

University Senates Conference November 28, 2000

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Abstract

The University Senates Conference (USC) met on Tuesday, November 28, 2000, in Chicago, Illinois. Vice President Gardner met with the Conference in the morning. Among the guests were Richard Mendola, Thomas Glenn, and David Ruzic (Faculty Fellow in VPAA/Academic Policy Analysis). In the afternoon, Trustee Schmidt met with the Conference.

This is the report of the meeting

1 Morning

Vice President Gardner reported on the impending recommendation that there be a significant tuition surcharge, not only to make up for price increases and faculty salaries but also to cover the costs of UI Integrate (ERP). There will a \$500 surcharge added to the tuition bill for all INCOMING students this coming year and another \$500 added next year so the stable state will be an increase of \$1000. The goal is to develop a university that ranks among The University of Michigan and University of California Berkeley.

It is hoped that this increase in tuition will permit the addition of at least 90 additional faculty in Urbana.

After discussion of these matters the meeting was turned over to Richard Mendola, Thomas Glenn, and David Ruzic, from the VP's office. Mendola gave a presentation of UI Integrate (the new name for ERP—also now called UI²).

It is enough to report that the five year total project cost is projected to be \$197,247,343 according to the current predictions.. (It is clear that this is projection is off by about \$36.50.)

Ruzic took the floor and discussed six student policy items that impact UI Integrate:

1. Decimal Equivalent Grading System
2. Grade Notation
3. Course Credit Designation
4. Course Number Levels
5. Residency Requirements for Graduation
6. Exceptions to Minimum Graduation GPA

He presented the Conference with policy papers that outlined the differences among the campuses, with background, alternatives to current practices, analyses, recommendations, and impact. He then asked about the process required to change the policy at each campus. The desire is that everything be uniform among the campuses so as to make programming of UI Integrate easier.

2 Lunch

The members and guest adjourned to lunch from 12 to 1.

3 Afternoon Guest

Chair Kopecky introduced Dr. Kenneth Schmidt, member of the Board of Trustees who spoke to the conference on several matters. He mentioned the unusually large budget increase. He expressed concern over the quality of undergraduate education.

4 Agenda

After Dr. Schmidt left the Conference returned to the formal agenda.

The Conference approved the minutes of the October 31, 2000 meeting.

Several statute items were discussed.

The members heard more details about the proposed Seminar on Economic Development.

It approved forwarding to President Stukel a procedure for periodic review of vice presidents.

It approved the resolution on Faculty Salary and Benefits that had passed UIUC and other senates.

Members discussed involvement of the Conference in the UI Integrate process. John Wood (UIC) was appointed by the Conference to serve on the high level UI Integrate advisory committee as a USC representative.

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