

MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: April 8, 2025

PLACE: University of Illinois Chicago, Student Center West, Room 206,  
828 S Wolcott Ave, Chicago, IL 60612

PRESENT: Campbell, De Groote, Danziger (online), Dunning (online), Erricolo, Fisher, Floros,  
Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair), Kalita, Lyons (online), Maher, Moorhouse, Symes, Tolliver,  
Wink

Online: Danziger, Dunning, Lyons

ABSENT: Hale, Leff, Schwinn, Sharma

GUESTS: Timothy Killeen, Jessica Norris, Scott Rice, Jay Walsh

I. Call to Order

Professor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Mr. Perryn called the roll.

Members physically present: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Hobbs,  
Jenkins (Chair), Kalita, Maher, Moorhouse, Symes,  
Tolliver, Wink

III. Approval of remote participation

Professor Jenkins requested approval of remote participation from USC Members  
physically present to allow those attending via Zoom (Danziger, Dunning, Hale, Lyons,  
Moorhouse) to vote and participate in the meeting. No discussion. A roll call vote was  
taken by members in the room and approval was confirmed.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair),  
Kalita, Maher, Moorhouse, Symes, Tolliver, Wink

No: None

Abstain: None

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Approval of the minutes March 6, 2025

Professor Tolliver made a motion to approve the minutes from March 6, 2025. Professor  
Kalita seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was approved by a roll call vote  
by members in the room and those attending online.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Jenkins (Chair), Maher,

Symes, Tolliver, Wink  
Online: Danziger, Lyons

No: None  
Abstain: Hobbs, Kalita

VI. Classification of Senate Minutes

- a. UIC: March 12, 2025
- b. UIS: February 21, 2025; March 7, 2025; March 21, 2025; April 4, 2025
- c. UIUC: February 10, 2025; March 10, 2025; April 7, 2025

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. The following items were approved as Class I by the University Senates Conference:

1. University of Illinois Chicago:

March 12, 2025

PR-25.30, Proposal to Eliminate the Cancer Epidemiology  
Concentration in the School of Public Health

*Note: Proposals PR-25.31 & PR-25.32 & PR-25.33 are bundled into a single document*

PR-25.31, Proposal to Rename, Reorganize, and Revise the Doctor of  
Philosophy in Public Health, Concentration in Environmental

and Occupational Health Science as the Doctor of Philosophy  
in Environmental Health

PR-25.32, Proposal to Rename, Reorganize, and Revise the Master of  
Science in Public Health, Concentration in Environmental and  
Occupational Health Science as the Master of Science in  
Environmental Health

PR-25.33, Proposal to Reorganize and Revise the Secondary  
Concentrations in Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Safety  
in the Master of Science in Public Health, Concentration in  
Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences into  
Concentrations in the Master of Science in Environmental  
Health

PR-25.34, Proposal to Revise the Master of Education in Urban Higher  
Education

PR-25.35, Proposal to Revise the Doctor of Philosophy in Earth and  
Environmental Sciences and the Master of Science in Earth and  
Environmental Science

PR-25.36, Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and  
Sciences, Major in Earth and Environmental Sciences and  
Revise the Minor in Earth and Environmental Sciences

PR-25.37, Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and  
Sciences, Major in Latin American and Latino Studies and  
Revise the Minor in Latin American and Latino Studies

PR-25.38, Proposal to Establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer  
Science and Philosophy

PR-25.39, Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Finance to  
Eliminate the Finance Placement Exam and the Requirement  
that Students Complete FIN 300: Introduction to Finance at  
UIC

PR-25.40, Proposal to Revise the Master of Science in Accounting

PR-25.41, Proposal to Revise the Master of Public Health, Concentration  
in Health Policy and Administration

PR-25.42, Proposal to Revise the Master of Public Health, Concentration  
in Epidemiology (Comprehensive and Professional  
Enhancement Programs)

PR-25.43, Proposal to Revise the Master of Public Health, Concentration in Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences

PR-25.44, Proposal to Replace the Required Foundations of Public Health Course within the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Biostatistics, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Epidemiology, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health, and the Doctor of Public Health

PR-25.45, Proposal to Establish the Bachelor of Science in Inclusive and Special Education

EP-25.01, Proposal to Revise the Joint Programs Policy

## 2. University of Illinois Springfield:

### February 21, 2025

Resolution 54-26: Establish a Minor in Public Leadership in the School of Public Management and Policy

### March 7, 2025

Resolution 54-27: Establish a Master of Business Administration in Management Science

### March 21, 2025

Resolution 54-23: Amend Senate Bylaws Reflecting Removal of the Committee on Sustainability

Resolution 54-30: Amend Senate Bylaws to Clarify Procedures for Amendments to the Bylaws

Resolution 54-31: Establish a Bachelor of Science in Marketing

### April 4, 2025

Resolution 54-32: Amend Senate Bylaws to Clarify Special Meetings of New Senate and Election of Officers

Resolution 54-33: Eliminate Graduate Certificates in Environmental Health and Environmental Risk Assessment in the Master of Public Health Program

Resolution 54-34: Posthumous Award of a Bachelor of Arts in  
Psychology

3. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign:

February 10, 2025

EP.25.033, Establish the Master of Veterinary Science in Applied  
Veterinary Sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine and  
the Graduate College

EP.25.053, Revise the Bachelor of Science in Speech & Hearing Science  
in the College of Applied Health Sciences

EP.25.054, Eliminate the Concentration in Neuroscience in the Bachelor  
of Science in Speech & Hearing Science in the College of  
Applied Health Sciences

EP.25.055, Eliminate the Concentration in Audiology in the Bachelor of  
Science in Speech & Hearing Science in the College of  
Applied Health Sciences

EP.25.056, Eliminate the Concentration in Speech-Language Pathology in  
the Bachelor of Science in Speech & Hearing Science in the  
College of Applied Health Sciences

EP.25.057, Eliminate the Concentration in Cultural-Linguistic Diversity in  
the Bachelor of Science in Speech & Hearing Science in the  
College of Applied Health Sciences

EP.25.058, Establish the Master of Science in Child Health in the College  
of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and  
the Graduate College

EP.25.059, Establish the Joint Program in the Bachelor of Science in  
Human Development and Family Studies and the Master of  
Science in Child Health in the College of Agricultural,  
Consumer and Environmental Sciences and the Graduate  
College

March 10, 2025

EP.25.043, Revise the Master of Health Administration in Health  
Administration in the College of Applied Health Sciences and  
the Graduate College

EP.25.044, Revise the Master of Public Health in Public Health in the College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College

EP.25.045, Establish the Concentration in Health Behavior and Promotion in the Master of Public Health in Public Health in the College of Applied Health Sciences and Graduate College

EP.25.046, Establish the Concentration in Physical Activity and Health in the Master of Public Health in Public Health in the College of Applied Health Sciences and Graduate College

EP.25.063, Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Music in the College of Fine and Applied Arts

EP.25.064, Establish the Concentration in Music Technology in the Bachelor of Arts in Music in the College of Fine and Applied Arts

EP.25.065, Revise the Master of Music in Music in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College

EP.25.066, Establish the Concentration in Collaborative Piano in the Master of Music in Music in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College

April 7, 2025

EP.25.047, Establish the Bachelor of Liberal Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

EP.25.048, Establish the Bachelor of Liberal Studies in Liberal Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

EP.25.049, Establish the Concentration in Global Perspectives in the Bachelor of Liberal Studies in Liberal Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

EP.25.050, Establish the Concentration in Health and Society in the Bachelor of Liberal Studies in Liberal Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

EP.25.051, Establish the Concentration in Management Studies in the Bachelor of Liberal Studies in Liberal Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

EP.25.067, Revise the Master of Accounting Science in Accountancy in the Gies College of Business and the Graduate College

EP.25.068, Revise the Master of Science in Management in the Gies College of Business and the Graduate College

EP.25.069, Establish the Concentration in Leadership and Organizational Management in the Gies College of Business and the Graduate College

EP.25.070, Establish the Concentration in Marketing in the Gies College of Business and the Graduate College

EP.25.073, Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Anthropology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

EP.25.074, Revise the Concentration in Sociocultural & Linguistic Anthropology in the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Anthropology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

EP.25.075, Revise the Concentration in Archaeology in the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Anthropology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

EP.25.076, Revise and Rename the Concentration in Human Evolutionary Biology in the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Anthropology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

EP.25.078, Establish the Graduate Certificate in Sustainability Education and Climate Justice in the College of Education and the Graduate College

EP.25.080, Establish the Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Innovation, Design, and Entrepreneurship in the Gies College of Business and the Graduate College

B. The following items were noted as Class N by the University Senates Conference:

1. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign:

February 10, 2025

EP.25.011, Proposal to Rename the Center for Women and Gender in Global Perspectives [Updated New Unit Name: Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity]

EP.25.042, Report of Administrative Approvals Through February 10, 2025

EP.24.109, Revise Section 3-201 of the Student Code (Final Examination Policy)

LB.25.02, Resolution on Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) Statement on the Importance of Librarians in Academic Libraries

March 10, 2025

EP.24.109, Revise Section 3-201 of the Student Code (Final Examination Policy) – Update

EP.25.062, Report of Administrative Approvals Through March 10, 2025

SP.23.10, Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.1.d – Senate Executive Committee; Part D.8.e – Committee on Educational Policy; and Part D.19 – Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (Chair Compensation)

April 7, 2025

EP.25.077, Report of Administrative Approvals Through April 7, 2025

A motion was made by Professor Fisher and seconded by Professor Campbell to approve the Classification of Senate Minutes. No discussion. The Classification of Senate Minutes were approved by a roll call vote for members in the room and those attending online.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair), Kalita, Maher, Symes, Tolliver, Wink

Online: Danziger, Lyons

No: None

Abstain: None

VII. Today's Business – Action Items

- a. Vote on the release of USC Closed Session Minutes from February 21, 2024 – AM; February 21, 2024 – PM; and March 25, 2024

A motion was made by Professor Hobbs to release the USC Closed Session Minutes from February 21, 2024 – AM; February 21, 2024 – PM; and March 25, 2024. Professor Maher seconded the motion. A brief discussion was held. A roll call vote was taken by members in the room and those attending online. The



motion passed.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair), Kalita, Symes, Tolliver, Wink

Online: Danziger, Lyons

No: None

Abstain: Floros, Maher

Due to the limited time prior to the meeting with President Killeen, Professor Maher made a motion to move items XII c, d, e, and f, to the afternoon session Professor Symes seconded the motion. A brief discussion was held. The motion was approved by a roll call vote by members in the room and those attending online.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair), Kalita, Maher, Symes, Tolliver, Wink

Online: Danziger, Lyons

No: None

Abstain: None

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b. Vote on ST-90 & ST-91: Request from UIC to move forward

A motion was made by Professor Kalita and seconded by Professor Hobbs to move ST-90 and ST-91 to the next step. Discussion was held.

Professor Tolliver moved to amend the proposed motion to forward ST-90 and ST-91 to USC SGC. Motion was seconded by Professor Maher. A roll call vote was taken by members attending in the room and attending online. Motion to amend passed.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair), Kalita, Maher, Symes, Tolliver, Wink

Online: Danziger, Lyons

No: None

Abstain: None

A roll call vote was taken on the amended motion to forward ST-90 and ST-91 to USC SGC by members attending in the room and those attending online. Motion to move ST-90 and ST-91 forward to USC SGC passed.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair), Kalita, Maher, Symes, Tolliver, Wink

Online: Danziger, Lyons

No: None

Abstain: None

A motion was made by Professor Floros to combine items c, d, and e into one vote with Professor Maher serving as the USC Representative for the AI Standing Governance Group; Professor Schwinn service as the USC Representative for the Crisis Communication Task Force; and Professor Tolliver serving as the USC Representative for Research Misconduct in Prior Employment Committee. Professor Moorhouse seconded the motion. Discussion was held. The motion was approved by a roll call vote by members in the room and those attending online.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair), Kalita, Maher, Symes, Tolliver, Wink

Online: Danziger, Dunning, Lyons, Moorhouse

No: None

Abstain: None

- c. Vote on the USC Representative for the AI Standing Governance Group  
Item will be addressed in the afternoon session.

Professor Maher will serve as the USC Representative.

- d. Vote on the USC Representative for the Crisis Communication Task Force  
Item will be addressed in the afternoon session.

Professor Schwinn will serve as the USC Representative.

- e. Vote on the USC Representative for Research Misconduct in Prior Employment Committee  
Item will be addressed in the afternoon session.

Professor Tolliver will serve as the USC Representative.

- f. Determine USC Presenters and Observers for Board of Trustees Meetings

Date	Location	Presenter		Observer	From
05/22/2025	Urbana	Tolliver		Hale	Urbana
07/17/2025	Chicago	Jenkins		De Groote	Chicago

Item will be addressed in the afternoon session.

There were no changes to the schedule.

VIII. Remarks from USC Chair

Professor Jenkins requested that USC be mindful of the importance of USC having a physical quorum to conduct business to keep the business of the university flowing. Professor Jenkins expressed appreciation to USC for all of their efforts.

IX. Meeting with President Killeen

Professor Jenkins welcomed President Killeen; Chief of Staff to President Killeen, Jessica Norris; University Counsel Scott Rice and VP of Economic Development and Innovation Jay Walsh to the meeting via Zoom.

President Killeen mentioned he will be traveling to Springfield today to meet with the state legislators. The Sustainability Research Conference is still planned for June in Chicago. Both Mexico and Brazil are interested in working with the University of Illinois System. There will be a new economic impact study for the University of Illinois System soon.

There are concerns with the bill to establish a new funding formula in the State of Illinois for public higher education. The bill is constrained to enrollment of freshmen undergraduates connected to funding as they seek to close the gap between adequacy of funding. As it is understood, if there is new state investment in public higher education in the state, the University of Illinois System would receive 28% of any new state investment despite educating 53% of the undergraduate students in the State of Illinois. It would appear that the University of Illinois System would be underrepresented by this bill. The bill fails to take into account efforts by the University of Illinois System such as research, statewide programs, extension services, the Illinois Innovation Network, and Prairie Research Institute – which all benefit communities across Illinois. The new funding bill would under reflect the contributions the University of Illinois System is making.

President Killeen spoke about the efforts being made on the federal side as changes occur. President Killeen expressed appreciation for University Counsel Scott Rice and his team. Tracking is occurring with Executive Orders and letters from the agencies, with response as appropriate. VP of Economic Development and Innovation Jay Walsh is meeting daily with the Vice Chancellors for Research to consider the impacts. Additionally, there is regular contact with the Governor's office and interaction with the Big Ten Academic Alliance. President Killeen will meet with 30 legislators this evening in Springfield. President Killeen spoke about ongoing issues and the wide variety of topics. There are concerns such as what will happen with the Department of Education; impacts of tariffs, environmental issues, transparency in information, and government websites.

VP Walsh provided an overview on proposals, awards, and payments. Proposal submission is tracked, awards and expenditures are up, now it is more challenging to perform drawdown (go to the federal government for payment). NIH requires an explanation for every expenditure. Sponsored Programs is working with faculty to make meeting this requirement easier. There has been a substantial decrease in volume of awards since January 20, 2025, despite being up the two prior years.

USC inquired about students who may or have had their Visa revoked and resources for them. Some faculty feel the university should assist the students in this situation. University Counsel Rice responded that his office has one client, the university. Whether to hire an attorney is a personal decision. They can secure counsel from a personal basis or through a not for profit, such as the National Immigration Justice Center, or whomever. There was a lot of work with the Governor's office this weekend and others to expand those resources.

President Killeen shared that a student is not notified about their Visa being revoked by the government. The university checks a website regularly to determine if this has happened. It's still unclear why a Visa is being revoked.

USC inquired about ICR (indirect cost recovery) reductions. President Killeen responded that the actual cost of research institutionally is larger than the overhead rate. VP Walsh reported that due to conversations being heard about on the hill, it is likely there will be changes in the indirect rate from federal agencies. This will likely be an issue Congress brings up.

President Killeen advised that if NIH (National Institutes of Health) goes to a 15% rate, it would be 70 million dollars lost annually, which would be a lot of lost employment opportunities. President Killeen reminded USC of the challenges that have been overcome previously and the success.

President Killeen mentioned the DPI (Discovery Partners Institute) will include expansion of the vision with a focus on quantum computing. This connects to the search for the UIUC Chancellor which has over 120 nominations.

USC inquired about the DPI (Discovery Partners Institute) Executive Committee meetings. President Killeen responded that there had not been changes to governance.

President Killeen mentioned that it seems there is intent to move student loans to the Small Business Administration. With regard to dissolving the Department of Education, it would likely take an act of Congress.

USC inquired about how faculty can assist in advocacy efforts. President Killeen mentioned that faculty can contact their local legislators. They can also get involved with the Illinois Connection. Anyone concerned about the health and welfare of the Illinois System should participate in the Illinois Connection.

President Killeen spoke about enhancing the public vision of higher education. This can be attributed to the affordability initiative; shared governance; economic impact; research contributions; leading role in AI; training teachers; offering advanced placement courses at high schools; and sustainability initiatives. The university is not a cost center for the tax base, but instead a profit center. There is value in public higher education. What used to be a 19-billion-dollar economic impact on the State of Illinois is now over 24 billion dollars.

President Killeen reported that international undergraduate student applications are up because of UIC. There are demands on the student enrollment across the board.

President Killeen reminded USC that “we are all in this together.”

Professor Jenkins expressed appreciation to all for attending.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

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- X. Committee Meetings (AARC, FBBC, SGC) – 1:00 p.m.  
Meetings were held from 1:05 p.m. to 1:49 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 1:50 p.m. with physical quorum.

Members physically present: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Hobbs,  
Jenkins (Chair), Maher, Moorhouse, Symes, Tolliver, Wink  
Online: Dunning, Lyons

Absent: Hale, Leff, Schwinn, Sharma

- XI. 2026 USC Nominating Committee (no action this meeting).

- XII. Today’s Business – Discussion

- a. USC response to guest presentations  
USC discussed the importance of shared governance, actional governance in the Senates, and working for what matters most. USC would also appreciate timely information sharing from administration.
- b. AARC: Mini-conferences  
No discussion.

- XIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

- a. 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.

- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. SI-1. Updates from each University
  - i. University of Illinois Chicago  
Professor De Groote spoke about the statement on public statements. Last week there was a reinterpretation that the public statement needs to be made in the context that it has academic freedom associated with it. It's viewed that colleges have academic freedom but that different centers like cultural centers do not since they report up through the Chancellor. Academic freedom lies within. A discussion was held about the concerns.
  - ii. University of Illinois Springfield  
Professor Fisher reported that UIS is tentatively planning a jointly Senate and Provost sponsored panel discussion early in the fall semester on academic freedom.
  - iii. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
Professor Lyons reported on behalf of Professor Hale:
    - 1. The Honorary Degree issue was mentioned again. The UIUC Senate has been working productively with Chancellor Jones to protect the privacy of those nominated for an Honorary Degree. The Senate hopes that the University Senates Conference can provide guidance when the BOT or the President seems to be using the press to coordinate reviews across the Senates.

2. The Senate will vote on ST-83 feedback at the April 28 meeting.
3. Senators have brought up a resolution from Rutgers and the BTAA titled “Resolution to Join a Mutual Defense Compact for the Universities of the Big Ten Academic Alliance in Defense of Academic Freedom, Institutional Integrity, and the Research Enterprise.” There seems to be a lot of interest in taking a public stand on the core values and there is anticipation of a proposal on this for the April 28 Senate Meeting.

g. SI-2. Updates from Standing Committees

i. Academic Affairs and Research (AARC).

Previously reported earlier in the meeting.

ii. Finance, Budget, and Benefits (FBBC)

Professor Campbell reported that the committee did not have a quorum so there was only a conversation. Future budget items to discuss will be healthcare cost, retirement, and childcare.

Professor Floros inquired about following up with AVP External and State Relations, Ms. Jennifer Creasey regarding HR’s position on reducing the length of required service before the dependent tuition benefit could be used. Mr. Perryn consulted with Ms. Creasey and was advised that “There is no known change as of now.”

iii. Statutes and Governance (SGC)

Professor De Groote reported that the committee about ST-83 and also is reviewing a proposal to include a process for USC to use for determining presentations to the Board of Trustees.

h. SI-3. Updates from External Groups with USC Representation

i. Data Strategy System-wide Task Force (Campbell)

No report.

ii. Digital Risk Council (Campbell)

Professor Campbell reported discussion on hiring someone for the Data Strategy Council. Additionally, there are huge amounts of risks associated with security systems, particularly concerning privacy. There are concerns on encryption.

iii. Discovery Partners Institute Executive Committee

Professor Jenkins reported that DPI Executive Committee Meetings have been cancelled for the remainder of the year.

iv. Enrollment Management Policy Council

No report.

- v. President's Executive Leadership Program  
No report.
- vi. System Research Integrity Policy Committee  
No report.
- vii. System-wide Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Council  
No report.
- viii. University of Illinois System President's Advisory Council (Lyons)  
No report.
- ix. Workplace Behavior Policy  
No report.

XIV. Adjournment – Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at UIC.  
The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

David Perryn  
USC Administration