

**UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

May 8, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

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

University of Illinois Chicago
Richard Daley Library, Room 3-192
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 May 28, 2025, at UIC.

Present: Sandra De Groote, Lynn Fisher, Jeffrey Eric Jenkins (Chair), Angela Lyons, Donald Wink

I. Call to Order

Professor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Mr. Perryn called the role. Those members present were:

In attendance by location:

UIC: Sandra De Groote, Donald Wink

UIS: Lynn Fisher

UIUC: Jeffrey Eric Jenkins (Chair), Angela Lyons

Online: None

Absent: Amy Dunning

III. Approval of remote participation

None

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2025

A motion was made by Professor De Groote and seconded by Professor Fisher to approve the minutes from March 25, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting. No discussion. The minutes were approved by a roll call vote.

Yes: De Groote, Fisher, Jenkins (Chair), Lyons, Wink

No: None

Abstain: None

VI. Discussion of Topics for President Killeen

Professor Jenkins requested topics from the EC for the May 28 USC Meeting:

- a. Appreciation for the President and our Chancellors signing onto the public statement “A Call for Constructive Engagement”
- b. Anticipated impacts due to funding cuts to ICR due to changes with NIH and NSF.
- c. Potential changes with student loans at the graduate level
(<https://www.npr.org/2025/04/30/nx-s1-5381149/trump-republicans-student-loan-repayment>)
- d. Update on the analysis of possible cuts to student funding and actions being taken
- e. Status of international admissions after the reversal of international student visa terminations
- f. Update on the status of DPI including the organization, its governance and location.
- g. Status of Honorary Degrees

VII. USC Business Agenda Items

Professor Jenkins inquired with USC regarding agenda items for the upcoming USC Meeting. There were no additional items added.

VIII. Old Business – Action Items

- a. Determine next step for recent feedback from UIC on ST-83
EC held a discussion on the recent feedback on ST-83 and determined the appropriate action to send it directly to SGC since feedback had previously been provided to SGC.

IX. New Business

Professor Jenkins reported that the BOT reached out to him to schedule a meeting. The meeting is scheduled for May 16 with Chair Ruiz, President Killeen, EVP Jones, Professor Tolliver and Professor Jenkins.

X. Guests to consider inviting for future meetings

- a. BOT Chair Ruiz
- b. VP Ellinger

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Professor Jenkins at 2:20 p.m.

David Perryn
USC Administration