

MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: March 24, 2026

PLACE: University of Illinois Chicago  
Student Center West, Room 206  
828 S Wolcott Ave  
Chicago, IL

PRESENT: Barnwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Herrera, Lyons (online),  
Maher, Mi, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes, Tolliver (online), Wink (online)

ABSENT: Carmichael, De Groot, Kalita, Roseman, Symes

GUESTS: Timothy Killeen, Nicholas Jones, Rashid Bashir, Gene Robinson

I. Call to Order

Professor Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

II. Remarks from the USC Vice Chair

Professor Fisher indicated Professor De Groot is attending an international conference.

III. Roll Call

Mr. Perryn called the roll. Quorum: Yes, with 12 members present.

Members physically present during roll call: Barnwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo,  
Fisher, Floros, Herrera, Maher, Mi,  
Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes

IV. Approval of remote participation

Professor Floros made a motion for approval of remote participation for USC Members that are not physically present, attending via Zoom (Lyons, Tolliver, Wink) to vote and participate in the meeting. Professor Erricolo seconded the motion. No discussion. A roll call vote was taken by members in the room. Motion passed.

Yes: Barnwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Herrera,  
Maher, Mi, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes

No: None

Abstain: None

Professor Clancy made a motion to amend the agenda to have the discussion about item X. a. Vote on the formal proposal for the symposium sent to USC by AARC to the morning session, given the afternoon obligations of AARC Staff. Professor Maher seconded the motion. Motion passed. Item will be addressed after the Classification of Senate Minutes.

Yes: Barnwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Herrera,

Maher, Mi, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes

Online: Tolliver, Wink

No: None

Abstain: Lyons (online)

Professor Fisher introduced Ms. Elizabeth Dooley, UIC Senate Administration, to USC.

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Approval of the minutes from February 18, 2026

Professor Tolliver made a motion to approve the minutes from February 18, 2026.

Professor Moorhouse seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was approved by a roll call vote by members in the room and those attending online.

Yes: Barnwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo, Fisher, Herrera, Maher,  
Mi, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes

Online: Lyons, Tolliver, Wink

No: None

Abstain: Floros

VII. Classification of Senate Minutes

Professor Erricolo made a motion to approve the Classification of Senate Minutes.

Professor Herrera seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was approved by a roll call vote by members in the room and those attending online.

Yes: Barnwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Herrera, Maher,  
Mi, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes

Online: Lyons, Tolliver, Wink

No: None

Abstain: None

Class I: Matters of policy affecting one campus only. Item is sent to the President and Board of Trustees for action.

Class II: Matters affecting more than one campus. Item is sent to Senate(s) for action, then to President and Board of Trustees. At the time of this classification, the Conference member will file with the recording secretary an accurate final copy of the Senate action.

Class III: Amendments to the University of Illinois Statutes. The procedure is the same as with Class II items. At the time of reporting this classification, the

Conference member will file with the recording secretary an accurate final copy of the Senate action.

Class N: This designation requires no USC action but alerts one or more Senates to an item of interest from the originating Senate. The "N" is preceded by and followed by a lower-case letter(s); c = Chicago; s = Springfield; u = Urbana-Champaign; usc = University Senates Conference. Example: "cNs,u" means that a matter has come up in the Chicago Senate, which may be of interest to Springfield and Urbana-Champaign.

- a. UIC:  
March 11, 2026

Class I

**PR-26.39**, Proposal to Revise the Admission Requirements and Prerequisite Coursework in the Master of Engineering

**PR-26.40**, Proposal to Revise the Concentration in Biostatistics in the Master of Public Health

*PR-26.41 and PR-26.42 are bundled into a single document*

**PR-26.41**, Proposal to Eliminate the Concentration in Industrial Hygiene in the Master of Public Health

**PR-26.42**, Proposal to Eliminate the Concentration in Occupational Safety in the Master of Public Health

**PR-26.43**, Proposal to Establish the Concentration in Risk Management and Insurance in the Bachelor of Science in Finance

**PR-26.44**, Proposal to Rename the Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences

**PR-26.45**, Proposal to Establish the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Integrated Data Analytics

*PR-26.46, PR-26.47, and PR-25.48 are bundled into a single document*

**PR-26.46**, Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in History

**PR-26.47**, Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Psychology

**PR-26.48**, Proposal to Revise the Minor in Psychology

**PR-26.49**, Proposal to Establish 45 New Course Subjects for Elective Courses in the Doctor of Medicine

**PR-26.50**, Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management

**PR-26.51**, Proposal to Revise the Minor in Health Information Management

**PR-26.52**, Proposal to Revise the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Acute Care Concentration in the Doctor of Nursing Practice

**PR-26.53**, Proposal to Revise the Master of Science in Epidemiology

**PR-26.54**, Proposal to Revise the Doctor of Philosophy in Epidemiology

**PR-26.55**, Proposal to Revise the Concentration in Industrial Hygiene and the Concentration

**PR-26.56**, Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Disability and Human Development

**PR-26.57**, Proposal to Establish the Minor in Inclusive Communication and Disability

**PR-26.58**, Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Music Business

**PR-26.59**, Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies

### Class III

Approved the proposed revision to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Section 6b – Severe Sanctions Other Than Dismissal for Cause for Members of the Faculty (**USC ST-92**)

### Class N

First Reading: 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 (**USC ST-87**)

First Reading: Proposed Revision 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 (**USC ST-89**)

The UIC Senate provided feedback on the Revised Policy on Integrity in Research and Scholarly Activities (**USC OT-393**).

The UIC Senate provided feedback on the Faculty and Instructional Staff Grievance Procedures – Revised.

b. UIS:

February 20, 2026

Class I

Resolution 55-34 Establish Minor in Health and Humanity

Class N

Resolution 55-33 Minimum GPA Requirement for Illinois One Click Admit

March 6, 2026

Class III

Resolution 55-39 Proposed Revisions to the Statutes, Article IX, Section 7a –  
Sabbatical Leaves and Unpaid Leaves of Absence for Members  
of the Faculty [ST-90]

March 20, 2026

Class I

55-42 Establish a Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence

55-43 Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Senate of the University of  
Illinois at Springfield

Class III

55-40 Proposed Revisions to the Statutes, Article II, Sections 3a(1) and 3a(2) --  
Faculty Role in Governance [ST-91]

- c. UIUC:  
March 9, 2026

Class I

- a) EP.26.096, Reactivate Admission to and Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Dance in the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- b) EP.26.103, Eliminate the Joint Program in the Bachelor of Science in Community Health and the Master of Public Health in Public Health in the College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College
- c) EP.26.104, Establish the Graduate Certificate in Trauma-Informed Education in the College of Education and the Graduate College
- d) EP.26.105, Establish the Graduate Certificate in Disease Prevention and Program Evaluation in the College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College
- e) EP.26.106, Establish the Graduate Certificate in Epidemiology of Physical Activity in the College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College
- f) EP.26.107, Revise the Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Design in the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- g) EP.26.108, Revise the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- h) EP.26.109, Revise the Concentration in Stage Management in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- i) EP.26.110, Revise the Concentration in Theatre Studies in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- j) EP.26.111, Revise the Concentration in Acting in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine and Applied Art
- k) EP.26.112, Revise the Concentration in Costume Design & Technology in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- l) EP.26.113, Revise the Concentration in Scenic Technology in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine and Applied Arts

- m) EP.26.114, Revise the Concentration in Lighting Design & Technology in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- n) EP.26.115, Revise the Concentration in Sound Design & Technology in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- o) EP.26.116, Revise the Concentration in Scenic Design in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- p) EP.26.117, Revise the Concentration in Arts & Entertainment Technology in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre in the College of Fine and Applied Arts
- q) EP.26.120, Revise the Dual Degree in the Bachelor of Arts in Dance and the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the College of Applied Health Sciences

Class N

- a) EP.26.068, Revise Section 3-404 of the Student Code, Bronze Tablet
- b) EP.26.102, Report of Administrative Approvals Through March 9, 2026
- c) EP.26.118, Updated Levels of Governance (LOG)
- d) SP.26.07, Proposed Revision to the Constitution, Article II, Section 1.b – Faculty Representation
- e) SP.26.08, Revision to Standing Rules 1 – Adjournment and 16 – Requesting to Speak at a Senate or Senate Committee Meeting
- f) SP.26.12, Revision to the Bylaws, Part F.7 – Remote Participation in Senate and Senate Committee Meetings

X. Today's Business – Action Items

- a. Vote on the formal proposal for the symposium sent to USC by AARC.  
Professor Clancy provided insight into the development of the symposium proposal. Last fall AARC met with EVP Jones to discuss. Upon receiving input from USC last month, AARC revised the proposal and is asking for support from USC today. The current version focuses on the role of AARC being facilitators, and articulating why conversations are important.

A discussion was held on the proposal. USC suggested that while the proposal came from AARC, a USC standing committee, the symposium is a USC initiative and should be open to all USC Members. The committee was recognized for their efforts on the idea and proposal.

Professor Clancy called for the question. Professor Tolliver made a motion to postpone the discussion until the business meeting however a motion was already on the table to call for the question. Professor Herrera seconded the motion to call for the question. A roll call vote was taken by members in the room and by those attending online. Motion passed.

Yes: Barnwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Herrera,  
Maher, Mi, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes  
Online: Wink

No: Lyons (online), Tolliver (online)  
Abstain: None

Professor Herrera made a motion to accept the formal proposal on the symposium sponsored as a USC activity to be carried out with the leadership of AARC. A roll call vote was taken by members in the room and by those attending online. Professor Clancy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Yes: Barnwell, Clancy, Fisher, Floros, Herrera,  
Maher, Mi, Schwinn, Symes  
Online: Wink

No: Danziger, Erricolo, Lyons (online), Moorhouse, Tolliver (online)  
Abstain: None

Professor Fisher expressed appreciation to AARC for their work.

VIII. Meeting with President Killeen and EVP Jones – 10:15

Professor Fisher welcomed President Killeen and EVP Jones to the meeting.

President Killeen applauded USC for their efforts to support public education for the public good. President Killeen referenced the book written by David Dodds Henry, who served as the 12<sup>th</sup> President of the University of Illinois. The book “Challenges Past Challenges Present: An Analysis of American Higher Education Since 1930” was published in 1973. President Henry wrote about the loss of priority for higher education in the 1960’s. President Killeen referenced a quote by President John Fitzgerald Kennedy “Education is the keystone in the arch of freedom and progress. Nothing has contributed more to the enlargement of this nation of strength and opportunities than the widespread availability of college education.”

David Dodds Henry is quoted as saying “There can be no doubt that the loss of priority is related to the lack of public confidence as to the importance of supporting higher education.”

“The average person has no clear perception of what the university as a whole, with all of its outreach, means to society.”

President Killeen reflected on the past and how it relates to today.

President Killeen mentioned the university is doing well and so is philanthropy. An unexpected flood occurred in a residence hall in Urbana that took out the elevator and networking. The event impacted around 400 freshman students. Despite this, the institutional response was supportive, and the students were taken care of. Efforts are underway to make repairs.

USC inquired about ways students and their families are being supported during the political upheaval in their home countries. President Killeen mentioned that besides the university being a caring and empathetic institution, much happens in the units closest to the students such as in the cultural houses. President Killeen expressed the importance of everyone working together.

President Killeen mentioned that the University of Illinois Board of Trustees is eager for a successful foundation with the transition to the next president. Faculty voice will also be important.

President Killeen provided an overview of his high-level strategic goals that were approved by the BOT and shared with USC. He welcomed input collectively or individually:

- 1) Educational innovation
- 2) Organizational Alignment and Transformation
- 3) Foundational Infrastructure Development
- 4) Data-Informed Student Support
- 5) Operational Efficiency-

President Killeen spoke about positive results in the recent surveys that indicate public trust and confidence are increasing.

President Killeen mentioned that the 1% state appropriation will feel more like 3%. Last year there was a 3% request for the state government, and the state assembly passed the 3% budget prioritization but held back 2%. This 1% is on top of the total from last year and that equals 3%. While it is not enough to keep up with inflation, it is positive. There will be \$250 million dollars in the state request from the governor for deferred maintenance which is a new item. Typically, it is half of that so there is about \$150 plus million dollars

that may go towards the billion-dollar deficit in deferred maintenance.

USC inquired about the proposed equity funding formula. President Killeen conveyed that EVP Jones, and his team have been running through detailed scenarios of the proposed bill. It does not help UIS and will not help UIC. After 10 years of it, UIC will have the same annual gap it has today. The UI System would experience sub-inflationary funding for 10 or 15 years. There does not seem to be accountability in the proposal. A resolution of equity would connect to access, affordability, completion, success, graduation, and jobs. The proposed equity funding bill does not support the State of Illinois's flagship institution.

EVP Jones inquired how the proposed equity funding formula works. USC responded that it works. Professor Floros responded that it works by giving an amount and more money if the institution has a specific profile of a student and it's a specific kind of school. There are adjustments for different categories, but she noted that the formula was not entirely clear. EVP Jones responded that it was in fact opaque. Further, he mentioned that allocating resources without a plan is problematic. There needs to be more planning to develop a strategy and a plan.

USC held an interactive discussion about the current funding challenges and considered impacts of the proposed equity funding formula.

Professor Fisher expressed appreciation to President Killeen and EVP Jones for the engaged discussion.

IX. Meeting with President Killeen, EVP Jones, Dean Bashir, and DPI Exec. Dir. Robinson

Professor Fisher welcomed Grainger College of Engineering Dean Bashir and DPI Executive Director Robinson to the meeting.

A PowerPoint presentation was given jointly by Dean Bashir and Executive Director Robinson. Dean Bashir mentioned that on September 29, 2025, a memo from President Killeen was sent out stating that DPI was now a University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Institute and operated by the Grainger College of Engineering (GCOE). Dean Bashir explained the model of taking responsibility and the charge from the BOT and from the President is similar to other entities at UIUC. The Siebel Center for Design is managed by the GCOE with a joint dotted line to the provost. Two other examples of this arrangement on the Urbana campus are the Krannert Art Museum and the Krannert Center for Performing Arts which are operated by the College of Fine and Applied Arts.

While the GCOE was asked to set up DPI, the intent is for the benefit of campus and beyond. It is expected that setup will take five years. From science to society, it will move forward for the benefit of Chicago and the State of Illinois. DPI will shape the future of computing and digital transformation, focusing on AI and applications of AI to make

Chicago a global center for excellence, develop solutions for the world's most pressing challenges, and contribute to economic development in America. An aspirational goal is to become a nationally recognized leader, socially responsible AI, and its application to biotech, nuclear and quantum. There will be research on AI for AI's sake, and then AI+ health, AI+ energy, plus quantum.

Executive Director Robinson shared an overview of next five years for DPI from science to society that will focus on developing an applied R&D research portfolio with faculty and industry partners with the goal of 50 million dollars annually in research expenditures. Additional focus will be on the creation of three large corporate R&D centers in AI and AI + Applications; launching two cutting-edge AI training & workforce development programs (>500 tuition-paying students/year and >10 corporate sponsorships); increasing growth and retention of UIUC startups in Illinois; designing and moving into the recently purchased building at 250 S. Wacker; more R&D partnership and business tenants, generation of educational revenue and significant philanthropy; and working with P33 and a top consulting group for realistic, ambitious job creation goals. ED Robinson mentioned his former role leading the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology (IGB) which had several strategic partnerships over the years for which they worked closely on with industry. There is also a strong commitment to entrepreneurial activities to work closely with activities on the Urbana Campus, Research Park, ADM, and Enterprise Works to build out and engage with the Chicago area. There will be significant resources that will attract faculty to want to spend some of their time in the DPI Space, in addition to their own labs.

The original DPI Appropriation has 197 million dollars remaining. The planned capital resource allocation in Chicago includes 60 million dollars for DPI Headquarters (250 S Wacker Drive), three years of renovation while continuing to use 200 S Wacker. The remaining 137 million dollars will be spent on IQMP with 110 million dollars on Quantum Works, 20 million on NQF, and 7 million reserved for cost overruns.

There are five pillars to the DPI Plan:

- 1) Education and workforce development
- 2) Economic development in the form of corporate partnerships
- 3) Community engagement
- 4) Economic development in the form of innovation, entrepreneurship
- 5) Research

Executive Director Robinson spoke about the training pipeline, including the various endpoints in a person's educational pathway. The Masters of Computer Science is now being offered in Chicago with about 100 students with the goal of increasing capacity.

Executive Director Robinson explained the elements of a sustainable business plan for DPI which included an operating model and potential sources of operating revenue.

UI System funding for DPI will decrease over the five year period and be used to complete the transition and honor prior obligations as some programs are sunset. DPI looks forward to new partnerships, perhaps at UIC or UIS. DPI will not continue existing partnership programs, as they will remain with the UI System. Instead, DPI will focus on development of new partnerships. This will be an AI focused institute for the five pillars mentioned. The realignment will be completed by fall 2026. DPI will be an institute within the Grainger College of Engineering under that budget. There is an expectation that the UI System and UIUC will support the building.

Professor Fisher expressed appreciation to President Killeen, EVP Jones, Dean Bashir, and Director Robinson for attending.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and resumed at 2:23 p.m.

Committee meetings were held from 1:05 p.m. – 2:19 p.m.

PRESENT: Banwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Herrera, Maher, Moorhouse, Mi, Schwinn, Symes, Tolliver (online), Wink (online)

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

- a. Vote on the formal proposal for the symposium sent to USC by AARC  
This item was moved to the morning session.
- b. Vote on USC input on the:
  - i. Revised University Code of Conduct

Amendment 1: Professor Barnwell made a motion to amend the document by moving “specific” concerns to the top of the document after introduction (before “in general”) above the recommendations. Professor Floros seconded the motion. No discussion. A roll call vote was taken by members in the room and by those attending online. Motion passed.

Yes: Barnwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Herrera, Maher, Mi, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes

Online: Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

Amendment 2: Professor Maher moved that under the section with key specific concerns, the first bullet point should read “Terminology used in the document is not clearly defined” and to delete “even if references to disciplinary consequences are removed.” Professor Barnwell seconded the motion. A brief discussion was held. A roll call vote was taken by members in the room and by those attending

online. Motion passed.

Yes: Barnwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Herrera,  
Maher, Mi, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes

Online: Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

Amendment 3: Professor Moorhouse made a motion to replace “other considerations related” with “in addition, we would like to take the opportunity to offer the following suggestions regarding broader university conversations about workplace behavior.” Professor Herrera seconded the motion. A brief discussion was held. A roll call vote was taken by members in the room and by those attending online. Motion passed.

Yes: Barnwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Herrera,  
Maher, Mi, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes

Online: Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

Professor Maher made a motion to approve the document as amended. Professor Clancy seconded the motion. No discussion. A roll call vote was taken by members in the room and by those attending online. Motion passed.

Yes: Barnwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Herrera,  
Maher, Mi,

Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes

Online: Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

ii. Working Outside of Illinois Policy Updates Draft

Professor Barnwell made a motion to approve the document. Professor Danziger seconded the motion. A brief discussion was held.

Professor Floros made a motion to amend the document by striking the “please clarify” section. Professor Maher seconded the motion. No discussion. A roll call vote was taken by members in the room and by those attending online. Motion passed.

Yes: Barnwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros,  
Herrera, Maher, Mi, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes

Online: Tolliver

No: None  
Abstain: None

Vote to approve the document as amended from the original motion.

Yes: Barnwell, Clancy, Danziger, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros,  
Herrera, Maher, Mi, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes  
Online: Tolliver

No: None  
Abstain: None

Professor Clancy and Professor Herrera left the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

c. Review schedule of Presenters and Observers to fill vacancies

<b>BOT Mtg/Loc.</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Observer/From</b>
5/21/2026 (UIUC)	Clancy	Maher (UIUC)
7/16/2026 (UIUC)	De Groot	Moorhouse (UIUC)

d. Determine presentation topics to the Board of Trustees Meetings

- i. May 21, 2026-A look back at the AARC Symposia  
The topic was changed to “Public Education for the Public Good.”
- ii. July 16, 2026-USC End of Year Report

XI. Today’s Business – Discussion

a. Provide feedback to Professor Maher on:

i. Draft-AI-Recommendations-UofI-System REV

Professor Maher advised the next quarterly meeting for the committee of 30, is in late May or early June. The documents have been receiving strong support.

USC inquired about the two documents. Professor Maher indicated the Draft-AI-Recommendations-UofI-System REV is more of a governance document suggesting that each separate university should create their own policy whereas the other document gets into the goals.

ii. U of I System AI Guidance Framework-draft-REV

USC expressed interest in whether there are resources for faculty to teach AI literacy.

Professor Maher requested any feedback be sent to him and he will take

them to the group.

b. USC Response to Guests

USC reflected on the morning presentation on Discovery Partners Institute moving to be an UIUC initiative and its history. If there are questions, please send them to Mr. Perryn by March 31 so they can be sent to Executive Director Robinson.

USC discussed the latest update on the proposed equity funding formula. What is the alternative? What is better?

c. Brainstorm potential areas UIC, UIS, and UIUC could collaborate more directly  
Professor Fisher acknowledged that this topic will require additional time and suggested continuing with the agenda items that follow. USC suggested this topic would be ideal for the USC Retreat.

XII. 2027 USC Nominating Committee-Informational for today's meeting (USC Bylaws 4.3.1)

The USC Nominating Committee will be announced at the April 21 USC Meeting.

XIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

a. 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. Input received from UIC Senate 03/13/2026 sent to SGC.

**Status:** Input is needed from UIS and UIUC Senates.

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 the 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 Senate 01/31/2025.

**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. Input received from UIS Senate 03/06/2026 sent to SGC.

**Status:** Input is needed from UIUC Senate.

- 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 09/22/2025 USC Meeting. Transmitted to UIC and UIS for input 10/10/2025 for input requested by 04/15/2026. Input received from UIC Senate 03/13/2026 sent to SGC.

**Status:** Input is needed from UIS Senate

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

**Status:** Item referred to SGC 12/04/2025

XIV. Updates from Standing Committees

- a. Academic Affairs and Research (AARC)  
Update provided earlier in the meeting.
- b. Finance, Budget, and Benefits (FBBC)  
Professor Erricolo mentioned that FBBC met with Katie Ross and Cassandra Staudacher, with System HR today, and VP Aaron Carter. Most of the time spent was on the benefit discussion. The committee will plan to meet with VP Carter at a future meeting. USC encouraged FBBC to consider how to best share updates and information with USC.
- c. Statutes and Governance (SGC)  
Professor Fisher mentioned that SGC met with Ms. Jami Painter, Senior Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer for System HR, to ask questions related to ST-83. SGC has been gathering information from each university HR and is planning a meeting in April to go over the recommendations to USC before going to the senates. They will also meet with the “big group” which includes representation from VPAA, HR, and legal counsel, to get input.

XV. Updates and Senate Priorities from each University

- a. University of Illinois Chicago  
Professor Floros advised that recommendations for ST-87 and ST-89 are on the April 23 Senate Meeting Agenda. The senate will wait until the next academic year to work on ST-94. Provost Karen Colley is retiring June 30. Finalists are making campus visits.
- b. University of Illinois Springfield  
Professor Fisher indicated UIS Senate is moving forward with statutes items approving ST-90 and proposing amendments to ST-91.
- c. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
No update.

XVI. Report on the President’s Alliance for Higher Education (Schwinn)

No update.

XVII. President’s Executive Leadership Program (Moorhouse)

Professor Moorhouse shared that the last PELP Meeting will be in Washington D.C. The March session included a tour of UIS. This has provided an opportunity also to learn about each campus.

XVIII. Updates from External Groups with USC Representation

- a. Digital Risk Council (Fisher)  
Professor Fisher shared that the council meets quarterly. The last meeting was December 12, 2025. The council reported on significant incidents (chancellor-level at any campus) including the October 20 AWS outage and a direct deposit phishing attack. The system’s long-term goal is to go to a password-less model, beginning with direct deposit. Changes are already in place to make it harder for

bad actors to change direct deposit information. Chief Data and Analytics Officer Dimuthu Tilakaratne reported on systemwide core data model and data governance structure (shared data structure, each university setting own business rules).

- b. Enrollment Management Policy Council (Wink)  
No update.
  - c. Research Misconduct in Prior Employment Committee (Tolliver)  
Professor Tolliver reported that the committee is wrapping up their work. A draft has been circulated to the committee and will be going to USC.
  - d. Review of Policy for Awarding of Emeritus/Emerita Status (De Groote)  
No update.
  - e. System HR Committee to review the UI System Policy on Background Checks (Schwinn)  
No update.
  - f. System Research Integrity Policy Committee (Danziger)  
Professor Danziger reported that UI System is responding to new regulations by the federal government.
  - g. System-wide Data Strategy Advisory Group (Clancy)  
No update.
  - h. System-wide Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Council (Moorhouse)  
Professor Moorhouse reported that the council has not met.
  - i. U of I System AI Exchange (Maher)  
Professor Maher gave an update earlier in the meeting.
  - j. University of Illinois System President's Advisory Council (Lyons)  
No update.
- XIX. New Business  
None
- XX. Closing remarks from the USC Vice Chair  
Professor Fisher expressed appreciation to everyone for attending.
- XXI. Adjournment – Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at UIC, UIS, and UIUC. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.