UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE REPORT

2022-23 Report
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UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

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

USC Mission:
- To work for the greater good of the University of Illinois System and all of its campuses.
USC ACTIVITIES 2022-23

Consulted
- Policies on Conflicts of Commitment and Interest
- System Values and Principles
- Updated General Rules – Parental Leave/ Bereavement
- Guidelines for System Wide Policies

Discussions
- DPI
- DEI
- Advocacy
- Budget / Tuition
- Government relations
- University as Public Good
- FOIAs
- Bullying / healthy relationships
STATUTES & GENERAL RULES REVISIONS

- Major revisions began in 2012 at Board’s initiative
- Several proposed revisions sent to Senates for advice; USC reconciled advice from the Senates and forwarded to President
  - Renaming of units; permit 5-year contracts for NTT; initial appointment of deans, school directors, and campus librarians
- Ongoing review and reconciliation of revisions related to definition of faculty and staff positions
BOT PRESENTATIONS

OVERVIEW OF USC

FACULTY ROLES IN ACADEMIC POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

FACULTY GOVERNANCE

A DAY IN THE LIFE IS A WEEK IN THE LIFE
USC RETREAT

- System values and principles
- FOIA
  - USC FOIA Statement – Understanding FOIA
- Bullying and healthy workplace relationships
- Future of education
  - Technology
  - Online, on-campus, hybrid
  - Faculty leadership
LOOKING FORWARD

• Continue to return to “normal” from Covid-19
  • Understanding long term impacts and expectations – remote learning, work, research

• Transforming education
  • Technology, non-traditional learners, value of education, enrollment cliff, DEI

• AI – Chat GPT, ethics

• Wrapping up current round of ST revisions
THANK YOU