

University Senates Conference
Statutes and Governance Committee
Minutes

DATE: Thursday, October 16, 2025

PLACE: I Hotel & Conference Center
Honors Room
1900 S 1st Street
Champaign, IL

PRESENT: Fisher (online), Floros, Maher, Moorhouse, Roseman, Schwinn, Tolliver

ABSENT: None

GUEST: Sandra De Groote, USC Chair

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Professor Floros.

II. Approval of remote participation

Professor Moorhouse made a motion for approval of remote participation from SGC Members physically present to allow those attending via Zoom (Fisher) to vote and participate in the meeting. Professor Schwinn seconded the motion. No discussion. A roll call vote was taken by members in the room. Motion passed.

Yes: Floros, Maher, Moorhouse, Roseman, Schwinn, Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of minutes from September 22, 2025

A motion was made to approve the minutes from September 22, 2025, was made by Professor Floros and seconded by Professor Maher. No discussion. The minutes were approved by a voice vote by SGC Members.

Yes: Floros, Maher, Moorhouse, Roseman, Schwinn, Tolliver

Online: Fisher

No: None

Abstain: None

V. Today's Business

a. Review any team documents

A draft list of themes / priorities for response to Senate feedback on ST-83 based on the September 22, 2025, meeting was shared in the team folder. The committee reviewed the draft list and concluded that the highest priority is to clarify definitions and titles of staff and faculty. This will require consultation with Human Resources at System and University levels. Professor Fisher will work on scheduling this.

b. Set priorities for teams

The committee discussed what steps are reasonable to take while we seek clarity on employee definitions and titles. Several suggestions were made, including:

- 1) creating a list of revisions in ST-83 that had received no Senate feedback;
- 2) addressing Senate comments regarding students and retirees; and
- 3) compiling a list of specific questions about staff / faculty titles for clarification.

Teams volunteered to begin work in the following areas:

Professor Maher & Professor Floros: uncommented sections

Professor Schwinn & Professor Tolliver: questions for HR

Professor Roseman & Professor Fisher: sections regarding students

Professor De Groote & Professor Moorhouse: sections regarding retirees

c. Topics for BOT Presentation

No discussion.

VI. New Business
None

VII. Old Business – Action Items
None

VIII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Information was provided by Professor Fisher and Professor Floros.

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