

University Senates Conference
Statutes and Governance Committee
Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

PLACE:

University of Illinois Chicago
College of Pharmacy, Room 145
833 S. Wood St.
Chicago, IL

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

I Hotel & Conference Center
Excellence Room
1900 S First St
Champaign, IL

PRESENT: Fisher, Floros, Maher, Moorhouse, Roseman, Schwinn, Tolliver (online)

UIC: Kate Floros, Donald Wink
UIS: Lynn Fisher
UIUC: Bill Maher, Linda Moorhouse, Charles Roseman

ABSENT: None

GUEST: Sandra De Grootte, USC Chair

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Professor Fisher.

I. 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 (Tolliver) to vote and participate in the meeting. Professor Moorhouse seconded the motion. No discussion. A roll call vote was taken by members in the room. Motion passed.

Yes: Fisher, Floros, Maher, Moorhouse, Roseman, Schwinn
No: None
Abstain: None

II. Public Comment

None

III. Approval of minutes from January 20, 2026

Professor Maher made a motion to approve the minutes from January 20, 2026. Motion was seconded by Professor Moorhouse. No discussion. The minutes were approved by a voice vote by SGC Members.

Yes: Fisher, Floros, Moorhouse, Roseman, Schwinn
Online: Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

IV. Today's Business

a. Team updates

Professor Tolliver shared information on UIUC faculty classifications provided by Jessica Mette, Assistant Provost for Faculty Appointments and Policy Administration, Urbana. Ms. Mette recommended USC pay particular attention to “associate” titles, which include faculty and non-faculty roles and likely vary across the system.

Professor Fisher is waiting for input from UIS HR and Labor Relations on questions of faculty/non-faculty titles. Professor Floros and Professor Schwinn will reach out to UIC HR.

b. Review and approve protocols for recommendations

Professor Fisher shared a proposed protocol for recommendations, using the example of language regarding FAC (Article II, Section 5). Committee members suggested that format for sharing recommendations must include current Statutes language, ST-83 language, Senate response/s, the new proposal, and a brief rationale.

c. Scheduling guests and meetings

SGC would like to meet with Jami Painter as soon as possible to resolve questions about faculty / non-faculty titles. At a later point in the process, it will be important to schedule meetings with a larger group (“big group” from past process) including legal counsel to review proposed language.

d. Open discussion (no action)

SGC Members discussed next steps. Professor Fisher and Professor Floros will work on FAC language for Article II, Section 5. Maher will examine places in the “uncommented” parts of ST-83 where “faculty and staff” were inserted in place of the current term “academic staff”.

V. New Business

None

VI. Old Business – Action Items

None

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Information was provided by Professor Fisher

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USC Administration