

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**  
**URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**  
University Senates Conference  
(Final; Information)

UC.16.02 Report on the March 29, 2016 Meeting of the University Senates Conference (USC)

The University Senates Conference (USC) met in Urbana-Champaign at the I Hotel.

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

- Update on the Budget Impasse  
Resolving the state budget will most likely take a multi-year approach. There is no funding for MAP. The state is not paying for medical benefits or reimbursing health care providers at this time.
- U of I 2021 Initiative (compact with the state)  
A shell bill will be submitted soon. Specifics will need to be filled in later.
- Update on the Strategic Planning Process  
The Strategic Framework document will go through at least one more round of revisions. Suggestions are being accepted. A significant change is the terminology of three universities rather than three campuses. Discussion of whether the section on intercollegiate athletics should be a part of the strategic plan. USC acknowledged that an outside firm and a professional writer are working on the document, and encouraged the strategic planning steering committee to take ownership of the document.
- Update on the 360 Review of Senior Administrators  
The review is almost complete. Focus is on professional development. UA functions are also being considered.

USC met with Dr. James Anderson, Presidential Fellow, and discussed efforts to promote inclusiveness and equity throughout the University:

- Substantial amounts of money have been put into these areas and yet there have been few positive results in the areas where students want change.
- There are different types of issues to address and different ways to address the issues on each campus.
- The University needs a plan that is comprehensive and at the same time responsive to the different groups on the campuses, some which feel isolated, silenced, and unsafe.
- Improving inclusiveness and equity needs to be a core value of the University.

The minutes and the classification of senate minutes were approved.

The USC business agenda included the following items:

September 19, 2016

- Discussion of the statutory revisions that have been approved by the senates and moved forward by USC, but have not gone to the Board for consideration.
- USC ST-81 (revisions to the University's Nondiscrimination Statement). Approved sending the UIUC Senate document to the UIC and UIS Senates for consideration.
- Report on the statutory revisions that are being considered by the UIUC Senate that would revise the hiring approval process.

Respectfully submitted,

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