

COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)
MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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)	
R	Nicolas Creel (CoBT, ECUS Member)	
P	Jennifer Flory (CoAS, ECUS Chair)	
P	Catherine Fowler (CoHS, ECUS Chair Emerita)	
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 2:03 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: A draft of the 7 Oct 2022 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 — Jennifer Flory

1. Presiding Officer Activities

a. USG Faculty Council

- i. Self-reported info re: notice of termination to faculty at different institutions: <https://bit.ly/USGcuts>
- ii. Executive Committee, October 18
- iii. USGFC Fall Meeting, Macon, October 20-21

b. Provost Meetings

- i. Called Meeting with Provost Spirou, Dr. Nadler, and Kay Anderson on 10/17 re: Religious Observance Policy
- ii. Monthly Meeting with Provost Spirou, 10/24
 - 1. Academic Innovation Task Force presentation to Presidential Cabinet and University Senate holiday gathering are in the process of being scheduled.

2. Budget cuts at \$8.4M for FY 24 plus an additional \$3M for FY25.
3. Post-Tenure Review Pause Policy
- iii. Additional Post-Tenure Review Pause Policy meetings
 1. 10/26 with Holley Roberts (AVP) and Sabrina Hom (FAPC chair)
 2. 11/3 with Provost Spirou, Holley Roberts (AVP), and Carol Ward (HR)
2. **University Senate Budget and Foundation Updates**
 - a. 1048105 University Senate (state account) has \$4,767.00.
 - b. F15320 University Senate (foundation) has \$263.79
3. **ECUS Discussion**
 - a. **Post-Tenure Review Pause Policy** ECUS discussed adding ADA language to the policy; taking FMLA leave at the same time as the PTR pause; using a USG document regarding probationary time toward tenure as a framework because the USG does not have a post-tenure review policy regarding pausing the process; and having faculty submit a narrative to the chair, dean, and provost for review.

Presiding Officer Elect Report — Rob Sumowski

1. **Election Oversight** Each of the colleges' election processes and constituency designations have been requested, and we are awaiting information from the University Library, CoAS, and CoHS. As per University Senate Bylaws, the due date for our receipt of this information is December 1. Electoral processes information collected thus far from COE and CoBT is as follows:
 - a. **CoBT** The CoBT Strategic Management Committee decides how the University Senate seats given to the CoBT will be allotted. Currently, there are four departments in the CoBT. Each department elects one senator, and the other two senators are elected by the CoBT faculty at-large.
 - b. **CoE** The CoE elects two senators each from each of its two departments: Professional Learning and Innovation and Teacher Education. Three of CoE's four senators will end their service on April 2023, necessitating the election of three senators at CoE's January 13, 2023 college meeting.
2. **Revised Slate of Nominees** Regarding the vacant University Library senate seat previously held by Jessamyn Swan, Shaundra Walker confirmed plans to elect a new senator at its November 8, 2022 meeting so that the new senator might participate in the November 18, 2022 senate meeting. I will forward the name of the Library's new representative once it has been received.
3. **USG Faculty Council** Jennifer Flory and I attended the two-day fall retreat of the USG Faculty Council on October 20-21, where we met with representatives of our USG sister institutions, Chancellor Perdue, and USG staff. Once minutes have been received from USG Faculty Council leadership, I will share pertinent information.
4. **2023 Governance Retreat** Shannon Gardner from the Provost's Office confirmed that there appear to be no conflicts with naming August 14, 2023 as the date for the 2023 University Senate Governance Retreat. Location: TBD.

V. Unfinished Business

1. **University Senate Handbook Review Committee** The significant change involves noting that the University President “may, in certain circumstances,” simply acknowledge a motion that is passed by Senate.”
 - a. **ECUS Action A Motion** to approve the *University Handbook* was made and seconded. **The motion was approved.**
2. **University Senate Recognitions** Stephen Rutner and the newly elected faculty senator from the Library will receive pins at the next meeting of University Senate.
3. **Governance Calendar 2023-2024** The revised draft is being reviewed by Academic Affairs. CTL is considering where to place new faculty orientation given the recently released academic calendar. In the past, new faculty had expressed concerns about not having time to prepare for class; therefore, orientation was moved to the beginning of the month.

VI. New Business

1. **2023 Governance Retreat** The date will be August 14. The First United Methodist Church offered a good retreat experience, and we plan to use it again.

VII. Open Discussion

1. There was no open discussion.

VIII. Next Meeting

1. **Calendar**
 - a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, November 18, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
 - b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, January 6, 2:00 p.m., Zoom
 - c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, January 6, 3:30 p.m., Zoom
 - d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, January 20, 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 2:30 p.m.**

X. Supporting Documents

1. There are two supporting documents.
 - a. *Supporting_USGFC_2022-10-21.pdf*

b. *Supporting_USGFCEC_2022-10-18.pdf*

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	P	P					3	0	0	
Cathy Cox <i>University President</i>	R	R	R					0	3	0	
Nicholas Creel <i>EFS, CoBT ECUS Member</i>	P	P	R					2	1	0	
Jennifer Flory <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Chair</i>	P	P	P					3	0	0	
Catherine Fowler <i>EFS, CoHS, ECUS Chair Emerita</i>	P	R	P					2	1	0	
Lamonica Sanford <i>EFS, Library ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P					3	0	0	
Costas Spirou <i>Provost</i>	P	P	P					3	0	0	
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