

COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)

MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026, 2:30-3:15 P.M.

MEETING LOCATION: PARKS HALL 301

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS		“P” denotes Present, “A” denotes Absent, “R” denotes Regrets
P	Alex Blazer (CoAS, ECUS Secretary)	
R	Cathy Cox (University President)	
R	Nicolas Creel (CoBT, ECUS Chair Emerita)	
R	Holly Croft (Library, ECUS Member)	
P	Stephanie Jett (CoAS, ECUS Chair)	
P	Joyce Norris-Taylor (CoHS, ECUS Vice-Chair)	
P	Holley Roberts (Provost)	
P	Rob Sumowski (CoE, ECUS Member)	
GUESTS		
	Brad Fowler (AIPRC Chair)	

Legend

Highlighted text denotes follow-up.

Bold denotes action or recommendation.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:36 p.m. by Stephanie Jett (Chair).

II. Approval of Agenda: A Motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded. **The agenda was approved.**

III. Approval of Minutes: A draft of the 9 Jan 2026 minutes of the Executive Committee had been circulated to the meeting attendees via email. A Motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. **The minutes were approved.**

IV. Reports

Presiding Officer Report — Stephanie Jett

1. **USG File Repository** The recent launch broke a lot of the links to USG policy in GCSU’s PPM. Ideas for correcting the problem include creating a task force or reaching out to Chief Information Officer Brian Watson to develop a solution.
2. **University Senate Budget and Foundation Updates**
 - a. State Account: \$3,977.00
 - b. Foundation Account: \$721.67
 - c. Donation Account: \$64.17
3. **ECUS Discussion**
 - a. **BOR Voluntary Resignation by Faculty Policy**
 - i. Question: Does the new policy need to be added to the PPM? Does it need to be linked from the Faculty Report to Work Policy?

- ii. Answer (Provost): My understanding is that the policy is under HR's purview.
- b. **Academic Dishonesty Policy and Bobcat Code Alignment**
 - i. Comment: APC should review the Academic Dishonesty Policy and the Bobcat Code to ensure the two documents are in alignment.
- c. **Office of Community Engagement and Belonging**
 - i. Comment: The university should announce the dissolution of the Office of Community Engagement and Belonging
 - ii. Comment: My understanding is that the same work is being done after restructuring.

Presiding Officer Elect Report — Joyce Norris-Taylor

- 1. **At-Large Senator** elections are ongoing with polls closing at 17:00 today. We have one nominee on the ballot, Robert Sumowski.

V. Unfinished Business

- 1. There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

- 1. **AI Policy Review** Brad Fowler, AIPRC Chair, reported on the meeting with Rhonda Fowler, Chief Audit Officer, regarding USG suggestions for AI policy implementation. The recommendations are standard and include tying together GCSU procedures with USG ones, expanding language in places such as the Bobcat Code and the Code of Conduct, data privacy alignment (to be reviewed by Brian Watson, Chief Information Officer), including AI policy use in course syllabi (CTL is creating a best practices guide for faculty to make students aware of AI use expectations), and AI software procurement (BOR policy mentions the academic context of AI policy, it does not mention AI use outside of the academic context, therefore, GCSU needs to discuss policy). The AIPRC composition may need to be expanded to include representatives from Auxiliary Services and Human Resources. The implementation deadline is April. The committee discussed reaching out to the Library to create an AI LibGuide and reaching out to University Communications to create an AI website collecting links to the AI Task Force, AIPRC, the AI Policy, best practices for AI use in the classroom, and so forth. The AI Team Lead will need to coordinate these efforts.

VII. Open Discussion

- 1. **Admissions** The BOR is considering allowing the Classical Learning Test to serve as a standardized test equivalent alongside the ACT and SAT in USG admissions.
- 2. **Website Update** Because the migration of senate.gcsu.edu will occur soon, we need to refrain from updating the site until the migration is complete. Send agendas, minutes, and motions through email distribution lists.

VIII. Next Meeting

1. Calendar

- a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, February 27, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
 - b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, March 6, 2:30 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, March 6, 3:30 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, March 27, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
2. **Tentative Agenda:** Some of the deliberation today may have generated tentative agenda items for ECUS and ECUS-SCC meetings. **Stephanie Jett will ensure that such items (if any) are added to the agenda of a future meeting of ECUS or ECUS-SCC.**

IX. Adjournment

1. As there was no further business to consider, a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. **The motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.**

X. Supporting Documents

1. There are four supporting documents.
 - a. *Supporting_ECUSOpenDiscussion_February2026Exhibit.pdf* Admissions Requirements for Programs Leading to an Associate or Baccalaureate Degree mentioned in Open Discussion.
 - b. *Supporting_ECUSOpenDiscussion_HandbookAdmissionRequirementsUpdates_2026-02-09.pdf* Impacted Academic & Student Affairs Handbook Section Admissions Requirements mentioned in Open Discussion.
 - c. *Supporting_ECUSOpenDiscussion_USGPolicyAnnouncement.pdf* Admissions Requirements for Programs Leading to an Associate or Baccalaureate Degree mentioned in Open Discussion.

Distribution: First, these minutes will be sent to committee members for review; second, they will be posted to the Senate website.

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COMMITTEE OFFICERS: STEPHANIE JETT (CHAIR), JOYCE NORRIS-TAYLOR (VICE-CHAIR), ALEX BLAZER (SECRETARY)

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2025-2026

AGGREGATE MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR:

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Acronyms		EFS = Elected Faculty Senator CoAS = College of Arts and Sciences; CoB = College of Business; CoE = College of Education; CoHS = College of Health Sciences									
Meeting Dates		9/5	10/3	10/31	1/9	2/13	3/6	4/3	P	R	A
Alex Blazer <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Secretary</i>		P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0
Cathy Cox <i>University President</i>		R	R	R	R	R			0	5	0
Nicholas Creel <i>EFS, CoBT ECUS Chair Emerita</i>		R	R	P	P	R			2	3	0
Holly Croft <i>EFS, Library ECUS Member</i>		R	P	P	P	R			4	1	0
Stephanie Jett <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Chair</i>		P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0
Joyce Norris-Taylor <i>EFS, CoHS ECUS Vice-Chair</i>		P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0
Holley Roberts <i>Provost</i>		P	P	R	P	P			4	1	0
Rob Sumowski <i>EFS, CoE ECUS Member</i>		P	R	R	P	P			3	2	0