

**UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

July 31, 2025, 2:30 p.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 August 21, at UIUC.

Present: Sandra De Groote, Lynn Fisher, Hanfu Mi, Angela Lyons, Joyce Tolliver, Donald Wink (online)

I. Call to Order

Professor De Groote called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Mr. Perryn called the role. The following members were present in each location:

UIC: Sandra De Groote, Donald Wink

UIS: Lynn Fisher, Hanfu Mi

UIUC: Angela Lyons, Joyce Tolliver

Online: None

III. Approval of remote participation

Professor De Groote made a motion to allow Professor Wink to attend participate remotely and vote. Professor Tolliver seconded the motion. No discussion. Mr. Perryn conducted a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Yes: De Groote, Fisher, Mi, Tolliver

No: None

Abstain: None

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2025

A motion was made by Professor De Groote and seconded by Professor Fisher to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2025 meeting. No discussion. The minutes were approved by a roll call vote.

Yes: De Groote, Fisher, Lyons, Mi

No: None

Abstain: Tolliver

VI. Discussion of Topics for President Killeen & EVP Jones

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

- a. Key concerns for the organization stemming from the Big Beautiful Bill including budgetary and programmatic implications
- b. Potential impacts on enrollment due to recent student loan policy changes
- c. Insight on how the state appropriation funds will be distributed
- d. Reflections from the BOT Retreat
- e. Successful initiatives and developments

VII. USC Business Agenda Items

- a. Retreat planning
 - i. Budget Bootcamp
 - ii. BOT Operations and communication
 - iii. Principles of shared governance and effectiveness of senates
 - iv. Increasing knowledge of USC about each university within the UI System
 - v. Methods for more effectively representing each university to administration
- b. Goals for USC this academic year
 - i. Mini conferences
 - ii. Consider Academic Freedom in troubled times and a potential letter from USC to the senates
 - iii. Find ways to make USC leadership more visible
 - iv. Provide insight into what it means to serve on USC
 - v. Faculty concerns administrators may not be aware of

VIII. Old Business – Action Items

None

IX. New Business

None

X. Guests to consider inviting for future meetings

- a. Paul Weinberger and Jennifer Creasey
- b. Adrienne Nazon

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Professor De Groote at 3:54 p.m.

David Perryn
USC Administration