

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE

DATE: Friday, December 20, 2024

PLACE: University of Illinois Chicago College of Pharmacy Building, Room 145
University of Illinois Springfield, Brookens Library, Room 180G
I Hotel & Conference Center, Excellence Room

PRESENT: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Hale, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair), Kalita, Leff, Lyons, Tolliver, Wink

UIUC: Campbell, Hale, Jenkins (Chair), Kalita, Leff, Lyons, Tolliver

UIC: De Groote, Erricolo, Floros, Hobbs, Wink

UIS: Fisher

Online: Dunning, Maher, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes

ABSENT: Danziger, Sharma

GUESTS: Timothy Killeen, Nicholas Jones, Joe Barnes

I. Call to Order

Professor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. Approval of remote participation

Professor Hale made a motion to allow those attending via Zoom (Dunning, Erricolo, Kalita, Maher, Moorhouse, Schwinn, Symes) to vote and participate in the meeting. Professor Campbell seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Hale, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair), Kalita, Leff, Lyons, Tolliver, Wink

No: None

Abstain: None

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of the minutes from October 8-9, 2024

Professor Kalita made a motion to move the approval of minutes from October 8-9, 2024, to the afternoon session, after the committee meetings. Professor Campbell seconded the motion. A brief discussion was held. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Yes: De Groote, Erricolo, Hobbs, Wink, Floros, Fisher, Campbell, Hale, Jenkins, Kalita, Leff, Lyons, Maher, Tolliver

Online: Dunning, Moorhouse, Schwinn

No: None

Abstain: None

V. Remarks from USC Chair

Professor Jenkins mentioned the semester has been challenging and expressed appreciation to USC Members for their efforts.

VI. Meeting with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Jones

President Killeen joined from Urbana and EVP Jones joined through Zoom.

President Killeen reflected on the past year. Applications are up double digits, indicating the high demand for education from University of Illinois. Enrollment, research and reputation are also up. To quote Abraham Lincoln, "First put your feet in the right place and stand firm." It is important to be the solution space and continue to support student and faculty success. The search has begun for the UIUC Chancellor.

Great things are happening. Quantum is a 2-billion-dollar investment. Governor Pritzker has asked the University of Illinois to operate and manage the park. PsiQuantum will be the anchor tenant in the Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park (IQMP) which will be located at the former U.S. Steel South Works location. PsiQuantum has a path, they believe, to build the world's first utility quantum computer which would have a capacity of 1 million qubits. This is a huge expansion of computational units. IBM has also announced plans to participate. IBM is launching the National Center for Quantum Algorithms.

President Killeen mentioned this is a formative period with the construction cost on the 78 and the massive dropping costs on empty buildings in the loop. The appropriated capital funds for DPI will be used to retain and grow the presence in the loop at DPI North (200 S Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL). In addition, a wet lab is being considered which was previously costed out at the 78 due to the cost consideration. DPI South will be a DPI presence in the IQMP. This is where the arts and humanities would have a presence. A steering committee is being formed which includes faculty from all three universities to determine what DPI South will do.

EVP Jones provided an update on SG3965, the Adequate and Equitable Funding Formula for Public Universities Act. EVP Jones attended five of the six meetings held. This provided an opportunity to voice concerns about the components of the bill and request additional simulations be considered. The revenues generated by the university endowment should not be part of the universities resource profile since they are outlined for specific use by the donor. The dialogue continues, as other methods are considered to address equity issues in institutions. The meeting last week was cancelled. There are two meetings planned for January.

USC inquired on how an increase in state appropriation would be managed. EVP Jones explained that the Illinois Board of Higher Education would be charged with its own algorithm. There are concerns with this and other universities have expressed their concerns. This would also impact the University of Illinois Board of Trustees and how

they make their funding decisions.

USC inquired to the status of discussions about equitable student share. EVP Jones mentioned that concerns have been raised, but there has not been movement on the issue.

President Killeen recognized EVP Jones for his efforts to better understand the proposed funding formula. There is potential institutional liability. The proposed formula is not driven by outcomes, such as graduation. The formula is driven by incoming students. Access 2030 is all about outcomes and graduation rates. Looking at the past ten years, enrollments at other institutions have decreased by 24% while the enrollments at the University of Illinois have increased by 22%. There have been significant strides in opening the doors to black students with 700 more graduated per year than 10 years ago. President Killeen reminded USC that Abraham Lincoln's idea was to educate the people. The core of the mission will always be the students. Economically, the university offers a 15% return to the State of Illinois on each dollar.

Professor Jenkins inquired about the pressures felt by UIS, a regional public university, and asked how the University of Illinois System might address the challenges. President Killeen responded that UIS benefits from being part of the System. There is currently an effort to consider shared services. UIS does have some demographic challenges. Chancellor Gooch is working on some creative efforts out of state. There is currently more residence hall space than students need. President Killeen mentioned that the largest opportunity for UIS is India.

EVP Jones mentioned a review is underway to consider the expenditure side and if there is something that could be managed on behalf of UIS as a piece of UIC, UIUC or the System. The largest opportunity for UIS is to drive enrollment. A pilot is being extended where in-state residential tuition is being offered to shouldering counties. UIS has an opportunity with their large online education. One group who could benefit from UIS are those with some college and no degree. There is a lower faculty to student ratio at UIS.

USC inquired about the possibility of students working in Springfield like they do in Chicago. President Killeen agreed it could happen and mentioned the IIN Hub in Springfield. IIN has grown quickly. The President's Office wants to open doors and create opportunities. There has even been discussion around shared teaching. President Killeen mentioned that UIS is a gorgeous campus.

EVP Jones provided a brief update on Data Strategy and indicated a report would be available soon.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:09 p.m. and was reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

VII. Meeting with Joe Barnes

Professor Jenkins welcomed Joe Barnes, Chief Digital Risk Officer, to the meeting.

Mr. Barnes provided insight into the exploration of recent technology to eliminate passwords from the university. The benefit would be to systemically reduce the

effectiveness and impact of increasing social engineering attacks being used against the university. Without passwords, it is difficult to obtain someone else's credentials. Mr. Barnes spoke about two options for authentication: 1) Yubikey (hardware authentication tool); 2) Phone app where a user's phone would send a unique string to authenticate.

Quantum computing has both benefits and risks. The biggest risk from a quantum standpoint is that once a quantum computer is working, there is concern of what could happen if it was in the hands of someone with malicious intent. Quantum can break encryption, and systems can be vulnerable. This would mean organizations need to switch to quantum proof encryption to protect data. Mr. Barnes suggested at the very least, sensitive data should be encrypted with AES256 Encryption.

Generative AI has passed the adoption rate of the internet and home personal computers. There have been successes in administrative duties. Organizations utilize Chatbots. If regulations are reduced on big tech, this could present risks to the organization. AI will be revisited as a "risk" in 2025.

USC discussed working with students to write in-class without the use of AI so they could use their critical thinking skills.

Professor Jenkins expressed appreciation to Mr. Barnes for attending.

The meeting recessed at 1:48 p.m. for committee meetings.

- VIII. Committee Meetings (AARC, FBBC, SGC) – 1:50 p.m.
Committee meetings were held from 1:50 p.m. to 2:34 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 2:41 p.m.

- IX. Approval of the minutes from October 8-9, 2024

A motion was made by Professor Hale and seconded by Professor Campbell to approve the minutes from October 8-9, 2024. A brief discussion was held. Professor Maher objects to the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed.

Yes: Erricolo
Online: Schwinn

No: Campbell, De Groote, Fisher, Floros, Hale, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair), Leff,
Lyons, Tolliver, Wink
Online: Dunning, Maher, Symes

Abstain: None

Professor Maher made a motion to adopt the Record of Conversation of the November 21, 2024 USC Meeting as a authentic record of what was discussed at the time. The motion was seconded by Professor Hale. Discussion was held. Professor Tolliver

proposed an amendment to the record. In section XII, old business', subsection A, paragraph three reads "Professor Maher made a motion on behalf of SGC." Professor Tolliver proposed amending the text to say "Professor Maher made a motion by reading aloud a draft proposal that he had prepared regarding further processing of ST-83." The proposed amendment was seconded by Professor Maher. The amendment to the Record of Conversation of the November 21, 2024, USC Meeting was approved by a roll call vote.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Hale, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair),
Leff, Lyons, Tolliver, Wink

Online: Dunning, Maher, Schwinn, Symes

No: None

Abstain: None

Professor Hale made a motion to accept the Record of Conversation of the November 21, 2024, USC Meeting as amended. Professor Campbell seconded. No discussion. The motion was approved by a roll call vote.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Fisher, Floros, Hale, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair),
Leff, Lyons, Tolliver, Wink

Online: Dunning, Erricolo, Maher, Schwinn, Symes

No: None

Abstain: None

X. Classification of Senate Minutes – 2:25 p.m.

a. UIC: December 4, 2024

b. UIS: November 22, 2024

c. UIUC: November 11, 2024; December 9, 2024

Class I: Matters of policy affecting one campus only. Item is sent to the President and Board of Trustees for action.

Class II: Matters affecting more than one campus. Item is sent to Senate(s) for action, then to President and Board of Trustees. At the time of this classification, the Conference member will file with the recording secretary an accurate final copy of the Senate action.

Class III: Amendments to the University of Illinois Statutes. The procedure is the same as with Class II items. At the time of reporting this classification, the Conference member will file with the recording secretary an accurate final copy of the Senate action.

Class N: This designation requires no USC action but alerts one or more Senates to an item of interest from the originating Senate. The "N" is preceded by and

followed by a lower-case letter(s); c = Chicago; s = Springfield; u = Urbana-Champaign; usc = University Senates Conference. Example: "cNs,u" means that a matter has come up in the Chicago Senate, which may be of interest to Springfield and Urbana-Champaign.

A. The following items were classified I by the University Senates Conference:

1. University of Illinois Chicago, December 4, 2024

Note: Proposals PR-25.11 & PR-25.12 are bundled into a single document.

PR-25.11, Proposal to Revise the Master of Healthcare Administration

PR-25.12, Proposal to Rename and Revise the Executive Master of Healthcare Administration

PR-25.13, Proposal to Revise the Master of Science in Biomedical Visualization and Establish the Concentration in Anaplastology

PR-25.14, Proposal to Revise the Master of Science in Nursing Graduate Entry Program

PR-25.15, Proposal to Revise the Doctor of Dental Medicine and Doctor of Dental Medicine Advanced Standing Program

PR-25.16, Proposal to Revise the Master of Public Health Core Curriculum

PR-25.17, Proposal to Revise the Doctor of Clinical Exercise Physiology

CP-25.02, Proposal to Establish the Campus Certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Business

2. University of Illinois Springfield, November 22, 2024

Resolution 54-14 Substantial Revision to the Bachelor of Arts in Communication

Resolution 54-15 Revise and Rename the Minor in Communication

Resolution 54-16 Establish an Interpersonal and Cultural Communication Minor

Resolution 54-17 Establish a Journalism and Media Studies Minor

Resolution 54-18 Establish a Strategic Communication and Public Relations

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3. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, November 11, 2024

EP.25.024, Establish the Center for Research and Innovation in Technology-Enhanced Learning in the College of Education

EP.25.027, Eliminate the Concentration in Athletic Training in the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology in the College of Applied Health Sciences

EP.25.028, Eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training in the College of Applied Health Sciences

4. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, December 9, 2024

EP.25.026, Establish the Bachelor of Arts in Media in the College of Media

EP.25.029, Establish the Department of Oncology in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine

EP.25.030, Establish the Department of Surgery and Digestive Health in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine

EP.25.031, Establish the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine and Surgery in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine

EP.25.032, Establish the Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine

EP.25.036, Eliminate the Master of Science in Sustainable Urban Management in the College of Fine and Applied Arts and the Graduate College

- B. The following items were classified N by the University Senates Conference

1. University of Illinois Chicago, December 4, 2024

Class cNs,u.

First Reading: Proposed amendments to **USC ST-91/UIC ST-24.02**: Faculty Role in Governance

Endorsed Council of Illinois University Senates Resolution on Support for the Western Illinois University Faculty (**SR-25.02**)

2. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, November 11, 2024

Class uNusc:

EP.25.025, Report of Administrative Approvals Through November 11, 2024

EP.25.034, Revise Section 3-307 of the Student Code (Late Registration Fee)
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, November 11, 2024

3. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, December 9, 2024

EP.25.035, Report of Administrative Approvals Through December 9, 2024

EP.25.041, Revision to Student Code Section 3-104 (Other Grade Symbols in Use)

A motion was made by Professor Hobbs and seconded by Professor Schwinn to approve the Classification of Senate Minutes. No discussion. The Classification of Senate Minutes were approved by a roll call vote.

Yes: Campbell, De Groot, Fisher, Floros, Hale, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair),
Kalita, Leff, Lyons, Tolliver, Wink

Online: Dunning, Erricolo, Maher, Schwinn, Symes

No: None

Abstain: None

XI. Reaffirm Classification of Senate Minutes from November 21, 2024 USC Meeting

- a. UIC: October 23, 2024
- b. UIS: October 11, 2024; October 25, 2024; November 8, 2024
- c. UIUC: October 14, 2024

Accepted in motion above.

XII. Today's Business – Discussion

- a. USC response to guest presentations
Professor Wink shared that the DPI Executive Committee met with the steering committee group. The new vision of DPI will be presented to the BOT in March. A question was raised regarding the process to make DPI become a permanent institute. It was concluded that USC and the Senates would need to provide approval in the same manner as it was for the formation of DPI. A suggestion was made to inquire about faculty governance when meeting with President Killeen next month.
- b. Determine additional action on ST-83
Professor De Groot presented a resolution by SGC to USC:

Resolution

Because the University of Illinois System President returned ST-83 to the USC,

the Statutes and Governance Committee proposes the following process to be followed as the USC continues to attempt to promote agreement on the amended ST-83 that was circulated in August 2024:

The feedback USC sent separately to each senate in August will be forwarded by USC to all three Senates as background on the amendments to ST-83 reflected in the August 2024 revision of ST-83.

USC requests comments and feedback on the August 2024 revised version of ST-83 from the Senates by the end of the Spring 2025 semester (May 15, 2025).

The USC Statutes and Governance Committee is charged with reviewing the feedback from the Senates. After review of the advice from all three Senates (May 16, 2025) the committee will endeavor to promote agreement and draft texts to the August 2024 revised version of ST-83 based on the feedback as appropriate.

A draft of the second proposed revision of ST-83 will be transmitted to each Senate in the 2025/2026 academic year along with USC responses to each point of advice provided by each senate. Each senate will also receive the responses to the feedback provided by the other two Senates, as background to the amendments reflected in the proposed revisions.

Senates will be invited to submit additional feedback on the revised revised version of ST-83 and USC will endeavor to promote agreement among the senates.

Before transmitting a revised version of ST-83 to the President, USC will share the version with the Senates, providing the Senates the opportunity to concur, modify, or reject

Professor De Groote made a motion that the resolution on ST-83 presented by SGC be adopted by USC. Discussion was held.

Professor De Groote made a motion to amend the resolution as written “Senates will be invited to submit additional feedback on the ~~revised~~ second revised version of ST-83.” Professor Floros seconded the motion. Discussion was held. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Erricolo, Fisher, Floros, Hale, Hobbs,
Jenkins (Chair), Leff, Lyons, Tolliver, Wink
Online: Dunning, Maher, Schwinn, Symes

No: None
Abstain: None

Professor Tolliver made a motion add additional language “Before transmitting a

revised version of ST-83 to the President, USC will share the 2026 version with the Senates, providing Senates the opportunity to concur, modify, or reject the proposed amendments, sending its advice directly to USC, which will continue to promote agreement.” Professor Maher seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Fisher, Hale, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair), Leff, Lyons, Maher, Tolliver, Wink

Online: Schwinn, Symes

No: Floros

Abstain: None

The following resolution was presented by Professor De Groote after the above amendments were approved.

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Senates will be invited to submit additional feedback on the second proposed

revision of ST-83 and USC will endeavor to promote agreement among the senates.

Before transmitting a revised version of ST-83 to the President, USC will share the version with the Senates, providing the Senates the opportunity to concur, modify, or reject the proposed amendments, sending its advice directly to USC, which will continue to endeavor to promote agreement.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion made by Professor De Groote on behalf of SGC to adopt the resolution on ST-83. The motion passed.

Yes: Campbell, De Groote, Fisher, Floros, Hale, Hobbs, Jenkins (Chair),
Leff, Lyons, Maher, Tolliver, Wink

Online: Erricolo, Schwinn, Symes

No: None

Abstain: None

Professor Jenkins tabled the remaining agenda items due to the time.

- c. AARC: Mini-conferences
No discussion.

XIII. Today's Business – Action Items

- a. Determine USC Presenters and Observers for Board of Trustees Meetings

Date	Location	Presenter	Observer	From
01/23/2025	Chicago	Hobbs	Wink	Chicago
03/20/2025	Springfield	Moorhouse	Dunning	Springfield
05/22/2025	Urbana		Hale	Urbana
07/24/2025	Chicago	Jenkins	De Groote	Chicago

XIV. Old Business – Information and Discussion Items

- a. ST-83: Revisions to the *Statutes* – newly proposed revisions. Sent to Executive Vice President Wilson 05/01/2020. Proposed revisions to the *Statutes* (USC ST-83 following ST- 77) transmitted to UIS, UIC, and UIUC Senates 09/02/2021. UIC responded with Collated Comments 01/12/2022. USC sent a request for bifurcation and clarification to UIC on 02/08/2022. UIC Senate Request for Modifications 12/01/2022. The proposed statutory revisions have been transmitted to UIS, UIC, and UIUC Senates. UIC, UIS, and UIUC Senates have sent their response. USC has referred ST-83 to SGC. ST-83 was transmitted to the Senates (UIC, UIS, UIUC) and President Killeen 08/28/2024. Addendum to ST-83 sent to the Senates (UIC, UIS, UIUC) and President Killeen 10/18/2024. ST-83 returned from President Killeen 12/02/2024. Letter to the Senates on the next steps for ST-83 sent 01/07/2025.

- b. ST-87: Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article I, Section 5 – Chancellors and Vice Presidents, Article II, Section 3a (1) – Faculty Role in Governance, and Article III, Section 1g – The University. Passed UIUC Senate 11/15/2021. Transmitted to UIC and UIS Senates on 03/02/2022.
- c. ST-89: Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IV, Section 1 – The Department, Section 2 – Department Organized with a Chair (Section 2b – Department Organized with a Chair), Section 3 – Department Organized with a Head (Section 3b – Department Organized with a Head), and Section 4 – Change of Department Administrative Organization. Passed UIUC Senate 04/24/2023. Transmitted to UIC and UIS 06/21/2023.
- d. ST-90: Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IX, Section 7a – Sabbatical Leaves and Unpaid Leaves of Absence for Members of the Faculty. Passed UIC Senate 03/14/2024. USC referred ST-90 to SGC. Letter transmitted to UIC Senate with the request to resubmit after ST-83 has been resolved 08/06/2024.
- e. ST-91: Proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article II, Sections 3a (1) and 3a (2) – Faculty Role in Governance. Passed UIC Senate 03/14/2024. USC referred ST-91 to SGC. Letter transmitted to UIC Senate with the request to resubmit after ST-83 has been resolved 08/06/2024.
- f. OT-387. University of Illinois System Values and Principles. Transmitted to the Senates on 03/27/2023 with advice requested to USC by 05/15/2023. 06/26/2023 requested an extension to provide input through Fall 2023. Revised version sent to Senates with feedback requested by 01/17/2024. The UIC and UIUC Senates have sent their response. A status update letter has been sent to EVP Jones. UIS Senate has sent their response. Letter with USC response transmitted to EVP Jones 08/12/2024. Response received from EVP Jones 10/14/2024 incorporating USC input. Letter expressing USC’s appreciation for incorporating input to EVP Jones sent on 12/06/2024.
- g. SI-1. Updates from each University
 - i. University of Illinois Chicago
No update.
 - ii. University of Illinois Springfield
No update.
 - iii. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
No update.
- h. SI-2. Updates from Standing Committees
 - i. Academic Affairs and Research (AARC)
No update.

- ii. Finance, Budget, and Benefits (FBBC)
No update.
 - iii. Statutes and Governance (SGC)
No update.
 - i. SI-3. Updates from External Groups with USC Representation
 - i. Data Strategy System-wide Task Force
No update.
 - ii. Digital Risk Council
No update.
 - iii. Discovery Partners Institute Executive Committee
No update.
 - iv. Enrollment Management Policy Council
No update.
 - v. President's Executive Leadership Program
No update.
 - vi. Search Committee Representative for UI System Chief of Staff
No update.
 - vii. System Research Integrity Policy Committee
No update.
 - viii. System Task Force on Online Strategy
No update.
 - ix. System-wide Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Council
No update.
 - x. University of Illinois System President's Advisory Council
No update.
 - xi. Workplace Behavior Policy
No update.
- XV. Adjournment – Next meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at UIC, UIS, and UIUC
The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

David Perryn
USC Administration