

University Senates Conference
Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

February 2, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Videoconference via Zoom

The next USC meeting will be held February 21 at UIC, UIS, and UIUC.

Present: Nicholas Burbules, Sandra De Groote, Richard Funderburg, Jeffrey Eric Jenkins

Absent: Sudeep Sharma, Celest Weuve (Chair), Donald Wink

I. Call to Order

Professor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 18, 2023 Executive Committee meeting were approved as distributed by a roll call vote.

Yes: Burbules, De Groote, Jenkins

No: None

Abstain: Funderburg

IV. Discussion of Topics for Executive Vice President Jones

Professor Jenkins held an interactive discussion with EC:

EVP Jones

- Update on personnel changes at DPI
- System Task Group on Online Strategy and long-term goals

Motion for Executive Session

At 2:05 p.m. Professor Burbules made a motion to hold an executive session to discuss University employment or appointment-related items. The motion was seconded by Professor De Groote. No discussion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion to enter an executive session was approved. Executive Session began at 2:06 p.m.

Yes: Burbules, De Groote, Funderburg, Jenkins

No: None

Abstain: None

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Executive Session Adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Regular meeting resumed at 2:23 p.m.

V. Old Business – Action Items

None

VI. New Business

None

VII. USC Business Agenda Items

- a. Committee Meetings
- b. Executive Session with EVP Jones

VIII. Guests to consider inviting for future meetings

A discussion was held by EC on potential speakers. EC will extend an invitation to Mr. Scott Rice, University of Illinois System's General Council to discuss Academic Freedom.

IX. Adjournment

Professor Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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