

COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)
MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025, 2:45-3:15 P.M.
MEETING LOCATION: MICROSOFT TEAMS

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)	
P	Joyce Norris-Taylor (CoHS, ECUS Member)	
P	Holley Roberts (Provost)	
P	Lamonica Sanford (Library, ECUS Member)	
P	Rob Sumowski (CoE, ECUS Chair Emerita)	
GUESTS		
Tanya Goette, Interim Dean, CoBT and Academic Calendar Committee Chair		
Dan Nadler, Vice President of Student Life		

Legend

Highlighted text denotes follow-up.

Bold denotes action or recommendation.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:48 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 1 Nov 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. **Academic Calendar Issue** I have invited Tanya Goette, Chair of the Academic Calendar Committee, and Dan Nadler, member of the Academic Calendar Committee, to address an academic calendar question raised by faculty.
2. **University Senate Budget and Foundation Updates**
 - a. State Account: \$3,835.20
 - b. Foundation Account: \$93.75

Presiding Officer Elect Report — Stephanie Jett

1. **At-Large Elected Faculty Senator Election Procedure** At-large EFS election procedures and timeline will be presented at ECUS-SCC.

2. **New Business for February**

- a. Should Deans, Associate Deans, and Chairs be allowed to serve as EFS?
 - i. If they are listed on the Corps of Instruction list, then they can serve as EFS.
 - ii. Given the extensive additional responsibilities of the aforementioned individuals as well as the power differential that exists between faculty and these CoI administrators, should ECUS amend the by-laws to exclude them from being elected as EFS?
 - iii. What about serving as appointees?

V. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Ad Hoc AI Policy Committee** The Provost noted that other colleges have similar AI committees and that we need such a hub at our institution. It was suggested that the committee could be composed of one person from each standing committee and the committee could invite individuals in relevant positions from around campus to also serve.

VI. **New Business**

1. **Academic Calendar Issue** In response to a procedural question raised by faculty, Provost Roberts, Vice President Nadler, and Dean Goette explained that the committee typically meets in the spring but met in September this year. The committee's calendar recommendation is reviewed by the Provost and Executive Cabinet; and the calendar is changed along the way. It was suggested that since this faculty question appeared to involve transparency of process, senators serving on university-wide committees could be asked to report their committee's work to Senate on a regular basis. When the conversation turned to classes being held on Tuesday before Thanksgiving, it was suggested that Student Life should remind both students and parents that Tuesday is class day.
2. **Governance Calendar 2024-2025** Alex Blazer shared the draft, which was under review by both the President's Office and Provost's Office.

VII. **Open Discussion**

1. There was no open discussion.

VIII. **Next Meeting**

1. **Calendar**
 - a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, January 24, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
 - b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, February 7, 2:00 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, February 7, 3:30 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, February 28, 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 3:15 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 JETT (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 ECUS Secretary</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	
Cathy Cox <i>University President</i>	R	R	R	R				0	4	0	
Nicholas Creel <i>EFS, CoBT ECUS Chair</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	
Stephanie Jett <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	
Joyce Norris-Taylor <i>EFS, CoHS ECUS Member</i>	P	R	P	P				3	1	0	
Holley Roberts <i>Provost</i>	P	P	R	P				3	1	0	
Lamonica Sanford <i>EFS, Library ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	
Rob Sumowski <i>EFS, CoE ECUS Chair Emerita</i>	P	R	R	P				2	2	0	