

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 Full Membership

2017-2018

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- Mrinalini (Meena) Rao, Chair (UIC)
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- Joyce Tolliver (UIUC)

Plans for 2017 - 2018

At the threshold of an exciting year we are keen to fulfill our responsibility of representing the faculty of the entire University of Illinois to facilitate communication between the senates of the three universities, President Killeen and the Board of Trustees for the common good of the whole University.

We applaud the collective energies of the Board, Administration, and the advocacy efforts of faculty, staff, students and alumnae/alumni that led to a budget for the first time in 2 years, and new procurement reform. We are eager to help the university leadership to channel these energies to

- Move from the hypothetical holding pattern to actual fiscal planning
- Continue to help implement the System Strategic Framework and Triple I
- Advocate for additional regulatory reforms that will improve our efficiency while underscoring the impact of the UI System on the State
- Successfully build the President's executive team
- Define how economic development and philanthropy can benefit the UI System as a whole
- Address nationally relevant discussions on campus climate and freedom of expression in our universities

Plans for 2017 – 2018 contd

To become more effective in our work of shared governance we plan to

- Build on the gains we have made this past year on bringing to fruition some long overdue and critical changes to the statutes
- Continue working with the senates and administration to propose timely, effective and necessary changes to the statutes
- Examine the general rules to ensure clarity and consistency
- Examine our own bylaws with a view to developing further clarity and effective functioning
- Refine our definition and role as faculty and members of the University Senates Conference
- Improve the structure and functioning of our committees, which parallel those of the Board of Trustees, so common matters of concern to the faculty of all three universities can be voiced and discussed more efficiently
- Help enhance trust within our university community and respect our freedom of expression and work to “promote a culture of understanding and respect for all – no matter what color, race, ancestry, age, interests, sexual orientation, LGBTQ status, religion, disability status, national origin, immigration status or gender”



As elected representatives of the faculty of the three universities, USC looks forward to 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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