

University Senates Conference

25 November 2005

Abstract

The University Senates Conference met on Thursday, 17 November 2005, on the campus of The University of Illinois at Springfield. This is the report of the meeting.

1 Morning Meeting with President White

The University Senates Conference held a regular meeting on Thursday, 17 November 2005, on the campus of the University of Illinois at Springfield. As usual at these meetings, the morning session was devoted to briefings from President B. Joseph White and Vice-President for Academic Affairs Chet Gardner.

Discussions with the President are normally held in closed session. However the following items can be reported.

1. The President and members of USC discussed the process under which the USC would review with the President the accomplishments of the vice presidents prior to their annual re-appointment. It was agreed that such a discussion would take place in the spring of each year after USC had received relevant documents from each vice president.
2. The proposal to extend notice of non-reappointment rights for APs with less than full time appointments was discussed. It appears not to be viable at this juncture.
3. The USC and the President discussed the relation of the faculty with the Board of Trustees and with the management teams. Members of USC asked about the proposal to have a faculty member at the table during board discussions. They also asked about the position of the management teams within the policy making structure of the administration.

Vice-president Gardner discussed ramifications of the "School as lender" program.

2 Lunch

Vice-president for Technology and Economic Development (VPTED) David Chicoine joined members of the USC for lunch. During lunch he discussed the activities of the Offices of Technology Management, Illinois Ventures, Chicago Technology Park, Research Park at the University of Illinois, and EnterpriseWorks as well as the Strategic Plan for the Office for Technology and Economic Development (OTED)

3 Afternoon Session

After lunch the business meeting was convened. Items on the regular agenda were considered.

The USC passed a new resolution asking the Board of Trustees for formal faculty representation at Board meetings. This resolution will be sent to each campus senate for consideration before being forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

Items concerning human relations discussed were:

- Notice of non-reappointment for part-time APs.
- Multi-year contracts. (Common language has to be obtained from all senates).
- Benefits for domestic partners.

Among other items, it was reported that there is a cost overrun of \$24M on energy costs. This was an item from among the many reports from campuses, management teams, and other meetings attended by members of USC.

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