

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS OPERATIONS
(Final; Information)

CO.26.08 2025-2026 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Campus Operations

This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Committee on Campus Operations (CO) during the 2025-2026 academic year. CO held four meetings during the fall 2025 semester (September 9, October 7, November 11, and December 2) and four meetings during the spring 2026 semester (February 10, March 10, April 14, May 5). More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

CO received relevant updates from *ex officio* members including representatives from the Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Comptroller of the University of Illinois System, Associate Vice Chancellor and Executive Director of Facilities and Services, the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment, the Student Sustainability Committee, and the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Operations.

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

CO.24.01, Facility Condition Assessment

The Facility Condition Assessment (FCA) is intended to provide a clearer understanding of the condition of campus facilities and support the prioritization of capital projects. While the assessment itself is complete, discussions continue regarding the future of capital renewal projects, which are partially funded through student fees. The current backlog is estimated at \$4.9 billion, and the funding process remains lengthy and complex. Facilities & Services (F&S) leadership met with Chancellor Isbell on this issue, and he indicated that a strategic plan will be necessary moving forward. CO removed this item from the agenda on February 10, 2026.

CO.26.01, Arboretum and Allerton Park and Retreat Center

Derek Peterson, Executive Director of Allerton Park & Retreat Center, provided an update on Allerton Park and the Illinois Arboretum at the November 11, 2025, meeting. Both are overseen by the Division of Parks and Natural Spaces (DPNS), established in February 2025. Allerton Park continues to expand programming under its 2015 master plan, including rapid growth of The Farms: An Allerton Folk School, while increased participation has created space constraints. Future projects will move forward only with supporting endowments. Recent fundraising generated about \$3.5 million.

The 160-acre Illinois Arboretum will focus on improving facilities, increasing accessibility, and strengthening fundraising while building on the 2021 Master Plan. CO removed this item from the agenda on November 11, 2025.

CO.26.02, Real-Time Information Center

Tim Hetrick, Deputy Chief of Police, Division of Public Safety, presented an update on the Real-Time Information Center (RTIC) at the December 2, 2025, meeting. RTIC is a centralized hub that uses advanced technology and real-time data to enhance public safety. RTIC also supports rapid incident response, investigations, video analysis, interagency coordination, and special event planning.

RTIC integrates multiple technologies, including security and body-worn cameras, license plate readers, drones, and real-time 911 data, into a single platform to improve situational awareness, reduce response times, and support more informed decision-making.

Since its launch in April 2025, the center has assisted in 335 cases, with an approximately 80% success rate in identifying evidence. CO removed this item from the agenda on December 2, 2025.

CO.26.03, Transportation Demand Management on Pedestrians, Scooters, and Bicycles

Stacey DeLorenzo, Transportation Systems Manager, and Sarthak Prasad, Sustainable Transportation Assistant, Facilities and Services, provided an update on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) at the December 2, 2025, meeting. The update highlighted the Veo bike-share program, the University Bicycle Ordinance, and the DeepWalk sidewalk study. TDM initiatives aim to enhance transportation safety and reduce single-occupancy vehicle use by encouraging biking, walking, ride-sharing, and public transit.

The Veo program provides 750 shared bicycles and other dockless vehicles, with peak usage reaching about 85,000 rides per month in the fall. TDM also supports enforcement of the University Bicycle Ordinance, campus ADA compliance, and long-term planning. A campuswide sidewalk assessment, conducted by DeepWalk, collected 66 miles of data, now integrated into Geographic Information System (GIS) to support future projects. TDM also completed updates to the Campus Bike Plan in 2024. CO removed this item from the agenda on December 2, 2025.

CO.26.04, Ninth Senate Review Commission Request for Committee Feedback from the Senate Committee on Campus Operations

A request from the Ninth Senate Review Commission (SR9) was received to provide feedback on CO's charge, composition, and function. CO responded to the request on March 17, 2026.

CO.26.05, Illinois Microreactor Demonstration Project

Caleb Brooks, Professor, Nuclear, Plasma & Radiological Engineering, and Timothy Grunloh, Principal Research Scientist, Nuclear, Plasma & Radiological Engineering presented an update on the Illinois Microreactor Demonstration Project at the April 14, 2026, meeting. Michael Larson, Associate Director of Utilities, Utilities Production, and Rob Roman, Director of Utilities & Energy Services, Facilities & Services, were in attendance to field questions regarding the role of their unit for the project. The project seeks to advance next-generation nuclear energy through research, education, workforce development, and demonstration of microreactor technology. Planned applications include electricity generation, district heating, and hydrogen production, with integration into a campus microgrid. Presenters highlighted the reactor's passive safety features, ongoing regulatory engagement, and a projected timeline targeting initial operations in 2029. Funding is expected to come through industry and technology partnerships, with no direct University commitment at this time. CO removed this item from the agenda on April 14, 2026.

CO.26.07, University of Illinois – Willard Airport

Tim Bannon, Executive Director, Johnathan Cumbee, Airport Fire Marshal, Rebecca Martlage, Assistant Director of Finance and Administration, and Andrew Smith, Assistant Director of Operations and Maintenance, all with Willard Airport Commercial Operations, led a tour of Willard Airport on May 5, 2026.

The visit included an overview of airport operations, a behind-the-scenes look at the TSA checkpoint expansion project, and an introduction to the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Department and its specialized equipment. The tour provided valuable insight into the functions that support airport operations, safety, and passenger service at Willard Airport. CO removed this item from the agenda on May 5, 2026.

II. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE**CO.26.06, Flock License Plate Reader**

Sam Grayson, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Siebel School of Computing and Data Science, submitted a draft resolution at the April 14, 2026, meeting regarding the use of Flock License Plate Readers by the University of Illinois Police Department (UIPD). The proposed resolution recommends prohibiting automatic data sharing, requiring re-evaluation of surveillance contractors when credible concerns arise regarding legal, policy, or contractual compliance, banning the use of surveillance footage for research without subject consent, mandating independent cybersecurity audits, and increasing transparency through public disclosures.

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