

University Senates Conference
Academic Affairs & Research Committee
Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 26, 2025

PLACE: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
I Hotel & Conference Center, Alma Mater Room
1900 S 1st St
Champaign, IL 61820

PRESENT: Hobbs, Kalita, Mi, Schwinn

ABSENT: Sharma, Symes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Professor Hobbs.

II. Approval of remote participation

No remote participants.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of the Minutes from May 28, 2025

Professor Schwinn made a motion to approve the minutes from May 28, 2025. Professor Kalita seconded the motion. No discussion. The minutes were approved with a voice vote by AARC Members.

Yes: Hobbs, Kalita, Mi, Schwinn

No: None

Abstain: None

V. Today's Business

a. Sort out duties of mini conferences

AARC discussed:

- i. seeking input from the larger group vs. choosing the first topic
- ii. Interested in first topic being “connecting your work or campus to community.” The AI topic is good.
- iii. Need for administrative resources, space, and student involvement
- iv. Explore logistical concepts from larger group. Start collecting proposals for spring presentation.
- v. USC should lead the charge.
- vi. First UIS to showcase the university and promote, attract law makers.
- vii. Change focus to symposium/conferences

b. Available and continuous communication about international student and faculty status

No discussion.

VI. New Business
None

VII. Old Business
None

VIII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Information for Minutes provided by Professor Hobbs.

David Perryn
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