

MINUTES
University Senates Conference
Academic Affairs and Research Committee
Thursday, May 3, 2018, at 1 p.m.
Location: UIS Student Union

Present: B. DeBerry-Spence; B. Francis; K. Novak, Chair

Absent: P. Kalita; W. Maher

New Business

Members met during a scheduled break for committees at the May 3 USC meeting. At the request of the USC chair and a member of the DPI Executive Committee, we began a discussion on the topic of shared governance processes regarding courses that would be located at or sponsored by the Discovery Partners Institute. A course is slated to begin in Fall 2018. AARC members noted that language about the location/designation of such a course will be crucial. Where will this and future courses connected to DPI be housed, at the system level, at one of the university campuses? The correct, clear language of this will matter a great deal. Additionally, how will courses be managed, by whom? Course proposals must begin with faculty and departments. New programs must be further approved through university levels of governance.

AARC members agree and strongly urge regular and continued discussion of DPI organizers with faculty and shared governance.

Old Business

None.

Next Meeting:

Week of May 21, TBA.