

University Senates Conference  
*Academic Affairs & Research Committee*  
Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

PLACE:

University of Illinois Chicago  
College of Pharmacy, Room 145  
801 S. Morgan St.  
Chicago, IL

University of Illinois Springfield  
Brookens Library, Room 180G  
One University Plaza  
Springfield, IL

I Hotel & Conference Center  
Excellence Room  
1900 S First St  
Champaign, IL

PRESENT: Clancy, Herrera, Mi, Wink

UIC: Donald Wink  
UIS: Hanfu Mi  
UIUC: Kate Clancy, Linda Herrera

ABSENT: Prasanta Kalita, Carol Symes

Guest: David Perryn

- I. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Professor Clancy.
- II. Approval of remote participation  
None
- III. Public Comment  
None
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from February 3, 2026  
Professor Herrera made a motion to approve the minutes from February 3, 2026. Professor Mi seconded the motion. No discussion. The minutes were approved with a voice vote by AARC Members.  
  
Yes: Clancy, Herrera, Mi, Wink  
Online: None  
  
No: None  
Abstain: None

V. Today's Business

- a. Plan symposia and work on proposal  
Professor Clancy outlined the proposed discussion to be held at the USC Meeting.
  - i. Draft proposal currently before USC that is about to be discussed.
    1. Introduce the document and ask Professor Schwinn for insight into the original concept from last year
    2. Inquire with Professor Wink about the last system-wide symposium
    3. Walkthrough of the 1<sup>st</sup> symposium by Professor Herrera
    4. Gather feedback from USC
    5. Discuss FBBC's feedback and the document
      - a. Better problematizing of public defining
      - b. Be ready for discussion of who should attend and why
      - c. Report is oriented towards/produced by symposia participants
        - i. Not fact finding
        - ii. Operationalizing "public good" "public education" – heterogeneous in transition
        - iii. Can clarify the mission of all three universities
        - iv. Participants will offer meaning – this is empirical work
- b. Brainstorm invitees  
No discussion.
- c. Brainstorm BOT title and slides
  - i. Presentation title for the BOT Mtg: "Public Education for the Public Good"
    1. Can this be the start of a dialogue where we go back in a year with how it's going?
    2. Operationalize, explaining the purpose and goals.
    3. Provide mission clarity.
    4. Ongoing conversation
    5. Walkthrough of #1
    6. Invite the BOT to attend

VI. New Business  
None

VII. Old Business  
None

VIII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Information for Minutes provided by Professor Clancy.

David Perryn  
USC Administration