

MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

PLACE: I Hotel & Conference Center, Honors Room  
University of Illinois Chicago, Daley Library, Room 1-360  
University of Illinois Springfield, Brookens Library, Room 180G

PRESENT: Campbell, Dallesasse, De Groot, Erricolo, Funderburg, Kalita, Leff, Li, Lyons,  
Moorhouse, Tolliver, Weuve (Chair), Wink

Online: Danziger, Peiravian

ABSENT: Burbules, Hobbs, Jenkins, Symes

GUESTS: Timothy Killeen, Nicholas Jones, Jay Walsh, Robert Jones

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

- I. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Jones  
President Killeen and EVP Jones joined the meeting from the I Hotel & Conference Center.

**Motion for Executive Session**

At 10:06 a.m. Professor Li made a motion to hold an executive session to discuss University Employment or other related items. The motion was seconded by Professor Tolliver. No discussion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion to enter an executive session was approved. The executive session began at 10:08 a.m.

Yes: Campbell, Dallesasse, Erricolo, Funderburg, Leff, Li, Lyons,  
Moorhouse, Tolliver, Weuve (Chair), Wink

Online: Danziger, Peiravian

No: None

Abstain: None

- II. Executive Session with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Jones

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Executive Session Adjourned at 11:01 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed.

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EVP Jones provided background information on the proposed DPI Code of Conduct and will speak more about it at the USC Meeting on April 18. The plan is to request delegation authority from the University of Illinois Board of Trustees in July. When Title IX Regulations are released, it will need to be updated. The

document is being shared with USC for input, not approval.

III. Meeting with Vice President Walsh – 11:00 a.m.

VP Walsh joined the meeting from the I Hotel & Conference Center and provided a PowerPoint. Insight on the Illinois Innovation Network (IIN) and Discovery Partners Institute (DPI) was shared. Discussion was held on funding and projects. Most of the funding for IIN is external. VP Walsh spoke about Illinois Broadband and advanced manufacturing. The System involvement with IIN is demonstrated by a convening and facilitating role. VP Walsh spoke about the opportunities in Illinois.

President Killeen mentioned that IIN is about developing networks. Reputation is part of the impact. The State Department is seeing how Illinois is connecting the emerging technology.

USC suggested that IIN focus on sharing the story about the efforts.

Professor Weuve expressed appreciation to President Killeen, EVP Jones, and VP Walsh for attending.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and resumed at 1:03 p.m.

IV. Meeting with Chancellor Jones – 1:00 p.m.

Chancellor Jones joined USC from the I Hotel and Conference Center. Professor Weuve welcomed him. Chancellor Jones mentioned the large amount of travel catching up on opportunities that were not possible due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. He has traveled to Singapore, Taiwan, South Africa, Vietnam, Japan, and Israel. It's critically important to reconnect around the world. The deep reciprocal beneficial relationships allow the exchange of faculty. There are plans to travel to Brazil this fall.

Chancellor Jones spoke about Boldly Illinois. He also expanded on the importance of telling the story of UIUC better than in the past. Internally, a great job has been done, but externally there is work to do to tell others the amazing stories of UIUC. To assist with this effort, UIUC has created their first marketing and branding team. Additionally, Chancellor Jones spoke about operational excellence and utilization of resources. Looking at Illinois Human Resources and Information Technology, how is UIUC meeting the state of the art needs of faculty and staff?

The number of applications is the highest in UIUC's history, at almost 74,000. This is a 4% increase from last year. There will be a need to increase the number of students admitted due to the demand. While some are questioning the value of higher education, that does not appear to be the case at UIUC. There is a higher than ever demand for an Illinois Degree. With the challenges of the new FASFA Form creating confusion, UIUC has pushed back the decision day from May 1 to May 15 to help the families make better decisions.

The SCOTUS decision has impacted recruiting and retaining a diverse student

body. UIUC spends about 50 million dollars more than in 2016.

Chancellor Jones spoke about the Illinois Commitment which will be used by 30% of UIUC Students. He questioned why there are not more students from Southern Illinois. He also spoke about the need to double PELL and remarked it needed to be \$13,000 not to leave anyone behind.

Chancellor Jones spoke about the Carle Illinois College of Medicine which began with 32 students from 1100 applications. Now there are 64 students from almost 3000 applications. Three classes have graduated now. Students are getting placed in some of the best places in the nation. All of them attained their first choice. Chancellor Jones advised the need to obtain state support for the Carle Illinois College of Medicine.

Chancellor Jones spoke positively about our strong shared governance. He also spoke about the big innovative ideas from Illinois that have an influence throughout the world.

Professor Weuve expressed appreciation to Chancellor Jones for attending.

V. Committee Meetings (AARC, FBBC, SGC) – 1:45 p.m.

Committee meetings were held from 1:50 p.m. to 2:29 p.m.

VI. Business Meeting Call to Order – 2:30 p.m.

Professor Weuve called the meeting to order.

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Remarks from the USC Chair

Professor Weuve mentioned a request to move the USC Meeting in April to another day due to conflicting schedules for President Killeen and EVP Jones. USC will instead utilize the time for further discussion on a forthcoming list of topics for input from President Killeen and EVP Jones.

IX. Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2024

A motion was made Professor Funderburg and seconded by Professor Tolliver to approve the minutes from February 21, 2024. No discussion. The minutes were approved with a voice vote by USC Members in-person and by roll call vote for members attending on Zoom.

Yes: Campbell, Dallesasse, De Groote, Erricolo, Funderburg, Kalita, Leff, Li, Lyons, Moorhouse, Tolliver, Weuve (Chair), Wink

Online: Danziger

No: None

Abstain: None

#### X. Classification of Senate Minutes

- 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 classified I by the University Senates Conference:

##### 1. University of Illinois Chicago, March 14, 2024

PR-24.28, Proposal to Rename the Concentration in Health Analytics in the Master of Science in Biostatistics

PR-24.29, Proposal to Revise Major Fields and Minor Field Expectations for the Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

PR-24.30, Proposal to Establish the Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics

PR-24.31, Proposal to Revise the Minor in Food Science

PR-24.32, Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Pre-Nutrition Curriculum

PR-24.33, Proposal to Revise the Master of Science in Nutrition (Coordinated Program)

PR-24.34, Proposal to Revise Fields within the Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology, Law, and Justice

*Note: Proposals PR-24.35, PR-24.36, PR-24.37, and PR-24.38 bundled into a single document.*

PR-24.35, Proposal to Rename and Revise the Master of Science in Disability and Human Development

PR-24.36, Proposal to Eliminate the Concentration in Disability Studies in the Master of Science in Disability and Human Development

PR-24.37, Proposal to Establish the Concentration in Disability Accessibility in the Master of Science in Disability and Human Development

PR-24.38, Proposal to Revise the Concentration in Assistive Technology in the Master of Science in Disability and Human Development

PR-24.39, Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy

PR-24.40, Proposal to Revise the Bachelor of Arts in Human Development and Learning and Establish Four Optional Concentrations

CP-24.01, Proposal to Revise the Campus Certificate in Health Professions Education

CP-24.02, Proposal to Establish the Campus Certificate in Global Public Health

*Note: Proposals CP-24.03, CP-24.04, CP-24.05, and CP-24.06 are bundled into a single document.*

CP-24.03, Proposal to Establish the Post-Baccalaureate Campus Certificate in Leadership – Leveraging Talent

CP-24.04, Proposal to Establish the Post-Baccalaureate Campus Certificate in Leadership - Executive Presence

CP-24.05, Proposal to Establish the Post-Baccalaureate Campus Certificate in Leadership - Social Impact

CP-24.06, Proposal to Establish the Post-Baccalaureate Campus Certificate in Leadership – Inclusion

EP-24.01, Proposal to Establish the Policy on Awarding Posthumous Degrees and Awarding Degrees in Instances of Terminal Illness

2. University of Illinois Springfield, March 8, 2024

Res. 53-27 Modification of 2024-2025 Academic Calendar

3. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, March 4, 2024

- EP.24.035 Revise the Undergraduate Minor in Teacher Education in English as a Second Language in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- EP.24.070 Establish the Concentration in the Design of Tall Buildings in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College
- EP.24.071 Rename the Division of General Studies to Division of Exploratory Studies
- EP.24.073 Revise the Master of Science in Biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College
- EP.24.074 Revise the Doctor of Philosophy in Biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College
- EP.24.075 Eliminate the Concentration in Ecology, Ethology & Evolution in the Master of Science in Biology in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and the Graduate College
- EP.24.076 Eliminate the Concentration in Ecology, Ethology & Evolution in the Doctor of Philosophy in Biology in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and the Graduate College
- EP.24.077 Revise the Doctor of Philosophy in Bioengineering in the Grainger College of Engineering and the Graduate College
- EP.24.078 Establish a Concentration in Trauma-Informed Practice and Pedagogy in the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education and the Graduate College
- EP.24.079 Revise the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education and the Graduate College
- EP.24.080 Eliminate the Master of Science in Special Education in the College of Education and the Graduate College
- EP.24.081 Revise the Master of Arts in Speech and Hearing Science in the College of Applied Health Sciences and the Graduate College

B. The following items were classified III by the University Senates Conference:

1. University of Illinois Chicago, March 14, 2024

Approved the proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Section 7a – Sabbatical Leaves and Unpaid Leaves of Absence for Members of the Faculty (**ST-24.01**)

Approved the proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Sections 3a(1) and 3a(2) – Faculty Role in Governance (**ST-24.02**)

2. University of Illinois Springfield, February 23, 2024

Resolution 53-17 Advisory Response to University Senates Conference OT-387

3. University of Illinois Springfield, March 8, 2024

Resolution 53-09 Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes* (ST-83)

C. The following items were classified N by the University Senates Conference:

1. University of Illinois Springfield, March 8, 2024

Class sNc,u:

Resolution 53-25 Modification of Process for Honorary Degrees

2. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, March 4, 2024

Class uNusc:

EP.24.020 Levels of Governance for Program and Curricular Changes

EP.24.072 Report of Administrative Approvals through February 12, 2024

EP.24.083 Report of Administrative Approvals through February 26, 2024

SP.24.02 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part E.4 - Joint Advisory Committee on Investment, Licensing, and Naming Rights

A motion was made by Professor Danziger and seconded by Professor De Groote to approve the Classification of Senate Minutes. No discussion. The Classification of Senate Minutes was approved by a voice vote for USC Members in-person and by roll call vote for members attending on Zoom.

Yes: Campbell, Dallesasse, De Groote, Erricolo, Funderburg, Kalita, Leff, Li, Lyons, Moorhouse, Tolliver, Weuve (Chair), Wink

Online: Danziger

No: None

Abstain: None

XI. Old Business – Action Items

None

XII. Today's Business

1. USC Presenters and Observers for Board of Trustees Meetings  
Professor Weuve will determine a topic and present on May 16.

Date	Location	Presenter	Observer	From
3/28/2024	Springfield	Wink	Weuve	Springfield
5/16/2024	Urbana	Weuve	Tolliver	Urbana
7/11/2024	Chicago	Weuve	Weuve	Chicago

2. Discussion of guests to invite to future meetings  
No discussion needed.

3. BOT Observer Reports

Professor Weuve reported that the new report template will be used on Thursday.

4. NC-2025: USC Members and Vacancies 2024-2025 AY

Mr. Perryn will email USC the Webtools Link to collect committee interest.

5. Discussion on Statement on Statements

Professor De Groote reported that President Killeen requested each University to develop their own Statement on Statements.

XIII. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

1. 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 and UIS Senate have sent their response. A response from UIUC is forthcoming.

Professor Weuve reported that SGC will discuss the input as soon as it is received from UIUC Senate. Professor Tolliver mentioned that ST-83 is on the April 1 UIUC Senate Agenda.

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. OT-387. University of Illinois System Values and Principles. Transmitted to the Senates on 03/27/2023 with advice requested to USC by 05/15/2023. 06/26/2023 requesting an extension through Fall 2023. Revised version sent to Senates with feedback requested by 01/17/2024. The UIC and UIUC Senates have sent their response. A status update letter has been sent to EVP Jones. UIS Senate has sent their response.

Professor Tolliver reported that SGC reviewed input from each Senate and will share a draft of the input at the next meeting. SGC plans to recommend the document be divided into two documents. One will be aspirational, and the other for the Code of Conduct.

Professor Tolliver shared that the suggestion from SGC would be that OT-387 be divided into a Code of Conduct and the other aspirational expressing principles and values. A brief discussion was held on the advice from the Senates. The motion was approved by a voice vote for USC Members in-person and by roll call vote for



members attending on Zoom.

Yes: Campbell, Dallesasse, De Groote, Erricolo, Funderburg, Kalita, Leff, Li, Lyons, Moorhouse, Tolliver, Weuve (Chair), Wink

Online: Danziger

No: None

Abstain: None

5. SI-1. Updates from each University

a. University of Illinois-Chicago

Professor De Groote mentioned the Investiture for Chancellor Miranda next week.

b. University of Illinois-Springfield

Professor Weuve spoke about UIS moving commencement back on campus. Three commencements will be held.

c. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Professor Toliver mentioned that ST-83 is on the UIUC Senate Agenda for Monday.

6. SI-2. Updates from Standing Committees:

a. AARC

Professor Dallesasse advised AARC discussed research across the system, better approaches to creating teams, cross university research, AI, and the need to develop a research database.

b. FBBC

Professor Campbell shared that FBBC met with VP Walsh and had their questions answered. From a networking view, it's quite an extraordinary effort. FBBC inquired about methods that could be used to increase communication, transparency, and mechanisms to engage the faculty.

c. SGC

Professor Tolliver provided an update earlier in the meeting.

Professor Tolliver provided an update on the search for the Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer. Interviews are completed and finalists have been selected to meet with key stakeholders. Professor Tolliver advised that she had suggested a USC Member should be included as a key stakeholder. Professor Weuve will reach out to Ms. Painter to convey this interest.

7. SI-3. Updates from External Groups with USC Representatives:

a. Data Strategy System-wide Task Force

Professor Campbell shared that a document is being prepared on data strategy and that a draft is on the website.

- b. Discovery Partners Institute Executive Committee  
Professor Wink mentioned that the DPI Executive Committee met with Dr. Dutta.
  - c. Enrollment Management Policy Council  
Professor Wink mentioned that the next meeting would be in the fall.
  - d. President's Executive Leadership Program  
Professor Lyons enjoyed the meeting in Springfield on March 21 and spoke about the travel planned for May.
  - e. System-wide Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Council  
Professor Moorhouse mentioned there has not been a recent meeting.
  - f. University of Illinois System President's Advisory Council  
No recent meeting.
  - g. Workplace Behavior Policy  
Professor Weuve shared the Workplace Behavior Policy is on hold pending the result of the Code of Conduct.
- XIV. USC Committee of the Whole Discussion: Follow-up items from morning session  
Professor Weuve suggested USC invite the new DPI Executive Director as soon as possible after they are hired.
- XV. Adjournment – Next meeting will be held April 18, 2024, at UIC.  
Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

David Perryn  
USC Administration