

University Senates Conference
Executive Committee Meeting
Executive Session

Minutes

September 28, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Videoconference via Zoom

The next USC meeting will be held October 10 and 11 at UIUC.

Present: Nicholas Burbules, Sandra De Groote, Jeffrey Eric Jenkins, Sudeep Sharma, Celest Weuve (Chair), Donald Wink

Guests: Timothy Killeen, Nicholas Jones

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Professor Weuve.

II. Executive Session

Professor Weuve welcomed President Killeen.

President Killeen joined the Executive Committee Meeting to let EC know about a potential appointment that would increase the bandwidth for follow up when opportunities present with the University of Illinois System. President Killeen mentioned the recent hire of a Special Advisor to the President that will focus on the Discovery Partners Institute and assisting with partnerships with international entities. There have been discussions about hiring someone that is an educational specialist in Systems and how they function. If this person is hired, they would have the title of Special Advisor to the President and be tenured faculty. President Killeen is very excited to have the System be more prominent, more renowned, and more influential nationally.

Professor Weuve requested additional time in the future for discussion and expressed appreciation to President Killeen for sharing this information with the Executive Committee.

The executive committee expressed concern over the quantity of Special Advisors, and compensation. President Killeen mentioned that when he joined the University of Illinois System he had Special Advisors. This changed due to budget constraints. He reminded EC that the goal is to focus on the mission, and how to get to the next level. The University of Illinois is leading the way. Adding this position will help build out capacity in the State of Illinois and the region. President Killeen suggested another meeting be scheduled to continue the conversation with EC.

Motion to end the Executive Session

A motion was made to end the Executive Session by Professor Jenkins and seconded by

Professor and seconded by Professor De Groot to end the Executive Session. No discussion. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Yes: Burbules, De Groot, Jenkins, Weuve, Wink

No: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Perryn will schedule a follow-up meeting with President Killeen and EVP Jones in the future for one hour.

III. Adjournment of Executive Session

Professor Weuve adjourned the Executive Session at 11:35 a.m.

The regular meeting resumed.