and around the Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park (IQMP).

EVP Jones spoke about the discussion at the recent BOT meeting between the BOT and President Killeen. There should be some clarification in the future about the way forward with leadership and strategy. On the IBHE Approval for DPI, give hears ago there was an application for interim. The process for the permanent application was delayed. After EVP Jones reviews the application, it will be shared with USC, and then USC will share it with the senates for input. It will then be transmitted to the President by EVP Jones, and then to IBHE. The work must be completed by August 2025.

Professor De Groot expressed appreciation to EVP Jones for attending.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m. and resumed at 1:01 p.m.

## VII. Meeting with Chancellor Gooch

Professor De Groot welcomed Chancellor Gooch to the meeting.

Chancellor Gooch is now in her third year as the Chancellor. She retired from Truman State University in northeast Missouri after serving for 27 years.

Chancellor Gooch spoke about the enrollment challenges, which are not unique to UIS since they are occurring at smaller and regional public universities. The birthrate decrease can be attributed to the 2008 financial crisis. This means there are fewer students with a lot of universities to choose from. With fewer 18-year-olds choosing to attend college, some attend trade schools, apprenticeship programs and online programs. Higher education is facing reputational challenges as some question whether higher education is offering appropriate value for the cost. Are the outcomes what they should

be?

The median age of students at UIS is 26. Adults are returning to increase their skills and change career paths. There are a lot of online opportunities which help diversify the student population. The largest enrollment challenge is with first-time freshman. UIS has been focused on more strategic marketing; considering credit for prior learning; working hard on transfer student population with community colleges streamlining the transfer processes; and agreements with community colleges so students can truly experience a 2+2 college experience. UIS will hold a second symposium for community college presidents in Illinois to think about what opportunities exist for UIS to partner with community colleges. UIS held an advisor summit over the summer to look at transfer problems and obstacles. Chancellor Gooch feels it would be helpful to bring faculty in for the next conversation.

Chancellor Gooch mentioned the Prairie Promise Program at UIS. This financial aid program leverages MAP, AIM HIGH, and UIS merit. Students will attend UIS tuition and fee free if they meet certain benchmarks (Illinois student with certain financial needs).

UIS is undergoing a program portfolio review offerings and how they are aligned with the market and student demand. A preliminary report has been received, and a committee comprised of faculty are reviewing the report to determine where improvements can be made.

The UIS enrollment strategy is focused on building strong pipelines. There are recruiters in Chicago and central Illinois. There are opportunities for non-resident tuition in areas that are close to the Illinois border. St. Louis is close to Illinois, but in Missouri. UIS is hoping to expand the reach. Despite the FASFA issue, there has been an increase in applications from the St. Louis Region. There were not more admissions, but there was an impact on the enrollment funnel. Northern Indiana may be another area to consider.

Professor De Groote expressed appreciation to Chancellor Gooch for attending.

VIII. Committee Meetings

Committee met from 1:57 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:52 p.m.

IX. Classification of Senate Minutes

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| 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. The 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 I by the University Senates Conference:

1. University of Illinois Chicago, October 23, 2024

**PR-25.05,** Proposal to Revise the Core Courses in the Doctor of Nursing Practice

*Note: Proposals PR-25.06 & PR-25.07 are bundled into a single document.*

**PR-25.06,** Proposal to Revise the Master of Public Administration and Revise the Concentration in Public Management, the Concentration in Nonprofit Management, and the Concentration in Financial Management

**PR-25.07,** Proposal to Rename and Revise the Concentration in Urban Governance and Management in the Master of Public Administration

**PR-25.08,** Proposal to Revise the Master of Public Policy

**PR-25.09,** Proposal to Revise the Master of Science in Civic Analytics

**PR-25.10,** Proposal to Eliminate the Joint Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Science in Health Informatics

**CP-25.01,** Proposal to Establish the Campus Certificate in Business Analytics

2. University of Illinois Springfield, October 11, 2024

**Resolution 54-04** Establish a Permanent Center for Lincoln Studies

3. University of Illinois Springfield, October 25, 2024

**Resolution 54-06** Revisions to the University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate Bylaws Regarding Appointment of Representatives to

the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council

4. University of Illinois Springfield, November 8, 2024

**Resolution 54-08** Eliminate the Graduate Certificate in Practical Politics

**Resolution 54-09** Eliminate Concentrations in the Master of Public Policy

**Resolution 54-10** Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Awarded to Dean  
William L. Bloemer

**Resolution 54-11** Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Awarded to Mr. Richard  
“Dick” Osborne

5. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, October 14, 2024

**EP.25.002**, Revise the Bachelor of Science in Special Education in the College of  
Education

**EP.25.006**, Eliminate the Concentration in Technology Management in the Master  
of Science in Management in the Gies College of Business and the  
Graduate College

**EP.25.008**, Establish the Bachelor of Science in Nuclear, Plasma, and  
Radiological Engineering plus Data Science in The Grainger College  
of Engineering

**EP.25.010**, Establish the Undergraduate Minor in Business Analytics in the Gies  
College of Business

**EP.25.015**, Establish a Concentration in Studio Art in the Master of Fine Arts in  
Art & Design in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the  
Graduate College

**EP.25.016**, Eliminate the Concentration in Music Theory in the Master of Music  
in Music in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and Graduate  
College

**EP.25.017**, Revise the Doctor of Philosophy in Entomology in the College of  
Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College

**EP.25.018**, Revise the Master of Science in Entomology in the College of Liberal  
Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College

**EP.25.021**, Revise and Rename the Concentration in Human Dimensions of the

Environment in the Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources &  
Environmental Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and  
Environmental Sciences

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

1. University of Illinois Chicago, October 23, 2024

Class cNs,u.

Approved proposed changes to the Dean of Students' disciplinary processes.

2. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, October 14, 2024

Class uNusc:

**EP.25.019**, Revise the 2030-2031 Academic Calendar

A motion was made by Professor De Groot and seconded by Professor Hale to approve the Classification of Senate Minutes. No discussion. The Classification of Senate Minutes were approved by a voice vote for USC Members in-person and by roll call vote for members attending on Zoom. Motion failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groot, Fisher, Hale, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Schwinn  
Wink

Online: Danziger, Erricolo, Floros, Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

X. Today's Business – Discussion

- a. USC response to guest presentations

Professor De Groot asked USC for input from the morning.

USC shared a concern about DPI not having a clear direction for the future and they may not keep the institute status. Workforce development could be handed off to UIC or UIUC working with Chicago. As far as economic development at scale, if they are going to try to make Illinois the Quantum Computing and Microelectronics champion of the world, that is a great economic development plan, but it is narrow.

- b. Response received on OT-387: University of Illinois System Values and Principles

Professor De Groot noted that input provided by USC was widely accepted as demonstrated by the changes in the document.

Professor Tolliver made a motion to send a letter to the President’s Office to express appreciation for utilizing input provided by USC on OT-387. Professor De Groote seconded. A brief discussion was held. Motion failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Fisher, Hale, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Schwinn  
 Wink  
 Online: Danziger, Dunning, Erricolo, Floros, Tolliver

No: None  
 Abstain: None

XI. Today’s Business – Action Items

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

Date	Location	Presenter	Observer	From
01/23/2025	Chicago	Hobbs	Wink	Chicago
03/20/2025	Springfield	Moorhouse	Dunning	Springfield
05/22/2025	Urbana		Hale	Urbana
07/24/2025	Chicago	Jenkins	De Groote	Chicago

XII. 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. ST-83 was transmitted by USC to the Senates (UIC, UIS, UIUC) and President Killeen 08/28/2024. Addendum to ST-83 sent to the Senates (UIC, UIS, UIUC) and President Killeen 10/18/2024.

Professor De Groote shared that SGC met this morning and have a motion to extend the deadline and bring ST-83 back to USC. While there is not an official response from the President, individual senates need direction, so they know not to send current feedback to the President. The committee has discussed a way to bring back ST-83 to the Statutes and Governance Committee. SGC will meet to discuss what the process will look like at the next meeting.

Professor Maher read out loud a draft resolution that he had prepared regarding further processing of ST-83.



Therefore be it resolved that the August 22<sup>nd</sup>

NOW therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the USC's August 22 action be amended to:

Change the intended recipient for the three senates' "further comments" from the President to University Senates Conference;

Change the deadline for submission of those "further comments" from December 16, 2024, to no earlier than March 15, 2025;

Be it further resolved that the Statutes and Governance Committee be charged with responsibility for reviewing the "further comments" of the senates and for developing a plan to propose to USC for continuing work on ST-83, whether with the current text, with replacement text, with amended text, or with the text divided into distinct components for action by the senates in a productive sequence, or following other options as deemed viable by USC; and

Be it finally RESOLVED that this revision of USC's August 22 action be communicated promptly to the President and to the senates.

Professor Tolliver made a motion to divide the motion into separate parts for individual votes. Professor Maher seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Fisher, Hale, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Schwinn,  
Wink

Online: Dunning, Erricolo, Floros, Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

Professor Maher made a motion to change the deadline for further comments from December 16, 2024, to no earlier than March 15, 2025. A brief discussion was held. An amended motion was made by Professor Maher to change the deadline for further comments from December 16, 2024, to March 15, 2025. Motion failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Fisher, Hale, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Schwinn,  
Wink

Online: Dunning, Floros, Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

Professor Maher made a motion to amend previously approved motion to include language that states further comments "on the August version of ST-83."

Professor Schwinn seconded. No discussion. Motion failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groot, Fisher, Hale, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Schwinn,  
Wink

Online: Dunning, Floros, Tolliver

No: None  
Abstain: None

Professor De Groot requested a vote on the motion as amended. No discussion. Motion failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groot, Fisher, Hale, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Schwinn,  
Wink

Online: Dunning, Erricolo, Floros, Tolliver

No: None  
Abstain: None

Professor Maher made a motion on behalf of SGC to change the intended recipient for senate "further comments" from August 22, 2024, USC action from the President to the University Senates Conference. No discussion. Motion failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groot, Fisher, Hale, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Schwinn,  
Wink

Online: Dunning, Erricolo, Floros

No: Tolliver  
Abstain: None

Professor Maher made a motion on behalf of SGC:

Be it further resolved that Statutes and Governance Committee be charged with the responsibility for reviewing the "further comments" of the senates and for developing the plan to propose to USC for continuing work on ST-83. Motion failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groot, Fisher, Hale, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Schwinn,  
Wink

Online: Dunning, Erricolo, Floros, Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

Professor Maher made a motion on behalf of SGC:

This revision of USC's August 22<sup>nd</sup> action be communicated promptly to the President and to the senates. Motion failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Fisher, Hale, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Schwinn,  
Wink

Online: Erricolo, Floros, Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

Professor De Groote made a motion on behalf of SGC:

USC will communicate with the senates to promote agreement among the senates within a reasonable time and as part of that USC will return another draft to the senates, in an effort to promote agreement. A brief discussion was held. The motion was amended to: USC will develop a plan promptly communicated and USC will share the response with the senates in an attempt to promote agreement. Motion failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Fisher, Hale, Hobbs, Kalita, Lyons, Maher,  
Schwinn, Wink

Online: Erricolo, Floros, Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion to amend failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Fisher, Hale, Hobbs, Kalita, Lyons, Maher,  
Schwinn, Wink

Online: Erricolo, Floros, Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

- 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-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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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. Letter transmitted to UIC Senate with the request to resubmit after ST-83 has been resolved 08/06/2024.
- f. 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. Letter transmitted to UIC Senate with the request to resubmit after ST-83 has been resolved 08/06/2024.
- g. 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. Letter with USC response transmitted to EVP Jones 08/12/2024.

Professor Wink made a motion to remove OT-387 from the agenda. Professor Hobbs seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion failed due to lack of physical quorum.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Fisher, Hale, Hobbs, Kalita, Lyons, Maher, Wink  
Online: Erricolo, Floros, Tolliver

No: None  
Abstain: None

- h. SI-1. Updates from each University
  - i. University of Illinois Chicago  
No update.

- ii. University of Illinois Springfield  
No update.
- iii. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
No update.
- i. SI-2. Updates from Standing Committees
  - i. Academic Affairs and Research (AARC)  
No update.
  - ii. Finance, Budget, and Benefits (FBBC)  
No update.
  - iii. Statutes and Governance (SGC)  
No update.
- j. SI-3. Updates from External Groups with USC Representation
  - i. Data Strategy System-wide Task Force  
No update.
  - ii. Digital Risk Council  
No update.
  - iii. Discovery Partners Institute Executive Committee  
No update.
  - iv. Enrollment Management Policy Council  
No update.
  - v. President's Executive Leadership Program  
No update.
  - vi. Search Committee Representative for UI System Chief of Staff  
No update.
  - vii. System Research Integrity Policy Committee  
No update.
  - viii. System Task Force on Online Strategy  
No update.
  - ix. System-wide Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Council  
No update.
  - x. University of Illinois System President's Advisory Council  
No update.

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- xi. Workplace Behavior Policy  
No update.

XIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m. The next meeting will be Friday, December 20, 2024, at UIC, UIS, and UIUC.

David Perryn  
USC Administration