

University Senates Conference
Academic Affairs & Research Committee
Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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

PRESENT: Dallesasse, Kalita, Peiravian (Online)

ABSENT: Jenkins, Symes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:55 pm by Professor Dallesasse.

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes

a. January 25, 2024

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from January 25, 2024. A brief discussion was held. The minutes were approved with a voice vote by AARC Members in-person and by roll call vote for members attending on Zoom.

Yes: Dallesasse, Kalita, Peiravian (Online)

No: None

Abstain: None

IV. Today's Business

a. Research collaboration across the System

AARC held an interactive discussion:

- How can the “bureaucratic” impediments be removed (Sponsored Programs Office)?
- Could there be a database of current research grants that would also track research interests across the System to improve collaboration and coordination? Who should maintain the database and help facilitate collaboration? DPI or other?
- Could there be “System mini conferences” to bring people together with the goal of creating collaboration?
- DPI mini colloquia on topical areas

b. AI in education and research

AARC discussed:

- Use of AI to assess engagement of students and to assist in achieving better outcomes.
- What is the definition of cheating?
- Who should provide rules and guidelines?

- c. Creative Research
AARC discussed the title and potential change to “Research in the Arts and Humanities.”

V. New Business

AARC would like to discuss:

- a. Creative Research presentation title
- b. AI in education and research
 - i. Who determines the rules and guidelines for the use of AI?
 - ii. Should the Student Code comment on AI?
- c. Update on UIUC Research Policy Committee
 - i. Is there anything that would benefit the Universities in the System?

VI. Old Business

None

- VII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Information for Minutes provided by Professor Dallesasse.

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