

**UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

March 5, 2026, 3:30 p.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

University of Illinois Springfield
Brookens Library, Room 319
One University Plaza
Springfield, IL

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

The next USC meeting will be held on March 24, 2026, at UIC.

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 3:52 p.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 February 3, 2026

A motion was made by Professor Fisher and seconded by Professor De Groote to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2026, meeting. No discussion. The minutes were approved by a roll call vote.

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

No: None

Abstain: None

VI. Discussion of Topics for President Killeen and EVP Jones

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

- a. Discuss the high-level strategic goals shared by President Killeen
- b. Discuss ways students are being supported in the current environment of uncertainty in their home countries
- c. Impacts of the 1% state appropriation
- d. Update on the proposed equity funding formula
- e. DPI moving forward, including the role of the UI System and involvement of UIC and UIS
- f. Plan for prior initiatives of DPI

VII. Discussion of Topics for Dean Bashir

- a. New proposal for DPI including how it will be structured with respect to governance, participation, funding, strategic goals, and plans for long-term financial sustainability
- b. Relationship role of the System with regard to DPI being administered by the Grainger College of Engineering
- c. Involvement of UIC and UIS with DPI
- d. Plans for prior initiatives of DPI

VIII. Discuss June 25 Evening with USC

EC discussed proposing a celebratory time for President Killeen during the USC Retreat this fall. The June USC Meeting will include the normal social and dinner to which new members are invited to attend on the first day of the meeting.

Lynn Fisher joined at 4:01 p.m. from UIS.

Angie Lyons joined the meeting at 4:04 p.m. from UIUC.

Professor Tolliver joined the meeting at 4:08 p.m. from UIUC.

IX. USC Business Agenda Items

None

X. Old Business – Action Items

USC will review the input from the last USC Meeting for the revised University Code of Conduct. Professor De Groote provided a document. Professor Tolliver shared edits. Once the revised version is received back by USC, EC would like it to be shared with the senates.

XI. New Business

None

XII. Guests to consider inviting for future meetings

USC has guests scheduled through June.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Professor De Groote at 4:47 p.m.

David Perryn
USC Administration