

University Senates Conference

March 29, 2001

Abstract

The University Senates Conference (USC) met on Thursday, March 29, 2001 in Chicago, Illinois. President Stukel and Vice President Gardner met with the Conference in the morning. Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs Charles L. Rice met with the Conference after lunch.

This is the report of the meeting.

1 Morning

In summary President Stukel commented as follows:

- Salaries have fallen below the median in all peer groups. A 3 + 2 + 1 increase will help.
- Faculty Benefits may be improved by taking 1/2% of the increase to add to benefits. Another idea would be to decrease employee contribution to SURS from 8% to 4% and raise the state's contribution from 8% to 12%. This would place UI in line with other Illinois universities and agencies.
- Changes in administration may be necessary in order to deal with public relations and external affairs.
- Due to the death recently of Lou Barrows, chair of the Board of John Marshall Law School, negotiations with the school have been on hold.

Vice President Gardner commented on UI Integrate, mentioning that several accounts for outside consultation were over budget but that otherwise things were moving along very well. Gardner showed the Conference numbers that demonstrated that Guaranteed Professional Program Admission (GPPA) has not impacted enrollment from the Urbana-Champaign campus as much as predicted.

2 Afternoon

After lunch the members heard Charles Rice discuss the UIC medical center.

3 Agenda

The Conference approved the minutes of the February 14, 2001 meeting.

Several items were classified.

Several statute items were discussed. It was agreed that Fossum and Rich would try to write an amendment to the statutes that would include uniformity in grounds, sanctions, and due process, and bring a draft to the next meeting.

It was thought that a campus policy on fitness to work would work better than a university wide policy.

After this lengthy discussion the meeting adjourned.

Dr. Robert M. Fossum

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