

**UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

February 3, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

The USC Executive Meeting was held in the following public locations:

University of Illinois Chicago  
Richard Daley Library, Room 1-360  
801 S Morgan St  
Chicago, IL, 60607

University of Illinois Springfield  
University Hall Building, Room 2010  
2180 Vachel Lindsay Dr  
Springfield, IL 62703

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
Henry Administration Building, Room 380  
506 S Wright St  
Urbana, IL 61801

The next USC meeting will be held on February 18, 2026, at UIC, UIS, and UIUC.

Present: Sandra De Groote, Lynn Fisher, Angela Lyons, Hanfu Mi, Joyce Tolliver, Donald Wink

Absent:

I. Call to Order

Professor De Groote called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Mr. Perryn called the role. Quorum: Yes

Members present by location:

UIC: Sandra De Groote, Donald Wink

UIS: Lynn Fisher, Hanfu Mi

UIUC: Angela Lyons, Joyce Tolliver

III. Approval of remote participation

None

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Approval of Minutes from January 5, 2026

A motion was made by Professor Fisher and seconded by Professor Tolliver to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2026, meeting. No discussion. The minutes were approved by a roll call vote.

Yes: De Groote, Fisher, Lyons, Mi, Tolliver, Wink

No: None

Abstain: None

VI. Discussion of Topics for EVP Jones and Gretchen Lohman

Professor De Groote inquired with EC about topics for the next meeting.

a. EVP Jones

- i. What will the process and timeline look like to find a successor for President Killeen? Is there potential for inclusion of representation by USC?
- ii. Thinking about the leadership transition and current initiatives, how will this impact the continuity of current efforts by the UI System to support future progress of online, cybersecurity, and other opportunities?
- iii. What is the latest on the proposed equity funding model?
- iv. Can you provide an update on UI System communication to university leadership regarding concerns over infringement of rights in the areas of public protests, immigration status, etc.?
- v. What are the policies for releasing student information to government entities? Have there been any recent updates legislatively that require compliance?
- vi. What are the primary challenges faced by transfer students across the UI System? Have there been impacts based on residency for tuition purposes? What trends exist that indicate where students are from?
- vii. What is occurring with IBHE audits on transfer credits?
- viii. Do you have any perspective on post pandemic college students and the impact from the pandemic in decision making on where to attend?

Suggestions for the March EC Meeting include

- inquiring about UI System Branding and impacts on the universities
- determining the role of the UI System in supporting UIC, UIS, and UIUC
- acknowledging the quality of engagement by President Killeen with USC as a body
- learning more about the decision-making approach for replacing Banner including opportunities for input and shared governance, with special consideration for how it impacts faculty research programs using Banner

VII. USC Business Agenda Items

- a. USC will review the input from the last USC Meeting for the revised University Code of Conduct
- b. Update from AARC on the symposia proposal

VIII. Old Business – Action Items

None

IX. New Business

- a. Discuss holding a brief USC Meeting in April  
Professor De Groote indicated a concern had been raised from the UIUC Senate since USC is not scheduled to hold a meeting in April. USC holds 10 meetings over an 11-month period. Careful consideration is given to when meetings are

held, and dates are avoided when there is another meeting being held such as the a senate or senate executive committee meeting. The Executive Committee agreed holding a meeting would offer a benefit to the universities since the classification of senate minutes could be approved by USC. Professor De Groot requested Mr. Perryn send a Doodle to USC to determine the best time. The meeting format will be abbreviated, with an opportunity for public comment, approval of the minutes and classification of the senate minutes.

X. Guests to consider inviting for future meetings

USC has guests scheduled through June so there was no further discussion.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Professor De Groot at 12:02 p.m.

David Perryn  
USC Administration