

University Senates Conference
Statutes and Governance Committee
Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2026

PLACE:

University of Illinois Chicago
Richard Daley Library, Room 1-360
801 S. Morgan St.
Chicago, IL

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

I Hotel & Conference Center
Excellence Room
1900 S First St
Champaign, IL

PRESENT: Fisher, Floros, Maher, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Tolliver

UIC: Floros, Wink

UIS: Fisher

UIUC: Maher, Moorhouse, Tolliver

ABSENT: Roseman

GUEST: Sandra De Grootte, USC Chair

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Professor Fisher.

II. Approval of remote participation

None

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of minutes from December 4, 2025

A motion was made to approve the minutes from December 4, 2025, was made by Professor Tolliver and seconded by Professor Moorhouse. No discussion. The minutes were approved by a voice vote by SGC Members.

Yes: Fisher, Floros, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Tolliver

Online: None

No: None

Abstain: Maher

V. Today's Business

a. Discussion of potential guests

i. Consultation with HR

SGC discussed the need to check in with HR at the three universities as well as at the UI System, to ensure that university-level practices surrounding titles are clear. The committee as a whole would like to meet with Jami Painter at one of the next meetings with extended time.

SGC discussed a uniform set of questions for HR at each university. Specific concerns include a need for clarity surrounding faculty or staff status at each university for postdocs and for associate titles (e.g. teaching, research, or clinical associates without “professor” in the title). Questions: what titles are used in each category (CS, AP, faculty, graduate students) and are there circumstances where the same title may fall under two categories. The group recognized there may be complications due to changes to SUCCS (State Universities Civil Service System) exemptions and to joint AP/faculty appointments. There was some discussion of different approaches to statutes language that might help to avoid such complications by referring to broad categories without attempting to list all potential titles.

b. Protocols for recommendation summaries

No discussion.

c. Definition of faculty: Consult senate documents for their definition of senate faculty electorate

No discussion.

d. ST-94: Proposed Revision to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 3 – Faculty Role in Governance, Article IX, Section 3.c Other pending statutes items

SGC reviewed the subject matter of ST-94, e.g., UIUC’s addition of “principal” as a promotion pathway for non-tenure system faculty. The committee voted (see above) to forward the item to USC for transmission to the senates.

Professor Floros made a motion to ST-94 forward to USC with the request for transmission to the senates. Professor Maher seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was approved by a roll call vote by members in the room and those attending online.

Yes: Fisher, Floros, Maher, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Tolliver
Online: None

No: None
Abstain: None

VI. New Business

a. ST-83

Professor De Groot (USC Chair) expressed concern about the pace of work on ST-83 and suggested SGC determine a method to move forward more

expeditiously.

VII. Old Business – Action Items
None

VIII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Information was provided by Professor Fisher.

David Perryn
USC Administration