

**COMMITTEE NAME:** EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)  
**MEETING DATE & TIME:** FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020, 2:00-3:15 P.M.  
**MEETING LOCATION:** PARKS HALL 301

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>“P” denotes Present, “A” denotes Absent, “R” denotes Regrets</b>
<b>P</b>	Alex Blazer (CoAS, ECUS Chair Emeritus and Secretary)	
<b>P</b>	Hauke Busch (CoAS, ECUS Vice-Chair)	
<b>R</b>	Steve Dorman (University President)	
<b>P</b>	Jeff Dowdy (Library, ECUS Member)	
<b>P</b>	Catherine Fowler (CoHS, ECUS Member)	
<b>P</b>	David Johnson (CoAS, ECUS Chair)	
<b>P</b>	Lyndall Muschell (CoE, ECUS Member)	
<b>P</b>	Costas Spirou (Provost)	
<b>P</b>	John Swinton (CoB, ECUS Member)	
<b>GUESTS</b>		
None		

**Legend**

*Italicized text denotes information from a previous meeting.*

\*Denotes new discussion on old business.

**Highlighted text denotes follow-up.**

**Bold denotes action or recommendation.**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by David Johnson (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 10 Jan 2020 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 — David Johnson**

1. **President’s Commission on Diversity (PCOD):** The commission co-chairs will soon review and share the data from the campus climate survey with President Dorman.
2. **University Senate Budget:** \$1,648.77 is available now in the general account (\$2,290.77, minus the pending \$642.00 deposit for the next governance retreat). We spent \$1,934.75 on the remaining balance for the governance retreat in August, and \$774.48 for our USG Faculty Council representatives to attend the October meeting. That leaves us with

\$2,290.77, which is more than enough to cover our two remaining anticipated expenses: the USGFC April meeting trip and the deposit on next year's governance retreat.

- a. **Discussion**: The suggestion was made to review supply and *AAUP Redbook* needs. Another suggestion was made to purchase an enrollments trends book (*Demographics and the Demand for Higher Education* by Nathan D. Grawe) that senior administration were reviewing; a shared governance library could be created. **David Johnson will inventory Senate supplies and work with Jeff Dowdy to purchase the book.**
3. **Foundation**: \$1,000.00 Foundation account (has never been touched). \$256 Foundation account (Craig Turner's retirement gift to University Senate).

### **Presiding Officer Elect Report — Hauke Busch**

1. **At Large Senator Election**: Elections for the At Large Senator will take place 24-28 February.
2. **Governance Retreat**: Reservations for Aubrey Lanes are being processed for 10 August for the Governance Retreat and Organizational Meeting.
3. **2020-2021 Slate of Nominees**: Next year's slate of nominees is being prepared. Election results from Staff Council and SGA are anticipated soon.

### **V. Unfinished Business**

1. **2020-2021 Governance Calendar**: David Johnson shared the final calendar. A **Motion** to approve the calendar was made and seconded. **The calendar was approved.**
2. **Reviewing University-Wide Committees with Senate Representation**: All university-wide committee chairs that we reached out to indicated that committees such as the Academic Technology Advisory Committee, the Admin Systems & Banner Advisory Committee, the Parking Appeals Committee, the Public Art Committee did not necessarily need an elected faculty senator to serve on these committees, but that a faculty volunteer appointed by senate would suffice. Additionally, one member from senate on PTAC and the Mandatory Student Fee Committee could be a faculty volunteer as well. **ECUS will finalize the University Senate representatives on University-Wide Committee at the March meeting.**

### **VI. New Business**

None

### **VII. Open Discussion**

1. **USG General Education Redesign Implementation Timeline**: AAUP members around the state are concerned about new core and the aggressive timeline. Provost Spirou will include a link to a recent presentation by Executive Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs Denley in his report to ECUS with Standing Committee Chairs

(<https://youtu.be/8E0x64jk8OE>). While the redesign no longer includes “areas,” it remains 60 hours and includes classes from Area F and Area B within its revised structure. Faculty shared with ECUS complaints regarding the early spring semester start date. Provost Spirou advised that we could spend two or three years revising or adapting current courses to the new core; however, he suggests that we wait until everything settles in the coming months and then act strategically to strengthen and to adapt our courses—or to create new courses---once we know exactly what we need. A concern was raised that the new core appears to be turn the core into an extension of high school curriculum, and that the quality of the core across the system will now be uniform. It was noted that the core change is happening but we can have a say on certain things, like eCore, if they do not fit our mission.

2. **Hotel Accommodations for Faculty Searches:** A concern was raised about a recent practice which limits candidates to faculty searches to one night of hotel accommodations while candidates for chair searches appear to receive two nights. Comments included: we must be good stewards of resources; we should be good hosts and sending candidates to the Atlanta Airport after a full day of interviewing is problematic; national searches result in national pools of candidates, as opposed to regional candidates who can drive to a campus visit; the one-night vs two-night accommodation practice seems to depend on deans and department chair support. **ECUS will ask RPIP to investigate the accommodations policy.**
3. **Supplemental Course Fees:** As history to the USG’s new fee policy, the legislature kept tuition low, so institutions within the system supplemented tuition with course fees; then the legislature put pressure on the USG to be careful with fees, and institutions created fee committees to look at all new fees. UGA eliminated all new lab and supplementary course fees in the fall, and the USG followed suit earlier this month. Institutions will have to determine how to budget for the lost fees.

## VIII. Next Meeting

### 1. Calendar

- a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, February 28, 3:30 p.m., A&S 2-72
- b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, March 6, 2:00 p.m., Parks Hall 301
- c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, March 6, 3:30 p.m., Park Hall 301

2. **Tentative Agenda:** Some of the deliberation today may have generated tentative agenda items for ECUS and ECUS-SCC meetings. **David Johnson will ensure that such items (if any) are added to the agenda of a future meeting of ECUS or ECUS-SCC.**

**IX. Adjournment:** 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.**

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

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**COMMITTEE OFFICERS:** DAVID JOHNSON (CHAIR), HAUKE BUSCH (VICE-CHAIR),  
 ALEX BLAZER (SECRETARY)  
**ACADEMIC YEAR:** 2019-2020

**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	9/6	10/4	11/1	1/10	2/14	3/6	4/10	P	R	A	
Alex Blazer <i>EFS, CoAS, ECUS Chair Emeritus, ECUS Secretary</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	
Hauke Busch <i>EFS, CoAS, ECUS Vice- Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	
Steve Dorman <i>University President</i>	R	R	R	R	R			0	5	0	
Jeff Dowdy <i>EFS, Library, ECUS Member</i>		P	P	P	P			4	0	0	
Catherine Fowler <i>EFS, CoHS, ECUS Member</i>	P	P	R	R	P			3	2	0	
David Johnson <i>EFS, CoAS, ECUS Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	
Lyndall Muschell <i>EFS, CoE, ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	
Costas Spirou <i>Provost</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	
John Swinton <i>EFS, CoB, ECUS Member</i>	P	R	P	P	P			4	1	0	