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University Senates Conference
Academic Affairs & Research Committee
Minutes

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DATE: Thursday, August 21, 2025

PLACE: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
President's House Patio
711 W Florida Ave
Urbana, IL

PRESENT: Clancy, Herrera, Kalita, Mi, Wink

ABSENT: Symes

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Professor Clancy.

II. Approval of remote participation
No remote participants.

III. Public Comment
None

IV. Approval of the Minutes from June 26, 2025
Professor Kalita made a motion to approve the minutes from June 26, 2025. Professor Mi seconded the motion. No discussion. The minutes were approved with a voice vote by AARC Members.

Yes: Clancy, Herrera, Kalita, Mi, Wink
No: None
Abstain: None

V. Today's Business
    a. AARC Mini conferences Discussion:

        i. Meet with larger group for feedback
            1. Hot topics (ie: AI) – mostly new members are on the committee seeking clarity for the purpose of offering the mini-conferences. AI getting talked to death at UIUC, just had a summer of AI – how do we choose a topic of use in conversation with system administration?
            2. For the why, how can AARC provide a service that promotes faculty research – thinking about issues working between UIC, UIS, & UIUC?
            3. ICR issues? Changes to ICR in height of Project 2025, etc., BOT has similar to "academic & student affairs."

        ii. Approach EVP Jones for recommendations
            1. There is a disconnect between what it means to be a professor and how BOT/system administration understand our world – humanizing, showing our challenges and values.
            2. AARC role clarify to what extent and we advocate?

              iii. Continue to work on logistics

    b. Encourage continuous communication about international student and faculty status
AARC discussed:
- i. Visa's – 6000 couldn't get visas and revocations are happening again.
- ii. Grad and admissions issues for next year, can we get ahead?

VI.   <u>New Business</u>
None

VII.   <u>Old Business</u>
None

VIII.   <u>Adjournment</u> - The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Information for Minutes provided by Professor Clancy.

David Perryn
USC Administration