

UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Meeting locations:

University of Illinois Chicago
College of Pharmacy, Room 145
833 S Wood St.
Chicago, IL

I Hotel & Conference Center
Excellence Room
1900 S. 1st St.
Champaign, IL

University of Illinois Springfield
Brookens Library, Room 180G
One University Plaza
Springfield, IL

- I. Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.
- II. Remarks from the USC Chair
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of remote participation
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Approval of the minutes from January 20, 2026
- VII. Classification of Senate Minutes (UIC, UIS, UIUC)
 - a. UIC: January 29, 2026
 - b. UIS: January 23, 2026; February 6, 2026
 - c. UIUC: February 9, 2026
- VIII. Meeting with EVP Jones and Gretchen Lohman – 10:15 a.m.

Recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings (AARC, FBBC, SGC) – 1:00 p.m. (conclude by 2:25 p.m.)

- IX. Today's Business – Action Items – 2:20 p.m.
 - a. Review schedule of Presenters and Observers

BOT Mtg/Loc.	Presenter	Observer/From
3/19/2026 (UIS)	Herrera	Mi (UIS)
5/21/2026 (UIUC)	Clancy	Maher (UIUC)
7/16/2026 (UIUC)	De Groote	Moorhouse (UIUC)

- b. Determine presentation topics USC Presentations to the Board of Trustees Meetings
 - i. March 19, 2026-The World in Illinois: Opportunities and Challenges
 - ii. May 21, 2026-A look back at the AARC Symposia
 - iii. July 16, 2026-End of Year Report on the University Senates Conference
- X. ASAC presentation to the Board (Wink)
- XI. Discuss the formal proposal for the symposium and next step
- XII. Today's Business – Discussion
 - a. USC Response to Guests
 - b. USC Representation (# TBD) for the search committee for President
 - i. Express interest and send your bio to Mr. Perryn by March 23
 - ii. USC will vote on the list of names to be submitted at the March 24 Mtg.
 - c. Review USC input on the proposed revision to the University Code of Conduct
 - d. Review USC input on the proposed Working Outside of Illinois
 - e. Brainstorm potential areas UIC, UIS, and UIUC could collaborate more directly
- XIII. 2027 USC Nominating Committee -Informational for today's meeting (USC Bylaws 4.3.1)
- XIV. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items
 - a. OT-393: Revised Policy on Integrity and Scholarly Activities
Letter transmitted to UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senate Executive Committee Chairs
10/23/2025 for input by 05/01/2026.
 - b. ST-83: Revisions to the *Statutes* – newly proposed revisions. Sent to Executive Vice President Wilson 05/01/2020. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes* (USC ST-83 following ST- 77) transmitted to UIS, UIC, and UIUC Senates 09/02/2021. UIC responded with Collated Comments 01/12/2022. USC sent a request for bifurcation and clarification to UIC on 02/08/2022. UIC Senate Request for Modifications 12/01/2022. The proposed statutory revisions have been transmitted to UIS, UIC, and UIUC Senates. UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senates have sent their response. USC has referred ST-83 to SGC. ST-83 was transmitted to Senates (UIC, UIS, UIUC) and President Killeen 08/28/2024. Addendum to ST-83 sent to the Senates (UIC, UIS, UIUC) and President Killeen 10/18/2024. ST-83 returned from President Killeen 12/02/2024. Letter to the Senates on the next steps for ST-83 sent 01/07/2025. Feedback received from UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senates has been referred to the USC Statutes and Governance Committee 05/09/2025.

Status: ST-83 is currently being working on by SGC.
 - c. ST-87: Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article I, Section 5 – Chancellors and Vice Presidents, Article II, Section 3a (1) – Faculty Role in Governance, and Article III, Section 1g – The University. Passed UIUC Senate 11/15/2021. Transmitted to UIC and

UIS Senates on 03/02/2022. Feedback from UIS received 09/30/2025.

Status: Input is needed from UIC Senate

- d. ST-89: Proposed Revisions to the Statutes, Article IV, Section 1 – The Department, Section 2 – Department Organized with a Chair (Section 2b – Department Organized with a Chair), Section 3 – Department Organized with a Head (Section 3b – Department Organized with a Head), and Section 4 – Change of Department Administrative Organization. Passed UIUC Senate 04/24/2023. Transmitted to UIC and UIS 06/21/2023.

Status: Input is needed from UIC and UIS Senates.

- e. ST-90: Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Section 7a – Sabbatical Leaves and Unpaid Leaves of Absence for Members of the Faculty. Passed UIC Senate 03/14/2024. USC referred ST-90 to SGC. Letter transmitted to UIC Senate with the request to resubmit after ST-83 has been resolved 08/06/2024. Transmitted ST-90 to UIS and UIUC Senate for input 04/23/2025.

Status: Input is needed from UIS and UIUC Senates.

- f. ST-91: Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Sections 3a (1) and 3a (2) – Faculty Role in Governance. Passed UIC Senate 03/14/2024. USC referred ST-91 to SGC. Letter transmitted to UIC Senate with the request to resubmit after ST-83 has been resolved 08/06/2024. Transmitted ST-91 to UIS and UIUC Senate for input 04/23/2025.

Status: Input is needed from UIS and UIUC Senates.

- g. ST-92: Proposed Revision to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Section 6b – Severe Sanctions Other Than Dismissal for Cause for Members of the Faculty. Passed UIUC Senate 09/18/2023. Discussed at the 09/22/2025 USC Meeting. Transmitted to UIC and UIS for input 10/10/2025 for input requested by 04/15/2026.

Status: Input is needed from UIC and UIS Senates.

- h. ST-94: Proposed Revision to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 3 – Faculty Role in Governance, Article IX, Section 3.c. Passed UIUC Senate 11/10/2025. Discussed at the 01/20/2026 USC Meeting. Transmitted to UIC and UIS 01/28/2026 for input requested by 10/31/2026.

Status: Input is needed from UIC and UIS Senates.

XV. Updates from Standing Committees

- a. Academic Affairs and Research (AARC)
i. System Symposia

- b. Finance, Budget, and Benefits (FBBC)
- c. Statutes and Governance (SGC)

XVI. Updates and Senate Priorities from each University

- a. University of Illinois Chicago
- b. University of Illinois Springfield
- c. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

XVII. Report on the President's Alliance for Higher Education (Schwinn)

XVIII. President's Executive Leadership Program (Moorhouse)

XIX. Updates from External Groups with USC Representation

- a. Digital Risk Council (Fisher)
- b. Enrollment Management Policy Council (Wink)
- c. Research Misconduct in Prior Employment Committee (Tolliver)
- d. Review of Policy for Awarding of Emeritus/Emerita Status (De Groot)
- e. System HR Committee to review the UI System Policy on Background Checks (Schwinn)
- f. System Research Integrity Policy Committee (Danziger)
- g. System-wide Data Strategy Advisory Group (Clancy)
- h. System-wide Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Council (Moorhouse)
- i. U of I System AI Exchange (Maher)
- j. U of I System President's Advisory Council (Lyons)

XX. New Business

XXI. Closing remarks from the USC Chair

XXII. Adjournment – Next meeting: Tuesday, March 24, at UIC.