

University Senates Conference
Academic Affairs & Research Committee
Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

PLACE: University of Illinois Chicago, Student Center West, Room 213, 828 S. Wolcott Ave,
Chicago, IL

PRESENT: Hobbs, Kalita, Symes

ABSENT: Schwinn, Sharma

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Professor Hobbs.

II. Approval of remote participation

No remote participants.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of the Minutes from December 20, 2024; January 15, 2025; February 6, 2025; and March 6, 2025

Professor Symes made a motion to approve the minutes from December 20, 2024; January 15, 2025; February 6, 2025; and March 6, 2025. Professor Kalita seconded the motion. No discussion. The minutes were approved with a voice vote by AARC Members.

Yes: Hobbs, Kalita, Symes

No: None

Abstain: None

V. Today's Business

a. Sort out duties of mini conferences

AARC discussed the following:

- i. Sustainability and Innovation, supporting education and research across universities
 1. Consideration of current environment
 2. New technology
- ii. Area studies (i.e.: African America/Middle Eastern)
- iii. AI in Education supporting leading instead of following
- iv. Limited resources identifying collaborators researching across universities
- v. Creating Global Communities that benefit all three universities
- vi. Current political climate – international students/faculty (What are the resources?) and communication

b. Discuss with EVP at the USC meeting

- i. Funding is needed to support the event with the thought of having it in Fall 2025. Preference would be given to workshops including all three universities.

VI. New Business

Topics for the next meeting:

- a. Available and continuous communications about international student and faculty status

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Information for Minutes provided by Professor Hobbs.

David Perryn
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