COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)
MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 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)
P	Nicolas Creel (CoBT, ECUS Chair Emerita)
P	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)

Legend
Highlighted text denotes follow-up.
Bold denotes action or recommendation.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:33 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 13 Feb 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. **AI Policy Review** Brad Fowler is checking with Rhonda Fowler regarding the timeline of the institutional AI policy review.
2. **Standing Committee Discussion Decision Tree** The document helps committees navigate routes between policy recommendation and procedural advice.
3. **University Senate Budget and Foundation Updates**
    a. State Account: $3,977.00
    b. Foundation Account: $721.67
    c. Donation Account: $64.17
4. **ECUS Discussion**
    a. **AI Policy Review** If the review includes policy changes, AIPRC will make a policy recommendation by March 20 for ECUS email vote on March 20 and US vote on March 27. If the review contains only implementation practices, then it will be included as an information item in the US meeting on March 27 and a vote in the April US meeting.

b. **<u>Standing Committee Discussion Decision Tree</u>** Follow Up: Stephanie Jett will integrate the document into the US Handbook for an April ECUS motion and April US meeting vote.

Presiding Officer Elect Report — Joyce Norris-Taylor

1. **<u>At-Large Elected Faculty Senator Position</u>** Jamie Downing is going on professional leave and will not be able to serve in the at-large senator position. Amelia Malcom has agreed to serve as she was the runner-up in that election.
2. **<u>2026-2027 Committee Preference Survey</u>** Qualtrics for committee preference will be sent out soon.

V. Unfinished Business

1. There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

1. There was no new business.

VII. Open Discussion

1. **<u>BIPC</u>** The committee discussed BIPC's charge, scope, business, and morale, observing the lack of action items and potential focus limitation on student affairs moving forward. It was noted that standing committees shift over time according to institutional needs; for instance, we might need to shift AIPRC from a two-year ad hoc committee to a standing committee. Follow Up: Stephanie Jett and Alex Blazer will revise the bylaws for a March 13 ECUS email vote followed by March US bylaws change reading and April US bylaws change vote.

VIII. Next Meeting

1. **Calendar**
   a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, March 27, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
   b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, April 3, 2:30 p.m., Parks Hall 301
   c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, April 3, 3:30 p.m., Parks Hall 301
   d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, April 24, 3:00 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
   e. University Senate Meeting (Organizational) – Friday, April 24, 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 **<u>Motion</u>** *to adjourn the meeting* was made and seconded. **The motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.**

X. Supporting Documents

1. There are no supporting documents.

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:
"P" denotes Present, "R" denotes Regrets, "A" denotes Absent

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 *EFS, CoAS* *ECUS Secretary*	P	P	P	P	P	P		6	0	0
Cathy Cox *University President*	R	R	R	R	R	R		0	6	0
Nicholas Creel *EFS, CoBT* *ECUS Chair Emerita*	R	R	P	P	R	P		3	3	0
Holly Croft *EFS, Library* *ECUS Member*	R	P	P	P	R	P		5	1	0
Stephanie Jett *EFS, CoAS* *ECUS Chair*	P	P	P	P	P	P		6	0	0
Joyce Norris-Taylor *EFS, CoHS* *ECUS Vice-Chair*	P	P	P	P	P	P		6	0	0
Holley Roberts *Provost*	P	P	R	P	P	P		5	1	0
Rob Sumowski *EFS, CoE* *ECUS Member*	P	R	R	P	P	P		4	2	0