

COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)

MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, APR 4, 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 2:51 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 7 Mar 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. **Modified Operations Policy** work continues. I’ve been in contact with Staff Council and multiple committees to help draft a final policy for the end of term Senate meeting.
2. **Parking Updates** Information has been slow to come out on this, but I’ve been working to help clarify points on this and encourage wide dissemination of the new policies before they roll out
3. **USG and Federal Policy Updates** Nothing new has developed formally. A state level bill is being considered that could require further restriction of anything related to diversity, equity, and inclusion with the threat of total funding rescission for non-compliance. Should it pass, we believe it might be legally challenged which would at least delay implementation.
4. **ECUS Discussion**
 - a. **Parking Updates**
 - i. Question: Are employees purchasing a pass for a specific lot or all employee lots?

- ii. Comment: Passes should go on sale on Friday, May 2 during the common meeting time.
- iii. Comment: Early College spots will be grandfathered in; the school system pays for their spots.
- iv. Comment: The number of commuter spaces were reduced to mitigate employee parking space concerns.
- v. Comment: The shuttle system should circle every 6-8 minutes.
- vi. Comment: The new \$50 permit is for the Irwin St lot only.
- vii. Question: What does seniority mean? Is it rank or length of service?
- viii. Comment: We need to be open-minded about the roll out of the new parking plan.
- ix. Comment: We need to have the policy properly and accurately communicated.
- x. Comment: The new parking policy was released on the parking website before the Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee was informed of the policy.

b. USG and Federal Policy Updates

- i. Question: If the bill is passed, would GCSU eliminate the Office of Inclusion and Belonging?
- ii. Response (Provost): Although we eliminate programming, not positions, I am not sure. Our goal is to keep our work moving forward, to keep our people and navigate as best as we can.

Presiding Officer Elect Report — Stephanie Jett

- 1. **2025-2026 Slate of Nominees** Standing committee and university-wide committee assignments were discussed.
 - a. Brad Fowler was moved from FAPC back to RPIPC by request.
 - b. Lamonica Sanford was moved from FAPC to SAPC by compliance necessity.
 - c. Joyce Norris-Taylor accepted SCoN and ECUS's nomination for 2025-2026 POE. Her nomination Will be put up for a vote on the floor at University on April 28, along with a call for other nominations from the floor.
 - d. The AI Policy Review Committee was established with representatives from all colleges and units, including the Graduate School. Invitations from ECUS will be extended to Jim Berger (CTL) and Ward Risvold (CoBT); and we are awaiting the Presidential Appointee on April 7.
 - e. I will create a motion for the current slate to be voted on for our last US meeting on April 28.

V. Unfinished Business

- 1. **2025-2026 Governance Calendar** Due to a conflict with move in day, the Governance Retreat was moved from Thursday, August 14 to Monday, August 11.
 - a. **ECUS Action A Motion** to approve the calendar was made and seconded. **The agenda was approved.**

VI. New Business

1. **ECUS Action** A **Motion** *to extend the meeting by 10 minutes* was made and seconded. **The motion was approved.**
2. **Senate Recognitions** Certificates are being prepared.
3. **Modified Operations Policy** A policy is being developed; Care Smith is involved in the process.

VII. Open Discussion

1. There was no open discussion.

VIII. Next Meeting

1. **Calendar**
 - a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, April 28, 2:00 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
 - b. University Senate Organizational Meeting – Friday, April 28, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
 - c. Governance Retreat – Monday, August 11, 9:00 a.m., Location TBA
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 3:27 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	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Cathy Cox <i>University President</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	0	7	0	
Nicholas Creel <i>EFS, CoBT ECUS Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Stephanie Jett <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	6	1	0	
Joyce Norris-Taylor <i>EFS, CoHS ECUS Member</i>	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	6	1	0	
Holley Roberts <i>Provost</i>	P	P	R	P	P	R	P	5	2	0	
Lamonica Sanford <i>EFS, Library ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Rob Sumowski <i>EFS, CoE ECUS Chair Emerita</i>	P	R	R	P	P	P	P	5	2	0	