UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 19, 2026
UIC Richard Daley Library, Room 1-470
801 S Morgan St.
Chicago, IL

I. Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

II. Remarks from the USC Chair

III. Introductions

IV. Roll Call

V. Approval of remote participation for the November 19, 2026, USC Meeting

VI. Public Comment

VII. Approval of the minutes from the November 19, 2026, USC Meeting

VIII. Classification of Senate Minutes
   a. UIC: October 28, 2026
   b. UIS: November 6, 2026
   c. UIUC: October 19, 2026; November 9, 2026

IX. Today's Business – Action Items
   a. Appoint and charge an Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Amendments to USC *Bylaws* Regarding Elections
   b. Review Draft Procedures for USC review of system-wide policies
   c. Vote to add Professor Benson to SGC
   d. Vote to send revision prepared by AARC of the USC Symposia proposal to EVP Jones

X. Today's Business – Discussion
   a. Insights from Oct. 19-20 Retreat
   b. Determine topics for USC Presentations at the Board of Trustees Meetings
      i. January 21, 2027-Academic Freedom and changes in the federal landscape
      ii. March 25, 2027-Artificial Intelligence in faculty research
      iii. May 20, 2027-
      iv. July 15, 2027-USC End of Year Report

   c. Review schedule of Presenters and Observers to fill vacancies for BOT Meetings

Mtg/Loc.	Presenter	Title due 9:00 a.m.	Slides due 9:00 a.m.	Observer (From)
01/21/2027 (UIC)	Wink	11/19/2026	12/03/2026	De Groote (UIC)
03/25/2027 (UIS)	Pearson	02/04/2027	02/18/2027	Fisher (UIS)
05/20/2027 (UIUC)		04/01/2027	04/15/2027	(UIUC)
07/15/2027 (UIC)	Fisher	06/02/2027	06/10/2027	(UIC)

XI. Meeting with President Killeen – 10:30 a.m.

The meeting will recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and resume at 1:00 p.m.

XII. Meeting with CFO Ellinger 1:00 p.m.

The meeting will recess at 1:45 p.m. for committee meetings and resume at 2:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings 1:50 p.m. to 2:35 p.m. (AARC 1-472A, FBBC 1-360, SGC 1-470)

XIII. 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. Input received from UIC Senate 03/13/2026 sent to SGC. Input received from UIUC Senate 05/01/2026 sent to SGC. Item referred to AARC 06/02/2026.

Status: Item is with AARC.

b. OT-394: Prior Research Misconduct Policy
Letter transmitted to UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senate Executive Committee Chairs 08/27/2026 for input by December 1, 2026. Transmitted to senates 08/27/2026 with input requested by 12/01/2026.

Status: Input needed from UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senate.

c. OT-395: Policy on Consideration of Sexual Misconduct in Prior Employment
USC provided feedback at the September 29, 2026, meeting. USC voted to send to the senates for information at its meeting on October 20, 2026. Transmitted to UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senates for feedback 11/05/2026.

Status: Complete

d. OT-396: Section 117 Policy on Foreign Gift and Contract Reporting
USC presented and discussed at the August 20, 2026, USC Meeting, response presented to USC at the September 29, 2026, USC Meeting. USC voted to send to the senates for information at its meeting on October 20, 2026. Transmitted to UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senates as an informational item.

Status: Complete

e. OT-397: Updates to the Code of Conduct

Status: USC presented and discussed at the August 20, 2026, USC Meeting, response presented to USC at the September 29, 2026, USC Meeting. USC voted to send to the

senates for awareness and feedback on October 20, 2026.

f. OT-398: Policy for Awarding of Emeritus
USC provided feedback at the September 29, 2026, meeting. USC voted to send to the senates for feedback on October 20, 2026. Sent to senates for feedback 11/05/2026.

Status: Input needed from UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senate.

g. OT-399: Policy on Workplace Relationships
USC provided feedback at the September 29, 2026, meeting. Sent to senates for feedback 11/05/2026.

Status: Input needed from UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senate.

h. OT-401: U of I System Policy on Background Checks
Sent to senates as an informational item on 11/10/2026.

Status: Complete

i. 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 worked on by SGC.

j. 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.

k. 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. Input received from UIC Senate 04/28/2026 sent to SGC. Input received from UIS Senate 09/25/2026 sent to SGC.

Status: Item is with SGC.

l. 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. Input received from UIS Senate 03/06/2026 sent to SGC.

Status: Input is needed from UIUC Senate.

m. 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. Input received from UIS and UIUC Senates 05/19/2026 sent to SGC.

Status: ST-91 is currently being worked on by SGC.

n. 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. Input received from UIC Senate 03/13/2026 sent to SGC. Input received from UIS 09/15/2026 sent to SGC.

Status: Input is being reviewed by SGC.

o. 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.

p. ST-95: Proposed Revision to the *Statutes,* Article XIII, Section 8 – Amendments Passed UIUC Senate April 6, 2026. Sent to SGC 04/07/2026. Transmitted to UIC and UIS for input 08/27/2026.

Status: Input is needed from UIC and UIS Senates.

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

XV. Updates and Senate Priorities from each University
- a. University of Illinois Chicago
- b. University of Illinois Springfield (Geras)
- c. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

XVI. Updates from Standing Committees
- a. Academic Affairs and Research Committee (AARC)
- b. Finance, Budget, and Benefits (FBBC)
- c. Statutes and Governance (SGC)

XVII. Updates from External Groups with USC Representation

a. Digital Risk Council (Fisher)
Professor Fisher provided the following update: The council meets quarterly and the next meeting will be held on December 4.

b. Enrollment Management Policy Council (Wink)
No report.

c. Review of Policy for Awarding of Emeritus/Emerita Status (De Groote)
No report.

d. System HR Committee to review the UI System Policy on Background Checks (Schwinn)
No report.

e. System Research Integrity Policy Committee (Danziger)
No report.

f. System-wide Data Strategy Advisory Group (Clancy)
No report.

g. System-wide Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Council (Moorhouse)
Professor Moorhouse submitted the following update: The council is not currently meeting, having finalized a report in December 2025 and submitted it to the System soon after.

h. U of I System AI Exchange (Maher)
Professor Maher submitted the following report: For this academic year the U of I AI Exchange scheduled quarterly meetings of 90 minutes each (September 17, December 7, March 1 or 8, and May 4). Because of a late conflict, EVP Jones was unable to make his scheduled presentation on September 17. As a separately planned item, Gene Robinson provided a 30-minute overview of DPI, and its use of AI for research and administration. He emphasized that “responsible AI” is an area where the state of Illinois can lead. The remaining 60 minutes were a brainstorming session on activities of the AI Exchange group this year. The discussion tool used produced something resembling a less-than-systematic-chaos, that was summarized as three areas for focus:

return on investment; the human/AI partnership (roles of each); and "foundational"– what should the UI System identify as the basic capacities needed. Among other things, the discussion unearthed the need to connect more with faculty (rather than just administration) to identify areas where we [AI Exchange] are having an effect. The December UIUC Senate meeting conflicts with the time for the next AI Exchange meeting.

i. UI System Enterprise Resource Planning Steering Committee (Moorhouse)
No report.

j. U of I System President's Advisory Council (Fisher)
No report.

XVIII. USC Response to Guests

XIX. New Business

XX. Closing remarks from the USC Chair

XXI. Adjournment - The next USC Meeting is Friday, December 18, 2026, at UIC, UIS, and UIUC.