

UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 4, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Meeting locations:

University of Illinois Chicago
Richard Daley Library, Room 1-360
801 S Morgan St
Chicago, IL

I Hotel & Conference Center
Loyalty Room
1900 S 1st St
Champaign, IL

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

- I. Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.
- II. Remarks from the USC Chair
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of remote participation
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Approval of the minutes from November 20, 2025
- VII. Classification of Senate Minutes (UIC, UIS, UIUC)
 - a. UIC:
 - b. UIS: November 21, 2025
 - c. UIUC: November 10, 2025
- VIII. Meeting with President Killeen and EVP Jones – 10:15 a.m.

Recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m. Committees meet 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

IX. Today's Business – Action Items

a. Determine USC Observers for Board of Trustees Meetings

BOT Mtg/Loc.	Presenter	Presenter sends title to DP by 9:00 am		Presenter sends slides to DP by 9:00 am	Final USC input & slides from Presenter due to DP by 9:00 am	Observer/From
1/15/2026 (UIC)	Floros	11/20/2025		12/4/2025	12/11/2025	De Groote (UIC)
3/19/2026 (UIS)	Herrera	2/5/2026		2/12/2025	2/19/2026	(UIS)
5/21/2026 (UIUC)	Clancy	4/9/2026		4/16/2026	4/23/2026	(UIUC)
7/16/2026 (UIUC)	De Groote	6/4/2026		6/11/2026	6/18/2026	(UIUC)

b. Topics for the USC Presentations to the Board of Trustees Meetings

i. January 15, 2026-What is the role of Non-Tenure Track/Specialized Faculty in the mission of the universities?

ii. March 19, 2026-

iii. May 21, 2026-A look back at the AARC Symposia

iv. July 16, 2026-End of Year Report on the University Senates Conference

c. ST-94: Proposed Revision to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 3 – Faculty Role in Governance, Article IX, Section 3.c

d. Determine language for letter from USC Chair to BOT Secretary Stein regarding BOT Meeting attendance

X. Today's Business – Discussion – 2:20 p.m.

- Discuss Policy and Rules for Civil Service Staff Updates
- USC Response to Guests

XI. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

- OT-393: Revised Policy on Integrity and Scholarly Activities
Letter transmitted to UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senate Executive Committee Chairs

10/23/2025 for input by 05/01/2026.

- b. ST-83: Revisions to the *Statutes* – newly proposed revisions. Sent to Executive Vice President Wilson 05/01/2020. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes* (USC ST-83 following ST- 77) transmitted to UIS, UIC, and UIUC Senates 09/02/2021. UIC responded with Collated Comments 01/12/2022. USC sent a request for bifurcation and clarification to UIC on 02/08/2022. UIC Senate Request for Modifications 12/01/2022. The proposed statutory revisions have been transmitted to UIS, UIC, and UIUC Senates. UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senates have sent their response. USC has referred ST-83 to SGC. ST-83 was transmitted to Senates (UIC, UIS, UIUC) and President Killeen 08/28/2024. Addendum to ST-83 sent to the Senates (UIC, UIS, UIUC) and President Killeen 10/18/2024. ST-83 returned from President Killeen 12/02/2024. Letter to the Senates on the next steps for ST-83 sent 01/07/2025. Feedback received from UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senates has been referred to the USC Statutes and Governance Committee 05/09/2025.

Status: ST-83 is currently being worked on by SGC.

- c. ST-87: Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article I, Section 5 – Chancellors and Vice Presidents, Article II, Section 3a (1) – Faculty Role in Governance, and Article III, Section 1g – The University. Passed UIUC Senate 11/15/2021. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates on 03/02/2022. Feedback from UIS received 09/30/2025.

Status: Input is needed from UIC Senate

- d. ST-89: Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IV, Section 1 – The Department, Section 2 – Department Organized with a Chair (Section 2b – Department Organized with a Chair), Section 3 – Department Organized with a Head (Section 3b – Department Organized with a Head), and Section 4 – Change of Department Administrative Organization. Passed UIUC Senate 04/24/2023. Transmitted to UIC and UIS 06/21/2023.

Status: Input is needed from UIC and UIS Senates.

- e. ST-90: Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Section 7a – Sabbatical Leaves and Unpaid Leaves of Absence for Members of the Faculty. Passed UIC Senate 03/14/2024. USC referred ST-90 to SGC. Letter transmitted to UIC Senate with the request to resubmit after ST-83 has been resolved 08/06/2024. Transmitted ST-90 to UIS and UIUC Senate for input 04/23/2025.

Status: Input is needed from UIS and UIUC Senates.

- f. ST-91: Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Sections 3a (1) and 3a (2) – Faculty Role in Governance. Passed UIC Senate 03/14/2024. USC referred ST-91 to SGC. Letter transmitted to UIC Senate with the request to resubmit after ST-83 has been resolved 08/06/2024. Transmitted ST-91 to UIS and UIUC Senate for input

04/23/2025.

Status: Input is needed from UIS and UIUC Senates.

- g. ST-92: Proposed Revision to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Section 6b – Severe Sanctions Other Than Dismissal for Cause for Members of the Faculty. Passed UIUC Senate 09/18/2023. Discussed at the 09/22/2025 USC Meeting. Transmitted to UIC and UIS for input 10/10/2025. ST-92 transmitted to UIC and UIS 10/10/2025 with input requested by 04/15/2026.

Status: Input is needed from UIC and UIS Senates.

XII. Updates from Standing Committees

- a. Academic Affairs and Research (AARC)
 - i. System Symposia
- b. Finance, Budget, and Benefits (FBBC)
- c. Statutes and Governance (SGC)

XIII. Updates and Senate Priorities from each University

- a. University of Illinois Chicago
- b. University of Illinois Springfield
- c. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

XIV. Report on the President's Alliance for Higher Education (Schwinn)

XV. President's Executive Leadership Program (Moorhouse)

XVI. Updates from External Groups with USC Representation

- a. U of I System AI Exchange (Maher)
- b. Digital Risk Council (Fisher)
- c. Discovery Partners Institute Executive Committee (Roseman/Wink)
- d. Enrollment Management Policy Council (Wink)
- e. Research Misconduct in Prior Employment Committee (Tolliver)
- f. System HR Committee to review the UI System Policy on Background Checks (Schwinn)
- g. System Research Integrity Policy Committee (Danziger)
- h. System-wide Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Council (Moorhouse)
- i. University of Illinois System President's Advisory Council (Lyons)
- j. Workplace Behavior Policy (Tolliver)

XVII. New Business

XVIII. Closing remarks from the USC Chair

XIX. Adjournment – Next meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at UIC, UIS, and UIUC.