

**COMMITTEE NAME:** EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)  
**MEETING DATE & TIME:** FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024, 2:45-3:15 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 Secretary)	
<b>R</b>	Cathy Cox (University President)	
<b>P</b>	Nicolas Creel (CoBT, ECUS Member)	
<b>P</b>	Jennifer Flory (CoAS, ECUS Chair Emerita)	
<b>P</b>	Catherine Fowler (CoHS, ECUS Vice-Chair)	
<b>P</b>	Lamonica Sanford (Library, ECUS Member)	
<b>P</b>	Costas Spirou (Provost)	
<b>P</b>	Rob Sumowski (CoE, ECUS Chair)	

**Legend**

Highlighted text denotes follow-up.

**Bold denotes action or recommendation.**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by Rob Sumowski (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 9 Feb 2024 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 — Rob Sumowski**

1. **Presiding Officer Activities**

a. **Standing Committees**

i. I have been in touch with Standing Committee Chairs via phone and email as needed.

b. **System-Wide or Tier/Sector Meeting Attendance**

i. On February 8, 2024, I attended the Academic Leadership Team meeting in the Pat Peterson Education Room.

c. **Academic Conference Attendance**

i. From January 17-19, 2024, I attended the National Conference of the American Association of Colleges and Universities in Washington, DC along with Provost Spirou and Vice Provosts Holley Roberts and Jordan Cofer. We attended several thought-provoking and inspiring presentations and panel discussions on current trends in higher education as well as

Provost Spirou's presentation alongside national leaders from fellow COPLAC institutions. It was an extremely worthwhile and reflective experience.

- ii. Presiding Officer Elect Dr. Catherine Fowler chaired the January 19, 2024 University Senate meeting in my absence.
2. **University Senate Budget and Foundation Updates** FY 2023 (unchanged as of December 30, 2023):
  - a. 1048105 University Senate (state account) balance: \$4,767.00 as per Fina Endere
  - b. F15320 University Senate (Foundation) account balance: \$583.01 as per Ashley Banks

### **Presiding Officer Elect Report — Catherine Fowler**

1. **Election Results**
  - a. **College of Arts and Sciences** Matthew Forrest, Arnab Sengupta, Amy Sumpter, Bryan Hall
  - b. **College of Business and Technology** Frank Richardson, Nicholas Creel, Mehrnaz Hedayati, John Swinton
  - c. **College of Education** Bekir Mugayitoglu, Suzanna Roman Oliver
  - d. **University Library** Lamonica Sanford
  - e. **At Large** TBD- voting results on 2/15/24 by COB
2. **Elected Faculty Senators with a Term of Service Ending in April 2024**
  - a. Jennifer Flory, Catherine Fowler, Gregory Glotzbecker, Sandra Trujillo, James Welborn, Chris Greer, Lyndall Muschell, Lamonica Sanford, Nicholas Creel, Frank Richardson, John Swinton, Mehrnaz Hedayati
  - b. Thank you for your service to university senate to those who are finishing their terms in April 2024.

### **V. Unfinished Business**

1. There was no unfinished business.

### **VI. New Business**

1. There was no new business.

### **VII. Open Discussion**

1. There was no open discussion.

### **VIII. Next Meeting**

1. **Calendar**
  - a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, February 23, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272

- b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, March 1, 2:00 p.m., Parks Hall 301
  - c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, March 1, 3:30 p.m., Parks Hall 301
  - d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, March 15, 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. **Rob Sumowski 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 2:56 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.

**COMMITTEE NAME:** EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)

**COMMITTEE OFFICERS:** ROB SUMOWSKI (CHAIR), CATHERINE FOWLER (VICE-CHAIR), ALEX BLAZER (SECRETARY)

**ACADEMIC YEAR:** 2023-2024

**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	9/1	10/6	11/3	1/5	2/9	3/1	4/5	P	R	A	
Alex Blazer <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Secretary</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	
Cathy Cox <i>University President</i>	R	R	R	R	R			0	5	0	
Nicholas Creel <i>EFS, CoBT ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	
Jennifer Flory <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Chair Emerita</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	
Catherine Fowler <i>EFS, CoHS, ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	
Lamonica Sanford <i>EFS, Library ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	
Costas Spirou <i>Provost</i>	P	R	P	P	P			4	1	0	
Rob Sumowski <i>EFS, CoE ECUS Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	