

University Senates Conference
Statutes and Governance Committee
Minutes

DATE: Thursday, August 21, 2025

PLACE: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
The President's House
711 W Florida Ave
Urbana, IL

PRESENT: Fisher, Floros, Maher, Moorhouse, Roseman, Schwinn

ABSENT: Tolliver

GUEST: Sandra De Groote, USC Chair

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Professor De Groote.

II. Approval of remote participation

None

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of minutes from June 26, 2025

A motion was made to approve the minutes from June 26, 2025, was made by Professor Maher and seconded by Professor Floros. No discussion. The minutes were approved by a voice vote by SGC Members.

Yes: Fisher, Floros, Maher, Moorhouse, Roseman, Schwinn

No: None

Abstain: None

V. Motion to accept the Record of Conversation from August 7, 2025

A motion was made to approve the SGC Record of Conversation from August 7, 2025, by Professor Floros and seconded by Professor Schwinn. No discussion. The record of conversation was approved by a voice vote by SGC Members.

Yes: Fisher, Floros, Maher, Moorhouse, Roseman, Schwinn

No: None

Abstain: None

VI. Today's Business

a. Select Committee Chair

Professor Floros made a motion to nominate Professor Lynn Fisher to serve as the SGC Chair. Professor Maher seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was approved by a voice vote by SGC Members.

Yes: Fisher, Floros, Maher, Moorhouse, Roseman, Schwinn

No: None
Abstain: None

b. Discuss ST-83

- i. A proposal was made to discuss Senate feedback on proposed amendments to ST-83 article by article. The group discussed which articles to address first. Article X will be held for later discussion.
- ii. The group discussed a need to agree on guiding principles for the committee's work. Questions were raised about the history and purpose of ST-83: What was the "charge," and what is the proper scope of ST-83? Committee members discussed the historical relationship of ST-83 to ST-77. One issue raised at the start of the ST-83 process was the need for a definition of the term "faculty." The group discussed the breadth of the current definition of academic staff and its relevance to academic freedom.
- iii. The committee would like to see the initial charge that led to creation of ST-83. Mr. Perryn was asked to provide relevant documents.
- iv. Suggestions were made about how to move discussions ahead. Committee members noted the importance of involving HR to ensure titles are accurate. It was suggested we consider using a project management system to track the committee's work.

VII. New Business
None

VIII. Old Business – Action Items
None

IX. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Information was provided by Professor De Groote and Professor Fisher.

David Perryn
USC Administration