

COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)
MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022, 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)	
R	Cathy Cox (University President)	
P	Nicholas Creel (CoBT, ECUS Member)	
P	Jennifer Flory (CoAS, ECUS Chair)	
P	Catherine Fowler (CoHS, ECUS Chair Emeritus)	
P	Lamonica Sanford (Library, ECUS Member)	
P	Costas Spirou (Provost)	
P	Rob Sumowski (CoE, ECUS Vice-Chair)	

Legend

Highlighted text denotes follow-up.

Bold denotes action or recommendation.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Jennifer Flory (Chair).

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

III. Approval of Minutes: As this was the first meeting of the year, there were no minutes to approve.

IV. Reports

Presiding Officer Report — Jennifer Flory

1. Presiding Officer Activities

a. System-wide or Tier/Sector Meeting Attendance

- i. USG Faculty Council Spring Meeting in Atlanta at the USG office on April 29-30
- ii. USG Academic Affairs Strategic Planning Meeting for State Universities in Macon at Middle Georgia State University on May 18

b. University Search Process Attendance

- i. Four AVP/CDO Candidate On-campus Interviews with Diversity Stakeholders
- ii. Two Presentations and Open Forums for Associate Dean Candidates for the College of Education

c. Committee/Task Force/Council Work

- i. Inauguration Committee member
- ii. Academic Innovation Taskforce co-chair

- iii. Academic Affairs Leadership Council: attended retreat and gave highlights from 2021-22 and items on the horizon in 2022-23 for University Senate and standing committees
 - d. **Meetings with Provost** I met with **Provost Spirou** by phone and in person several times throughout the summer. The main topic for these meetings was impending system budget cuts and enrollment shortfalls. We also discussed planning for the Academic Innovation Taskforce meetings.
 - e. **University Senate Governance Retreat** I worked with Ashley Banks, Alex Blazer, Cat Fowler, and Rob Sumowski, to plan the **2022 University Senate Governance Retreat** which took place on Monday, August 8, at First United Methodist Church. Additional assistance with food was provided by Shea Council and Dana Gorzelany-Mostak. Around sixty people attended the event and fourteen filled out the evaluation. I would welcome any additional feedback which might help us plan for next year.
 - f. **Investiture Ceremony** I represented University Senate and gave a welcome from the faculty at the **Investiture Ceremony** for President Cathy Cox on Friday, August 19.
 - g. **Senator Orientation** I sent all new senators a packet of **orientation materials** on August 25 and asked them to contact with any questions.
 - h. **Standing Committee Officer Training** I sent a **Standing Committee Officer Training** packet and a PDF of all 2021-2022 standing committee annual reports to all standing committee officers on August 25 and offered to do in-person or virtual training with anyone who was interested.
 - i. **Presiding Officer-Elect Training** started in July and is ongoing.
- 2. **University Senate Budget and Foundation Account**
 - a. The University Senate budget has \$4,767.00 funds remaining.
 - b. The University Senate Foundation account has \$1,000 but will have only \$263.79 after I get reimbursed for retreat spending.

Presiding Officer Elect Report — Rob Sumowski

- 1. **Revised 2022-2023 Slate of Nominees** Changes to the 2022-23 University Senates slate of nominees since April are listed below.
 - a. **DEIPC** SGA Appointee, TBD
 - b. **FAPC** Stephen Rutner, CoBT
 - c. **RPIPC**
 - i. Matthew Davis, Selected Staff Senator
 - ii. TBD, SGA Appointee
 - d. **SAPC**
 - i. Kaitley Congdon, Selected Student Senator
 - ii. Connor Hilly, Selected Student Senator
 - iii. Greg Glotzbecker, Elected Faculty Senator, CoHS

2. **Revised 2022-2023 University Senate Representatives on University Committees** In order to maintain continuity on USGFC, it is proposed to change the two USGFC representatives from the POE as voting member serving a one-year term and a non-voting EFF serving a two-year term to the POE as voting member and the PO as the non-voting member. SCoN will vote on this change as part of the revised slate in the ECUS-SCC meeting.
3. **2022-2023 Election Oversight** The Corps of Instructors list was requested from Neil Jones via email 8/29/22. Once a reply has been received, Rob Sumowski will update the spread sheet once received and then email to ECUS-SCC for review.

V. Unfinished Business

1. **University Senate Recognitions** Pins will be distributed to new senators at the September 16 meeting of University Senate: Ashley Banks, Kaitley Congdon, Matthew Davis, Connor Hilly, Stephanie Jett, Lorraine Milam, Sarah Myers, Stephen Rutner, and Jessamyn Swan.

VI. New Business

1. **2023-2024 Governance Calendar** Jennifer Flory completed a first draft based on last year's calendar. It was noted that the new University Research Day will need to be added. Jennifer Flory will send the draft to Provost Spirou, Holley Roberts, and Tracy Norris for review.
2. **2022-2023 University Senate Meeting Operating Procedures** Meetings will be in-person.
3. **2022-2023 ECUS Operating Procedures** A **Motion** to approve the operating procedures was made and seconded. **The operating procedures were approved.**

VII. Open Discussion

1. There was no open discussion.

VIII. Next Meeting

1. **Calendar**
 - a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, September 16, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
 - b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, October 7, 2:00 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, October 7, 3:30 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, October 21, 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. Jennifer Flory 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 2:34 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: JENNIFER FLORY (CHAIR), ROB SUMOWSKI (VICE-CHAIR), ALEX BLAZER (SECRETARY)
ACADEMIC YEAR: 2022-2023

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		9/2	10/7	11/4	1/6	2/10	3/3	4/14	P	R	A
Alex Blazer <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Secretary</i>	P								1	0	0
Cathy Cox <i>University President</i>	R								0	1	0
Nicholas Creel <i>EFS, CoBT ECUS Member</i>	P								1	0	0
Jennifer Flory <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Chair</i>	P								1	0	0
Catherine Fowler <i>EFS, CoHS, ECUS Chair Emeritus</i>	P								1	0	0
Lamonica Sanford <i>EFS, Library ECUS Member</i>	P								1	0	0
Costas Spirou <i>Provost</i>	P								1	0	0
Rob Sumowski <i>EFS, CoE ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P								1	0	0