COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)
MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026, 2:00-3:15 P.M.
MEETING LOCATION: PARKS HALL 301

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS	**"P" denotes Present, "A" denotes Absent, "R" denotes Regrets**
P	Alex Blazer (CoAS, ECUS Secretary)
P	Cathy Cox (University President)
P	Brad Fowler (CoBT, ECUS Vice-Chair)
P	Stephanie Jett (CoAS, ECUS Chair Emerita)
P	Sara Jordan (Library, ECUS Member)
P	Joyce Norris-Taylor (CoHS, ECUS Chair)
P	Holley Roberts (Provost)
P	Rob Sumowski (CoE, ECUS Member)
GUESTS	
Chloe Allensworth, Graduate Assistant, Legal Affairs	
Nicholas Creel, Associate Professor of Business Law and Member of the 2026-2027 FAPC	
Charles Norton, Associate VP and General Counsel	

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

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Joyce Norris-Taylor (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 4 Sep 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 — Joyce Norris-Taylor

1. **University Senate Budget and Foundation Updates**
    a. State Account: $3,977.00
    b. Foundation Account: $1099.98
    c. Donation Account: $64.17

Presiding Officer Elect Report — Brad Fowler

1. **Election Oversight** The Corps of Instruction list, apportionment spreadsheet, and letters to the college deans and library director are being prepared.

V. Unfinished Business

1. **Policy on Policies** ECUS noted that most of the concerns expressed in the September meeting were addressed in the revised policy draft. The main goals of the policy are, first, to collect policies and archive them in a central database and, second, to define policies, procedures, and practices so they are separate and distinct and neither confused nor intermingled. It was observed that policies come from many places, not just Executive Cabinet and University Senate. The policy on policies not only defines but also delineates between unit-level policy and university-wide policy, as well as between policies, procedures, and practices. University Senate is a policy recommending and advisory body that can advise the administration on policies, procedures, and practices. The administration is responsible for implementing policy through the creation of procedures; and the allocation of authority needs to be correctly labeled. ECUS advised a procedure in which university-level policies be shared with University Senate, like how UCC shares curriculum decision with University Senate in a monthly report, in order for members of the university community to be made aware of policy and have the opportunity to comment on it and ask questions about it. In the new policy database, university-wide policies will be viewable by everyone, and unit-level policies will be visible only to those in the unit. Further logistical discussion is required to synchronize or link the University Senate motion database with the new policy database.
    a. **ECUS Action** A **Motion** *to approve the Policy on Policies* was made and seconded. **The Policy on Policies was approved**.

VI. New Business

1. There was no new business.

VII. Open Discussion

1. **Academic Dishonesty Policy** The Academic Dishonesty Policy and Bobcat Code remain out of alignment, as faculty do not have to report plagiarism to Student Life according to the Academic Dishonesty Policy but faculty do have to report plagiarism according to the Bobcat Code. Follow Up: The item will be steered at the ECUS-SCC meeting.
2. **Recording Devices** Provost Roberts met with General Counsel Charles Naughton regarding the use of wearable recording devices such as Meta glasses and Apple watches in assessments, sensitive areas, and one-on-one meetings. Follow Up: Joyce Norris-Taylor will research recording device policies at other universities.

VIII. Next Meeting

1. **Calendar**
    a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, September 16, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
    b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, October 30, 2:00 p.m., Parks Hall 301
    c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, October 30, 3:30 p.m., Parks Hall 301

d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, November 13, 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. Joyce Norris-Taylor 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 3:13 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: JOYCE NORRIS-TAYLOR (CHAIR), BRAD FOWLER (VICE-CHAIR), ALEX BLAZER (SECRETARY)
ACADEMIC YEAR: 2026-2027

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	9/4	10/2	10/30	1/8	2/12	3/5	4/2	P	R	A
Alex Blazer *EFS, CoAS* *ECUS Secretary*	P	P						2	0	0
Cathy Cox *University President*	R	P						1	1	0
Brad Fowler *EFS, CoBT* *ECUS Vice-Chair*	P	P						2	0	0
Stephanie Jett *EFS, CoAS* *ECUS Chair Emerita*	P	P						2	0	0
Sara Jordan *EFS, Library* *ECUS Member*	A	P						1	0	1
Joyce Norris-Taylor *EFS, CoHS* *ECUS Chair*	P	P						2	0	0
Holley Roberts *Provost*	P	P						2	0	0
Rob Sumowski *EFS, CoE* *ECUS Member*	P	P						2	0	0