

University Senates Conference  
**Statutes and Governance Committee**  
**Record of Conversation**

DATE: Monday, November 17, 2025

PLACE: University of Illinois Springfield  
Student Union, Room 222  
2251 Richard Wright Dr  
Springfield, IL

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

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Sandra De Groote (USC Chair)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Professor Fisher. The meeting could not be conducted due to lack of a physical quorum. SGC conducted a brief review of committee priorities, followed by sharing and discussion of team updates.

II. Approval of remote participation

Approval of remote participation could not be given due to lack of physical quorum.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of minutes from October 16, 2025

The minutes could not be approved due to lack of physical quorum.

V. Today's Business

a. Review any team documents

- i. Professor Moorhouse and Professor De Groote shared a document with proposed response to feedback from UIC regarding language on retirees who receive research assistance. SGC members discussed the proposed response, including whether both faculty and staff should be referred to and the proper location of the paragraph. The proposal was made to move definitions of faculty above added paragraphs about retiree privileges.
- ii. A question arose as to whether there are retired staff who receive research assistance (a question for HR).
- iii. The same team also addressed UIC's comment that faculty ranks including visiting were removed from Article II: Legislative Organization, Section 4 3. Faculty Roles in Governance. Professor Moorhouse and Professor De Groote believe this is resolved, at least in regard to "visiting", because ST-

83 created a new section that includes visiting faculty (Section 8. Visiting Faculty and Visiting Academic Professionals).

- b. Set priorities for teams  
No discussion.
- c. Topics for BOT Presentation  
No discussion.
- d. General discussion highlights:
  - i. Reaching out to HR for discussion:
    - 1. At its October 16, 2025, SGC agreed to reach out to HR to clarify terminology regarding faculty and staff titles in areas where Senate feedback indicated ambiguity, missing titles, and/or differences between practices at the three universities.
    - 2. This outreach must include both campus-level HR and system-level HR, in order to clarify differences between terms used by the three universities.
    - 3. To communicate with HR, SGC needs a compact list of issues / questions regarding faculty and staff titles arising from Senate feedback on ST-83. Professor Tolliver and Professor Fisher will compile a list and distribute to SGC for comment. For example, many of the areas of ambiguity / difference are in Article II Section 1 current e and f.
  - ii. Discussion of protocol for documenting response to Senate feedback:
    - 1. SGC discussed various methods for creating a document incorporating committee recommendations for USC and senates, including documenting progress in the spreadsheet, creating a ST-83-feedback-response document with tracked changes in response to senate feedback, and maintaining a running log of committee recommendations and rationale.
    - 2. Professor De Groote indicated she would create a Word document incorporating proposed changes in response to the feedback about retirees (2a, above), to serve as a potential model for documenting the committee's work.

VI. New Business  
None

VII. Old Business – Action Items  
None

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VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Information was provided by Professor Fisher.

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