

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION

UIUC SUAA Chapter Annual Meeting

Minutes for April 27, 2025

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1. The Spring Meeting Program is attached to these minutes. Approximately 30 attended in person. Vice President Don Uchtmann started the meeting at 3:00 pm and gave a short history of the chapter. He noted that the SUAA UIUC Chapter came into existence in 1970 after issues with state pensions. Currently, we have about 1375 members throughout the state of Illinois. Many members of this chapter are former employees of UIUC and we continue to have a keen interest in the University.

The speaker was Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UIUC John Coleman. He also serves as chief budget officer for the campus. His topic was “Boldly Illinois 2030: Building our Future.” His slides are available on the SUAA UIUC website. VCAA Coleman noted that in 2024-2025 UIUC has record enrollment for freshmen, all undergraduate students, graduate students and total enrollment. UIUC’s rankings remain strong. The Carle Illinois College of Medicine was accredited 2025 and the Cancer Center of Illinois is working on a federal certification. VCAA Coleman also discussed challenges the campus is facing on the federal level. He and his staff are committed to the 4C’s: 1) **Communication** – robust communication strategy, federalupdates.illinois.edu as a central information source; 2) **Convening** – create work groups on immigration, expanding access, research & research grants, impact on the work force (due to federal changes); 3) **Collaborating** – working with Association of American Universities; joined in the DOE lawsuit about the overhead fee changes; active in the Association of Public and Land Grant universities; there is an outside counsel and consultant in DC and lobbying group in DC; and 4) **Contingency** – contingency planning; doing a lot of modeling for various scenarios. He was asked what SUAA UIUC members can do to help the university? VCAA Coleman noted that campus works with state and federal legislators, so continue to convey to your individual those legislators to help universities.

The General Meeting was started by President Matt Wilson at 4:00 pm. William Williamson presented the candidates for the 2025-2028 positions on the Executive Committee. The nominees were William Buesing, Debora McCall, Megan Pearson, and Donald Uchtmann. There were no nominees from the floor and the slate was elected by acclamation. Wilson thanked Deb McCall for her work in organizing this meeting. He also recognized Don Webbink’s service for 10 years as Treasurer before stepping down this spring. Williamson gave a short Membership report. He noted that membership increased last month. He asked those present to take a brochure and recruit another member. Williamson also reported as chapter delegate to the SUAA Foundation – see page 5 in the Spring 2025 Annuitant.

2. The Meeting ended 4:06pm.

3. A recording of this meeting will be available on the [SUAA UIUC website](http://www.suaa-ui.org).