

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
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UC.16.03 Report on the April 28, 2016 Meeting of the University Senates Conference (USC)

The University Senates Conference (USC) met in Springfield at the Public Affairs Center, UIS.

The session with President Killeen, Chairman McMillan, Vice President Knorr, and Vice President Pierre included the following discussions:

- Update on the Budget Impasse and U of I 2021 Initiative (compact with the state)
Various caucuses have been helpful in trying to get a bill together that would guarantee steady funding in exchange for performance measures being met by the University. The stop-gap funding is good news, but it does not solve near-term and long-term problems.
- Update on the University Strategic Plan
The Strategic Framework document will go to the Board of Trustees in May. This has been a collective project with many participants. There is a big shift in thinking in that the University is referred to as a system and the campuses as universities.
- Governor's faculty appointment to the IBHE.
There was concern whether the Governor's nominee was qualified to represent the faculty since he is a part-time lecturer, not a tenured or tenure-track faculty member.
- Campus goals
The Vice President for Academic Affairs is working with the provosts to develop goals in areas such as access, affordability, diversity, financial aid, curriculum direction and delivery, and enrollment management. The campuses are in charge of developing their own plans.

USC met with Chancellor Susan Koch and discussed the following:

- UIS began as Sangamon State University in 1969, enrolling only upper level students. UIS has been a part of the University for twenty years now and began admitting freshman in 1999.
- There is a diverse student body of around 5400, with a 45/55 ratio of graduate and undergraduate students. UIS has a strong reputation for online education, with 1500 students enrolled.
- UIS has a relatively small number of majors, but is creating new academic programs in high demand areas. UIS has partnered with the UIC College of Nursing to offer a Bachelor of Nursing degree beginning in the fall.
- The campus will be breaking ground on a student union on May 10 – the campus currently does not have a student union.

The minutes and the classification of senate minutes were approved.

The USC business agenda included the following items:

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- Professor Burbules appointed the Nominating Committee: Benet Deberry-Spence (chair), Peter Boltuc, and Kim Graber.
- There could be movement in the fall on the statutory revisions that have been approved by all three campuses. Some items seem acceptable to move forward; others might need additional review and consideration or completely rewritten.
- USC ST-81 (revisions to the University's Nondiscrimination Statement). The UIS Senate approved the UIUC Senate version and the UIC Senate had first reading.

Respectfully submitted,

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