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University Senates Conference  
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UC.13.06 Report on the February 19, 2013 meeting of the University Senates Conference at the University of Illinois Chicago campus

The Conference membership list for 2012-13 can be found here:

<http://www.usc.uillinois.edu/membership.cfm>

The agenda for this meeting can be found here:

<http://www.usc.uillinois.edu/Documents/AGN-0219-13.pdf>

The Conference was joined by Vice-President of Academic Affairs Christophe Pierre, Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares, Vice-President of Health Affairs Joe G. N. ("Skip") García, and Jennifer Woodard, UIC Associate Vice-Chancellor for Civic and Corporate Relations and President of the Illinois Medical District.

The meeting was convened at 10:00 AM.

**I. Remarks from the USC Chair**

Chairman Nicholas C. Burbules shared with the Conference copies of Communication 001 from the University-wide Records and Information Management Services (RIMS) Policy Advisory Committee, on the retention of email messages of enduring value.

(The communication may be found here:

[http://www.cio.uillinois.edu/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_996196/File/Resources/RIMSCommunication001.pdf](http://www.cio.uillinois.edu/UserFiles/Servers/Server_996196/File/Resources/RIMSCommunication001.pdf).

The membership of the Advisory Committee is listed here:

<http://www.cio.uillinois.edu/cms/one.aspx?portalId=996270&pageId=1242001>.)

The RIMS Communication deals with the implementation of Article VI, Section 4 of the *University of Illinois General Rules*, which states that the University Archivists have oversight over the disposal of University records. The Communication clarifies that Archivists should periodically examine the e-mail records of administrators from the level of department chairs up to the President, in order to determine whether they are of enduring value, or whether they may be discarded.

Chairman Burbules drew the Conference's attention to the relevant section of the *General Rules*, and offered to forward suggested revisions of this section to the members of the University-wide committee that was constituted last fall to review potential amendments to the *Statutes* and the *General Rules*. The Statutes and Governance subcommittee of the Conference is looking into this issue. Prof. Campbell also suggested that the Conference remain in contact about this issue with the RIMS Policy Advisory Committee, of which he is a member.

## **II. Meeting with Vice-President Christophe Pierre**

Vice-President Pierre reported that the reviews of University Administration offices and operations are active, and that the review teams are interviewing members of the UA staff.

Information about the UA review, including the composition of the Review Teams, can be found here: <http://web.uillinois.edu/UAreview/>

Vice-President Pierre has also asked the campus chancellors to organize campus-based reviews with the aim of setting campus goals and plans for achieving those goals over the coming three years. These reviews will be tactical rather than strategic, although Vice-President Pierre also emphasized the importance of moving from year-to-year planning to mid-term and long-term planning.

The Vice-President shared his projection of next year's budget picture, which is of serious concern, given the Governor's plans for cuts to our appropriation, in combination with the possibility that the University will be obligated to begin paying a larger portion of employee pension contributions. He emphasized that we cannot plan to raise tuition to cover these additional expenses, adding that, in contrast to many other states, the state of Illinois has not increased support of public higher education to reduce the need for tuition increases.

## **III. Meeting with Chancellor Allen-Meares**

The Chancellor shared her vision of the UIC campus's overarching goals: 1) to focus on academic excellence, access, and student success; 2) to emphasize transformative impact and social good; to develop translational research and UIC's discovery enterprise; 4) to foster diversity and a global perspective; 5) to honor and partner with Chicago and the state of Illinois to enhance the human condition of its citizens; 6) to foster innovation in order to build future strength and success. Dr. Allen-Meares discussed some recent UIC initiatives, including enrollment shaping, a development of global perspectives, an appreciation of the humanities, and a beautification campaign to make the campus's physical environment greener and more inviting. Among the obstacles to success, in Dr. Allen-Meares's view, are a decline of state support and a concomitant decrease in affordability and in UIC's recruitment power.

The Chancellor discussed the University's health care system with the Conference, reviewing its complex budgetary and oversight structure. One salient aspect of our health care enterprise is its service to the underserved members of the Chicago community, given that a very high percentage of our patients pay through Medicare or Medicaid.

## **IV. Meeting with Vice-President of Health Affairs Joe. G. N. ("Skip") García**

With Vice-President García, the Conference continued its discussion of the structure and budgetary aspects of the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System. He confirmed that 40% of our patients pay through Medicaid, 30% pay through Medicare, and only 20% of patient bills are paid through commercial insurers.

The Vice-President briefly reviewed some of the changes that have occurred in the structure of our health care enterprise over the past two years, including the appointment of six new associate vice-presidents, of whom only three represented new hires. Profiles of Vice-President García's leadership team may be found here: <http://www.vpha.uillinois.edu/leadership-team>

Dr. García discussed the ways in which the hospital financially supports the academic mission of the University, and voiced his commitment to ensuring that the Hospital and Health Sciences system will work to decrease health care disparities.

Chairman Burbules expressed his view that the future prospects of the hospital and health sciences should not be seen as solely a UIC issue, but as having consequences across the campuses. This reflects a higher degree of interest from the Conference in these matters.

**V. Meeting with Jennifer Woodard, UIC Associate Vice-Chancellor for Civic and Corporate Relations and President of the Illinois Medical District.**

The Illinois Medical District was formed by State legislation in the 1940s. Its governance structure includes seven commissioners: four appointed by the Governor, two by the Chicago Mayor, and one by the Cook County president. Hospitals in the District include Rush Hospital, the UIC Medical District, Stroger (Cook County), and Chicago Technology Park. According to Dr. Woodard, the IMD has never had a strategic planning process that engaged district stakeholders. Dr. Woodard is working now to form such a plan, with the help of the Boston Consulting Group. One strategic goal is to develop over 4000 jobs in the IMD over the next ten years.

**VI. Highlights from the Business Meeting**

1. Among the items classified from Senate meetings was the approval of a Minor in Liberty Studies at UIS. The members of the Conference's Academic and Research Affairs committee requested some background from the UIS Conference members on the campus discussions that culminated in the approval of this program. UIS colleagues reported that, although the proposed program generated controversy, the UIS Senate ultimately found it to be an academically sound program. All the courses in the minor, save one, already exist on the UIS campus.

2. OT-295 (Resolution on Campus Jurisdiction Over the *Statutes* and the *General Rules*): The Conference continued its discussion of the proposed Resolution, which began at the January 17 meeting. Some Conference members expressed the view that the document would more appropriately be forwarded by individual campus senates, while others contended that the Conference was the proper venue to generate a statement related to University-wide governing documents. The Conference voted to approve the Resolution, along with a cover letter to be drafted by the Conference Executive Committee. The Resolution and its cover letter, which were transmitted to Senate chairs on Feb. 22, 2013, are attached to this report.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joyce Tolliver, USC Liaison