

**UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

January 5, 2026, 8:00 a.m.

The USC Executive Meeting was held in the following public locations:

University of Illinois Chicago  
Richard Daley Library, Room 1-360  
801 S Morgan St  
Chicago, IL, 60607

University of Illinois Springfield  
University Hall Building, Room 2010  
2180 Vachel Lindsay Dr  
Springfield, IL 62703

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
Henry Administration Building, Room 380  
506 S Wright St  
Urbana, IL 61801

The next USC meeting will be held on January 20, 2026, at UIC, UIS, and UIUC.

Present: Sandra De Groote, Lynn Fisher, Angela Lyons, Hanfu Mi, Joyce Tolliver

Absent: Donald Wink

I. Call to Order

Professor De Groote called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Mr. Perryn called the role. Quorum: Yes

Members present by location:

UIC: Sandra De Groote

UIS: Lynn Fisher, Hanfu Mi

UIUC: Angela Lyons, Joyce Tolliver

III. Approval of remote participation

None

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Approval of Minutes from October 29, 2025

A motion was made by Professor Tolliver and seconded by Professor Fisher to approve the minutes from the October 29, 2025, meeting. No discussion. The minutes were approved by a roll call vote.

Yes: De Groote, Fisher, Lyons, Mi, Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

VI. Discussion of Topics for President Killeen & EVP Jones

Professor De Groote inquired with EC about topics for the next meeting.

- a. What are the anticipated impacts on students and faculty due to the recent events in Venezuela?
- b. Update on the Workplace Behavior Policy Committee
- c. Enterprise System Update on the replacement of Banner including projected timeline, scope and user training
- d. Inquiry on the recent article in The Chronicle of Higher Education that reference how some institutions are implementing training for international students on respectful behavior in a response to guidance by the U.S. Department of Education
- e. Update on the status of discussions between the three universities on the goal of expanding hybrid and online education
- f. Update on the progress and current activities of the System-Level AI Policy Development Task Force

VII. Topics for Chancellor Isbell

Professor De Groote inquired about topics for the introductory meeting.

- 1) How have your first few months been at UIUC? Were there any surprises? How are you addressing challenges? What are the most significant challenges you are facing currently?
- 2) What are some of the areas of focus in terms of strategic planning? What do you see in terms of opportunities over the next 3-5 years?

VIII. USC Business Agenda Items

- 1) Review revised Code of Conduct
- 2) Where would USC like to see the System facilitate collaboration between the three universities. ie: taking courses at the other universities
- 3) How can USC offer onboarding for new members?

IX. Old Business – Action Items

- a. Current status of the research symposium

X. New Business

None

XI. Guests to consider inviting for future meetings

Professor De Groote inquired with EC about potential guests.

EC suggested:

- 1) Dimuthu Tilakaratne – Harmonizing Data

2) Jay Walsh – IIN Update as the relationship with DPI shifts

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Professor De Groot at 9:13 a.m.

David Perryn  
USC Administration