

MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE  
**Executive Session**

DATE: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

PLACE: I Hotel & Conference Center, Honors Room  
University of Illinois Chicago, Daley Library, Room 1-360  
University of Illinois Springfield, Brookens Library, Room 180G

PRESENT: Campbell, Dallesasse, Erricolo, Funderburg, Kalita, Leff, Li, Lyons, Moorhouse,  
Tolliver, Weuve (Chair), Wink

Online: Danziger, Peiravian

ABSENT: Burbules, De Groote, Hobbs, Jenkins, Symes

GUESTS: Timothy Killeen, Nicholas Jones

I. Call to Order

Professor Weuve called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

II. Executive Session with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Jones

President Killeen provided context for the meeting by remarking on the Executive Director position opening at Discovery Partners Institute (DPI). Dr. Deba Dutta, Special Advisor to the President, will serve as the Interim Executive Director, but is not a candidate for the role. Dr. Dutta will also focus on international and the academic process with DPI. The search committee for the next Executive Director of DPI has been formed. VP Walsh will serve as the Chair. A search firm has been brought in to focus on higher education, global, and business. Professor Wink serves on the DPI Executive Committee and will also represent USC on the search committee. President Killeen shared his vision for the next Executive Director of DPI.

President Killeen noted the growth at DPI over the last four years. One of the benefits of having DPI was during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The State of Illinois had limited capabilities and faced challenges with procuring supplies needed. Due to the Executive Director's leadership, DPI was able to develop the supply chain to procure PCR machines for testing, testing supplies, face masks, and hand sanitizer. When Shield Technology became available, it was this same effort that allowed the request for the EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) which was approved for testing.

As DPI continues to grow, the focus will be on significantly more communication, a shared vision, and a shared ownership. The Chancellors will also have more involvement. President Killeen renewed his commitment to shared governance. The University of Illinois Board of Trustees and the Governor are very committed to DPI.

**Motion to end Executive Session**

A motion was made to end the Executive Session by Professor Tolliver and seconded by Professor Moorhouse. No discussion. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Yes: Campbell, Dallesasse, Erricolo, Funderberg, Leff, Li, Lyons, Moorhouse, Weuve (Chair), Wink

Online: Peiravian

No: None

Abstain: None

III. Adjournment

Professor Weuve adjourned the Executive Session at 11:01 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed.

David Perryn  
USC Administration