

**UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

September 5, 2025, 3:00 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 067B
506 S Wright St
Urbana, IL 61801

The next USC meeting will be held on September 22, at UIS.

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

Absent: None

I. Call to Order

Professor De Groote called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Mr. Perryn called the role.

Members present by location:

UIC: Sandra De Groote, Donald Wink

UIS: Lynn Fisher, Hanfu Mi

UIUC: Joyce Tolliver

III. Approval of remote participation

Professor De Groote made a motion to allow Professor Lyons to 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, Wink

No: None

Abstain: None

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Approval of Minutes from July 31, 2025

A motion was made by Professor Tolliver and seconded by Professor De Groote to

approve the minutes from the July 31, 2025, meeting. No discussion. The minutes were approved by a roll call vote.

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

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. Enrollment update
- b. Potential federal actions impacting those in Illinois
- c. Public health challenges and facing reductions in healthcare access due to closure of small hospitals
- d. Declines in enrollment at Illinois' regional universities and potential revisions and implementation of the Equitable Funding Model
- e. Focusing on mission and strategic priorities to keep on a stable path
- f. Long-term strategic planning

VII. Discussion Topics for Chancellor Gooch

- a. Anticipated impact of federal changes
- b. Looking ahead five to ten years at UIS

VIII. USC October Retreat

- a. Itinerary review
EC reviewed the itinerary for the retreat.
- b. Speaker presentations
 - i. Budget Bootcamp – Dr. Paul Ellinger, CFO
 - ii. BOT Operations – Dr. Jeffrey Stein, BOT Secretary
 - iii. Shared Governance and USC – Prof. De Groote and Prof. Tolliver

IX. USC Business Agenda Items

- a. USC *Bylaws* update
The amended USC *Bylaws* were approved at the August 21 meeting.
- b. BOT Presentations
Professor De Groote encouraged EC to be considering topics for future USC Presentations to the BOT.
- c. DPI
No discussion.

X. Old Business – Action Items

None

XI. New Business

None

XII. Guests to consider inviting for future meetings

None

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Professor De Groote at 3:00 p.m.

David Perryn
USC Administration