

COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)
MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025, 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)	
P	Joyce Norris-Taylor (CoHS, ECUS Member)	
P	Holley Roberts (Provost)	
P	Lamonica Sanford (Library, ECUS Member)	
P	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 3:11 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 10 Jan 2025 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. Ad Hoc AI Policy Committee An AI study Committee charter has been written, giving it a two year charge to examine and recommend policy in this area. The committee will be composed of University Senate members with guaranteed representation of each college, university staff, the student body, and the administration. Given the string push from the USG to develop policy in this area I strongly recommended we pass this.
2. Bylaws Revision Also, given recent developments, we need to look into renaming DEIPC and rewording its charter. This should be done by the end of the Senate term.
3. University Senate Budget and Foundation Updates
 - a. State Account: \$3,835.20
 - b. Foundation Account: \$93.75

Presiding Officer Elect Report — Stephanie Jett

1. Election Oversight Election results will be posted to FrontPage.

- a. CoAS
 - i. Biological and Environmental Sciences: Christine Mutiti
 - ii. Chemistry, Physics, and Astronomy: Peter Rosado and Sayo Fakayode
 - iii. English: Alex Blazer and Sidonia Serafini
 - iv. Mathematics: George Cazacu
 - v. Philosophy, Religion, and Liberal Studies: Sabrina Hom
 - vi. Psychological Science: Stephanie Jett
 - vii. Theatre and Dance: Amy Pinney
 - b. CoBT
 - i. MIS: Brad Fowler
 - c. CoHS
 - i. Nursing: Shantee Henry
2. **At-Large Senator Election** The at-large faculty senator nomination will be sent to Corps of Instruction faculty on Feb 10th. Nominations will close on Feb 14th at 5 p.m.
 3. **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. **Governance Calendar 2024-2025** The President's and Provost's Offices are reviewing the calendar.
2. **DEIPC** The committee decided to change not only the name of the standing committee but also update the language in the standing committee's scope. **Follow Up: Alex Blazer will revise the standing committee bylaws and ECUS will vote on a bylaws motion by February 18** so the motion can be read at February's meeting of University Senate and voted on at March's meeting.
3. **Ad Hoc AI Policy Committee** Nicholas Creel shared the charter, and the committee suggested revisions. A **Motion** to approve the creation of the ad hoc committee was made and seconded. **The charter was approved.**

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 28, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
 - b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, March 7, 2:45 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, March 7, 3:30 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, April 25, 2:00 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
 - e. University Senate Meeting (Organizational) – Friday, April 25, 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 3:22 p.m.**

X. Supporting Documents

1. There is one supporting document.
 - a. *Supporting-AdHocAIPolicyCommittee_2025-01-28_DRAFT AI committee charter mentioned in the Presiding Officer report.*

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	2/7	3/7	4/4	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 Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	
Stephanie Jett <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	
Joyce Norris-Taylor <i>EFS, CoHS ECUS Member</i>	P	R	P	P	P			4	1	0	
Holley Roberts <i>Provost</i>	P	P	R	P	P			4	1	0	
Lamonica Sanford <i>EFS, Library ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P	P			5	0	0	
Rob Sumowski <i>EFS, CoE ECUS Chair Emerita</i>	P	R	R	P	P			3	2	0	