

University Senates Conference (USC)
Friday, January 13, 2012
Minutes
(Final; Information)

PLACE: Student Center West, University of Illinois at Chicago

PRESENT: Andersen, Burbules (Vice-chair), Campbell, Chambers (Chair), Erricolo, Fadavi, Francis, Gibori, Graber, Leff, Mallory, Martin (via phone for the afternoon session), Mohammadian, Patston, Shanahan, Struble, Switzer, Ting

GUESTS: Mike Hogan, Chris Kennedy

Chambers convened the meeting at 10:02 a.m. and stated that President Hogan and Board Chairman Kennedy will join us at 1:00 p.m. to discuss Dashboard. He stated that if we discuss the Troyer personnel matter with Kennedy we would have to go into Executive Session. Chambers said it was a pleasure to honor Michelle Thompson at our dinner last night. Discussion ensued regarding the open meetings act and procedures for requesting such a session.

Anderson moved to approve the minutes from November 17, 2011 and Burbules seconded the motion. On page 3, paragraph 6, Chambers clarified that ex-officio members have the same rights as committee members but without the right to vote. Based on Switzer's comments at the last meeting he indicated that the minutes infer the ex-officio members were guilty of conspiracy and that is not true. He felt that an apology was due to the ex-officio members. Chambers shared documents further clarifying the role they played on the committee and that there was absolutely no conspiracy. Discussion ensued about the FOIA request for the tape of the October meeting and how that presented numerous difficulties for the USC since members no longer felt comfortable recording meetings. Ting stated that the request was made from John Martin, not the UIS Executive Committee (EC) or Senate. When questioned further, Ting stated that it was discussed in the UIS Senate and EC but that the request was made from Martin. Chambers asked why that discussion was not included in the UIS minutes. The remainder of the morning session was spent discussing the open meetings act and the responsibility of individual committee members to act professionally and responsibly. Many concerns were shared.

After returning from lunch, Kennedy asked that we move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of the university. Anderson moved to go to Executive Session. Graber seconded the motion. Burbules stated that the president should be asked to leave the room during that part of the meeting in which he would be discussed. Kennedy said he would not entertain that request. The motion to move into Executive Session passed unanimously.

The group moved out of Executive Session at 2:55 p.m. to discuss the Enrollment Management (EM) report. Kennedy felt that EM was more pressing than Dashboard and asked that we address the concerns of USC members point by point. Leff said that many of the concerns were in relation to whether the benefits of EM would outweigh the costs. Other major concerns related to branding. Kennedy led the remainder of the afternoon session in which each recommendation was discussed. Suggestions from USC members were entered into Powerpoint slides that would later be made available. The meeting ended at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim C. Graber