

COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)

MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025, 2:30-3:15 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 Emerita)	
P	Holly Croft (Library, ECUS Member)	
P	Stephanie Jett (CoAS, ECUS Chair)	
P	Joyce Norris-Taylor (CoHS, ECUS Vice-Chair)	
R	Holley Roberts (Provost)	
R	Rob Sumowski (CoE, ECUS Member)	

Legend

Highlighted text denotes follow-up.

Bold denotes action or recommendation.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. by Stephanie Jett (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 3 Oct 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 — Stephanie Jett

1. **Campus Safety** During my meetings around campus with faculty, staff, and administrators, there has been an expressed concern regarding campus safety
2. **Public CV** The first phase is posting the CV and the second phase is creating a consistent look of faculty and staff pages on GCSU websites. There are different interpretations of whether office addresses are required, and we are awaiting the administration’s final decision.
3. **Records Retention** Some materials held on GeorgiaVIEW do not need to be held while other materials do.
4. **Budget**
 - a. State Account: \$3,977.00
 - b. Foundation Account: \$721.67
5. **ECUS Discussion**
 - a. **Records Retention**

- i. Comment: Our policy doesn't match what the state requires. Students have a full semester to contest their grade if they are enrolled and a full year if they are not enrolled. Eventually, we are going to be required to use GeorgiaVIEW for grade entry.

Presiding Officer Elect Report — Joyce Norris-Taylor

1. **Election Oversight** Letters regarding 2026-2027 elections have been sent to the College Deans and Library Director.

V. Unfinished Business

1. There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

1. **Artificial Intelligence Policy Review Committee** The committee met with Mandy Jariel to discuss implementation. The committee will create academic guidance for faculty on how to use AI so faculty can have conversations with students about ethical and appropriate use of AI in their academic disciplines.

VII. Open Discussion

1. **University Senate Funds** The committee discussed uses for University Senate funding.
2. **University Senate Conversation** The committee discussed concerns about louder voices on Senate, the responsibility of chairs to keep their committees on task, and an ECUS-SCC retreat.
3. **University Senate Website** Because no IT staff are able to work with Drupal, IT hired an outside team to bring senate.gcsu.edu up to security code.
4. **Standing Committees** The committee discussed the charge of current and past standing committees, specifically the Belonging and Inclusion Policy Committee and the University Curriculum Committee.

VIII. Next Meeting

1. **Calendar**
 - a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, November 14, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
 - b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, January 9, 2:00 p.m., Online
 - c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, January 9, 3:30 p.m., Online
 - d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, January 23, 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. Stephanie Jett 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: STEPHANIE JETT (CHAIR), JOYCE NORRIS-TAYLOR (VICE-CHAIR), ALEX BLAZER (SECRETARY)

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2025-2026

AGGREGATE MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR:

“P” denotes Present, “R” denotes Regrets, “A” denotes Absent

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	9/5	10/3	10/31	1/9	2/13	3/6	4/3	P	R	A	
Alex Blazer <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Secretary</i>	P	P	P					3	0	0	
Cathy Cox <i>University President</i>	R	R	R					0	3	0	
Nicholas Creel <i>EFS, CoBT ECUS Chair Emerita</i>	R	R	P					1	2	0	
Holly Croft <i>EFS, Library ECUS Member</i>	R	P	P					2	1	0	
Stephanie Jett <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Chair</i>	P	P	P					3	0	0	
Joyce Norris-Taylor <i>EFS, CoHS ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P	P	P					3	0	0	
Holley Roberts <i>Provost</i>	P	P	R					2	1	0	
Rob Sumowski <i>EFS, CoE ECUS Member</i>	P	R	RP					1	2	0	