

University Senates Conference
Academic Affairs & Research Committee
Minutes

DATE: Thursday, January 25, 2024

PLACE: I Hotel & Conference Center, Graduate Boardroom
University of Illinois Chicago, Daley Library, Room 1-360
University of Illinois Springfield, Brookens Library, Room 180G

PRESENT: Dallesasse, Jenkins, Peiravian (Online)

ABSENT: Kalita, Symes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Professor Dallesasse.

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes

a. October 11, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from October 11, 2023. A brief discussion was held. The minutes were approved with a voice vote by AARC Members in-person and by roll call vote for members attending on Zoom.

Yes: Dallesasse, Jenkins, Peiravian (Online)

No: None

Abstain: None

IV. Today's Business

a. Discuss BOT Presentation

AARC discussed the topics of creative research and artificial intelligence. AARC is considering a potential speaker. The presentation would likely be in the fall, as AARC already presented this year.

b. Research collaboration across the System

AARC discussed how USC could enhance and encourage research collaboration across the System:

- Creating a database of research topics by PI.
- Considering the DPI influence on research collaboration
- Invite VCRI from each University at the same time

c. AI in education and research

AARC suggested it is time to have a real discussion.

V. New Business

AARC would like to discuss AI in education and research at the next meeting.

VI. Old Business
None

VII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Information for Minutes provided by Professor Dallesasse.

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