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UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

PLACE: I Hotel & Conference Center, Knowledge Room  
University of Illinois Chicago, College of Pharmacy, Room 145  
University of Illinois Springfield, Brookens Library, Room 180G

PRESENT: Burbules, Danziger, De Groote, Erricolo, Funderburg, Hobbs, Jenkins, Kalita, Leff, Li, Lyons, Moorhouse, Tolliver, Weuve (Chair)

Online: Peiravian, Wink

ABSENT: Campbell, Dallesasse, Symes

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Executive Session began at 10:44 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Professor Weuve called the Executive Session to order to discuss a personnel matter at the Discovery Partners Institute (DPI).

II. Executive Session

USC would like to know more about the decision to change the leadership at DPI. How and when was the decision made? What is next? How can previous concerns be addressed in the future? The new director should have a solid understanding of academia. How can communication be improved with UIC, UIS, and UIUC?

The DPI Executive Committee did not have good insight into this change and the committee has limited responsibilities.

USC raised an additional concern with the Arts & Humanities not being led by a University of Illinois Faculty Member.

USC would like to hold an Executive Session with President Killeen at the March 26 USC Meeting.

**Motion to end the Executive Session**

A motion was made to end the Executive Session by Professor Jenkins and seconded by Professor Burbules. No discussion. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Yes: Burbules, Danziger, De Groote, Erricolo, Funderburg, Hobbs, Jenkins, Kalita, Leff, Li, Lyons, Moorhouse, Peiravian (online), Tolliver, Weuve (Chair), Wink (online)

No: None

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**Executive Session – Not approved, Not released to the public.**

Abstain:       None

III.    Adjournment of Executive Session

Professor Weuve adjourned the Executive Session at 11:08 a.m.

David Perryn  
USC Administration