

COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)
MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024, 2:45-3:15 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	Nicolas Creel (CoBT, ECUS Chair)	
P	Stephanie Jett (CoAS, ECUS Vice-Chair)	
R	Joyce Norris-Taylor (CoHS, ECUS Member)	
P	Holley Roberts (Provost)	
P	Lamonica Sanford (Library, ECUS Member)	
R	Rob Sumowski (CoE, ECUS Chair Emerita)	

Legend

Highlighted text denotes follow-up.

Bold denotes action or recommendation.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:53 p.m. by Nicholas Creel (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 Oct 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 — Nicholas Creel

1. **SGA Representation** What can be done to get SGA to appoint people to University Senate sooner?
2. **Budget Updates** I requested more frequent budget updates from the Provost, particularly given that we are expecting the coming budget cycles to be much better than years past.
3. **Herty Hall** I also asked the Provost to begin discussions on how campus will be reconfigured during the Herty Hall restoration.
4. **Campus Climate Survey**
 - a. Micheal Snowden might be doing this; Veronica Womack did one in 2019.
 - b. President Cox’s listening tour will have some transcripts and/or summaries to look to.
 - c. Some other issues to consider include:
 - i. Timeline for rollout?
 - ii. Who will administer it?
 - iii. What costs might be considered and possibly covered in rolling it out?

- iv. Who will get access to the data?
- v. How and when will we release the results from the analysis of the data?
- 5. **Non-Degree Programs** The [New York Times article on CalTech's non-degree programs](#) raised questions for our own non-degree programs. Following up with Continuing and Professional Education assuaged worries about third-party providers here at GCSU.
- 6. **University Senate Budget**
 - a. State Account: 3835.20
 - b. Foundation Account: 93.75
- 7. **ECUS Discussion**
 - a. **Campus Climate Survey**
 - i. Question: Is there a regular rotation of campus-wide surveys?
 - ii. Comment: Any item distributed to all faculty must be approved by the President and/or Executive Cabinet and/or the Institutional Review Board.
 - iii. Comment: Since University Senate is an advisory body, should a standing committee such as RPIPC be designated to receive major institutional surveys, read the results, and advise the administration?
 - iv. Follow Up: Any major survey goes to ECUS-SCC to steer to the appropriate standing committee.

Presiding Officer Elect Report — Stephanie Jett

- 1. **Election Oversight**
 - a. Apportionment with and without administration included in the Corps of Instruction were prepared and shared with ECUS and ECUS-SCC. SCoN (ECUS-SCC) will vote on whether or not to include administrators in the Corps of Instruction list.
 - b. Election oversight materials (letters to the deans and library director, apportionment, corps of instruction list), appendices) were prepared and shared with ECUS and ECUS-SCC. SCoN (ECUS-SCC) will vote on these materials.
 - c. Once approved, letters will be sent to the College Deans and Library Director to start the elections process.

V. Unfinished Business

- 1. There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

- 1. **Governance Calendar 2024-25 Revision** Governance meetings in February 2025 were shifted to accommodate the date change of the President's State of the University Address. Academic Affairs reviewed and approved of the changes.
 - a. **ECUS Action A Motion** to approve the revised governance calendar was made and second. **The motion to was approved.**

VII. Open Discussion

1. There was no open discussion.

VIII. Next Meeting

1. Calendar

- a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, October 18, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
 - b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, November 1, 2:00 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, November 1, 3:30 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, November 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. **Nicholas Creel 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 3:24 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: NICHOLAS CREEL (CHAIR), STEPHANIE (VICE-CHAIR), ALEX BLAZER (SECRETARY)

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2024-2025

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	3/7	4/4	P	R	A	
Alex Blazer <i>EFS, CoAS</i> <i>ECUS Secretary</i>	P	P						2	0	0	
Cathy Cox <i>University President</i>	R	R						0	2	0	
Nicholas Creel <i>EFS, CoBT</i> <i>ECUS Chair</i>	P	P						2	0	0	
Stephanie Jett <i>EFS, CoAS</i> <i>ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P	P						2	0	0	
Joyce Norris-Taylor <i>EFS, CoHS</i> <i>ECUS Member</i>	P	R						1	1	0	
Holley Roberts <i>Provost</i>	P	P						2	0	0	
Lamonica Sanford <i>EFS, Library</i> <i>ECUS Member</i>	P	P						2	0	0	
Rob Sumowski <i>EFS, CoE</i> <i>ECUS Chair Emerita</i>	P	R						1	1	0	