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# University Senates Conference Annual Report

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# University Senates Conference:

- Coordinators of the work of the University senates
- Advice on revisions to *University Statutes and General Rules*
- Advisory group to President and Board (through President)

# Discussions with President, EVP, and other guests

- Discovery Partners Institute and Illinois Innovation Network
- Lifelong alumni connections
- Five-year university hiring plans
- Strategic planning and budgetary outlook
- Faculty involvement in state and federal governmental relations
- Planning for July retreat
- Task force on guidelines for invited speakers and free speech
- Task force on sexual harassment prevention
- Chancellors' updates and views on campus concerns

# Discussion of major issues

- The University of Illinois as “the Public’s University” changing meanings of system and University
- Teaching and Preparing a Labor Force
- New Partnerships
- Evolving Forms of Shared Governance

# Discovery Partnership Institute, Shared Governance, Education

- Outreach to the public and new partnerships:  
Chicago, Illinois, and the world
- Teaching and Preparing a Labor Force: Our educational missions  
variation across disciplines
- Evolving Forms of Shared Governance  
balancing University and system, balancing careful process and agility



# DPI Proposal: Shared Governance at Work

Guidelines on shared governance for system-level academic and research initiatives:

- Enhance campus strengths and synergies
- Use existing approvals process whenever possible
- Benefit the participating academic units
- Courses created and controlled by faculty at our universities
- USC as anchor for system-level governance structure

## DPI Proposal: Shared Governance at Work (2)

- USC suggested timeline for Senates to forward their advice on proposal, then summarized advice and added our own
- Collaboration with DPI's AGAG, Dr. Phyllis Baker, and Dr. Bill Sanders  
Committee on Academic Affairs and Research and Committee on *Statutes* and Governance

# Revision of University *Statutes* and *General Rules*

- Proposed revisions drafted and sent to Senates
- Each Senate forwards advice
- USC coordinates and reconciles Senates' advice
- Board acts on proposed revision
- USC forwards Senates' advice and its own to President for transmission to Board



# *Statutes revisions*

Major revision began in 2012 at Board's initiative

USC Statutes and Governance Committee led work this year:

- Revisions to reflect new language on “system” and “universities”
- Revisions to clarify and update
- Revisions to reflect new understanding of relationships and processes

# USC Position Statements

- Shared Governance at system level
- Support for universities' 5-year hiring plan (Academic Affairs and Research Committee)
- Statement on System Governing Documents and Collective Bargaining Contracts

# Senates Conference Members 2018-19

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# = Committee chair

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# Questions?

**Thank you!**

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