

University Senates Conference



*We are committed to the principles of shared governance
&
to work for the greater good of the University of Illinois, its three
universities and all of their regional campuses*

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USC Functions 2017-18

20 elected representatives; 2 from each university + rest based on total faculty numbers

UIUC: 10; UIC: 7 and UIS: 3

Functions:

Advisory Role:

to the President;

through the President, to the BOT;

periodic review of the VPs;

Coordinating Role:

reviews and, when necessary, helps coordinate actions and facilitate communications among the three senates.

USC Operations: 2017-18

Executive Committee

Meet monthly via conference call to set the agenda, priorities and discuss time-sensitive issues

- Mrinalini (Meena) Rao, Chair (UIC)
- Kathy Novak, Vice Chair (UIS)

- Sandra De Groote (UIC)
- Harley Johnson (UIUC)
- Xiaoqing Li (UIS)
- Joyce Tolliver (UIUC)



USC Meetings and Members 2017-2018

Day-long meeting 10 times/yr; rotating locations; O/N Retreat early in academic yr
Each meeting features discussions with President and EVPA and invited guests

** chairs of standing committees*

UIC	UIS	UIUC
Benét DeBerry-Spence	Ranjan Karri	James Brennan
Sandra De Groote	Xiaoqing Li	Nicholas Burbules* (SGC)
Danilo Erricolo	Kathy Novak* (AARC)	Bettina Francis
Mary Jo LaDu* (HAC)		Harley Johnson* (FBBC)
Mrinalini Rao		Prasanta Kalita
Aria Razfar		William Maher
Catherine Vincent		Gay Miller
		Joyce Tolliver
		Terry Weech
		Matthew Wheeler



USC Guests for 2017 – 2018

- Trustee S. King (October 2017)
- Trustee Chair T. Koritz (June 2018)
- Chancellors Amiridis (February), Jones (April), and Koch (December, May) when we met at their three universities
- Introductory meetings with UIS Provost Papini and VCR Dungey and UIUC Associate VC Khanna
- VPEDI Seidel: Major focus on DPI-related matters
- VPF Ghosh: Budget and capital priorities
- Director Davis: Regarding IGPA
- Associate VP Painter: Concerns about further restrictions on AP position hiring
- Provost S. Poser: John Marshall Law School initiative

USC Functions and Operations 2017-18

Improved the functioning of USC committees; they are parallel to the BOT Committees; items discussed with the whole USC

- **Academic Affairs and Research**
 - Conflict of Commitment and Interest
 - DPI
 - Faculty and IGPA
- **Finance, Budget and Benefits Committee**
 - 2018 Salary Program
 - Prospects for a Capital Budget
 - Financing for the DPI
 - Potential Reductions in Health Benefits
 - Possible Shifts in Pension Costs to the Universities
 - Debt Financing
- **Hospital and Health Affairs**
 - Counseling Support Available to Students, Faculty and Staff
- **Statutes and Governance**
 - General Rules
 - Statutes
 - Status of IGPA

External Committees Representation

Activities for 2017 - 2018

- General Rules (GR) and Statutes (ST) and USC bylaws
 - Submit changes as complete packages
 - Efficiencies in incorporating changes;
 - Necessary changes to improve clarity and consistency
- 2018-2019: GR awaiting revisions in “Intellectual Property” (Article III).
- 2018-2019: ST enacted by the 3 senates need to reflect new nomenclature
- (2019-2020): Faculty and administration ST differences to be resolved
- Conflict of Commitment/ Conflict of Interest policy
- Search process for VP appointments
- Providing advice on the exciting opportunity & evolution of the DPI concept
 - Maintenance of Quality Academic Programing
 - Process of shared governance in the proposed new structure
 - Ensure resources available for normal faculty functions
- Advised support for the John Marshall Law School acquisition proposal
- Advice on PELP, Strategic Planning Initiative, Triple I, IPAC, DFRP,
- Advocate the impact of the UI System on the State

Activities for 2017 – 2018 (contd.)

Board Presentations:

Thank you for this opportunity which is critical for shared governance

- September, 2017: New Chair report
- November, 2017 : Nick Burbules, Nationally relevant discussions on Campus Climate and Freedom of Expression and our perspective
- January, 2018 : Benet DeBerry-Spence, The university research ecosystem and its many linkages with a specific example of how faculty use research (community engaged) as the driver for teaching and service
- March, 2018: Rachel Havrelock, How the Humanities Can Help Us to Understand the Past and Possible Futures of Water
- May, 2018: Ranjan Karri, University of Illinois System Faculty Review: Numbers, Challenges, Excellence
- July, 2018: Chair, end of the year report

USC Executive Committee 2018-19

- Joyce Tolliver, Chair (UIUC)
- Sandra De Groote, Vice Chair (UIC)

- Benet DeBerry-Spence (UIC)
- Ranjan Karri (UIS)
- William Maher (UIUC)
- Magic Wade (UIS)



As elected representatives of the faculty of the three universities, USC looks forward to continuing working with you to uphold the values that have made the University of Illinois a center of excellence in research, teaching, scholarship and societal impact.

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