**Committee Name** Executive Committee of the University Senate (ECUS) with Standing Committee Chairs

**Meeting Date & Time** 07 December 2018; 3:30 –4:45

**Meeting Location** Parks Administration Building, Room 301

**Attendance**

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| **Members “P” denotes Present, “A” denotes Absent, “R” denotes Regrets** | | | |
| P | Donna Bennett (Library, ECUS Member) | P | John Swinton (CoB, ECUS Member) |
| P | Alex Blazer (CoAS, ECUS Chair) | P | Craig Turner (CoAS, ECUS Secretary) |
| P | Kelli Brown (Provost) | P | Rodica Cazacu (CoAS, APC Chair) |
| R | Nicole DeClouette (CoE, ECUS Chair Emeritus) | P | Mary Magoulick (CoAS, EAPC Chair) |
| R | Steve Dorman (University President) | P | Ashley Taylor (CoAS, FAPC Chair) |
| P | Glynnis Haley (CoHS, ECUS Member) | P | Diana Young (CoAS, RPIPC Chair) |
| P | David Johnson (CoAS, ECUS Vice-Chair) | P | Joanna Schwartz (CoB, SAPC Chair) |
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| Guests  |  | | --- | | None | | | | |
|  | *Italicized text denotes information from a previous meeting.* |  |  |
|  | \*Denotes new discussion on old business. |  |  |

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| Agenda Topic | Discussions & Conclusions | Action or Recommendations | Follow-Up {including dates/responsible person, status (pending, ongoing, completed)} |
| **I. Call to Order** | The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Alex Blazer (Chair). |  |  |
| **II. Approval of Agenda** | A **motion** *to approve the agenda* was made and seconded. | The agenda was approved as circulated. |  |
| **III. Approval of Minutes** | A **motion** *to approve the minutes of the 2 Nov 2018 meeting of the Executive Committee with Standing Committee Chairs* was made and seconded. A draft of these minutes had been circulated to the meeting attendees via email with no revisions offered. Thus, the minutes had been posted as circulated. | The minutes of the 2 Nov 2018 Executive Committee with Standing Committee Chairs meeting were approved as posted, so no additional action was required. |  |
| **IV. Reports** |  |  |  |
| **President’s Report**  **President Dorman** | As President Dorman had extended *Regrets* and was unable to attend this meeting, there was no President’s Report. |  |  |
| **Provost’s Report**  **Provost Kelli Brown** | Provost Brown indicated she had no report. |  |  |
| **Subcommittee on Nominations (SCoN)**  **David Johnson** | 1. **Motions** SCoN has no motions to submit for university senate consideration at its 25 Jan 2019 meeting. 2. **Officers** The 2018-19 SCoN officers are David Johnson (Chair), (No Vice-Chair position) and Craig Turner (Secretary). 3. **University Senate Representative** One new university senate representative has been named since the last meeting: Jamie Addy to the *Academic Affairs Special Fee Committee* with a 2018-2021 term of service. |  |  |
| **Executive Committee of the University Senate (ECUS)**  **Alex Blazer** | 1. **Motions** ECUS has no motions for university senate consideration at its 25 Jan 2019 meeting. 2. **Officers** The 2018-19 ECUS officers are Alex Blazer (Chair), David Johnson (Vice-Chair) and Craig Turner (Secretary). 3. **Meeting** ECUS met on 07 Dec 2018 from 2:00pm to 3:15pm. The following topics were discussed.    1. **2018-2019 Governance Calendar** will be updated to reflect the revised scheduling of two events it advertises in February 2019.       1. The start time of *The State of the University Address* will now be 1:00pm – rather than 2:00pm – on Friday, 8 Feb 2019.       2. *Service Recognition Ceremony* will immediately follow *The State of the University Address* on Friday, 8 Feb 2019 – rather than be held starting at 3:30pm on Friday, 15 Feb 2019.    2. **Inventory and Review of Official Documents including but not limited to the Governance History, University Senate Handbook** John Swinton and Nicole DeClouette have edited these documents and are considering protocols for revision and adoption.    3. **University Senate Representation on University-Wide Committees** While two committees need to be confirmed and a few details need to be clarified, the majority of the review is complete. Once polished, the document will be shared with President Dorman for publication on both the University and University Senate websites. Following up on ECUS’s November discussion regarding elected faculty senators as well as those from certain committees and those with certain skill sets serving on particular committees, the proposed procedure for the identification and appointment of University Senate representatives to university-wide committees is as follows:    * In February, SCoN confirms both the status (terminating, continuing, new for following year) of each committee for the following year as well as whether the current representatives will continue serving on their university-wide committees next year and makes a list of representative openings.    * In March, SCoN includes University-Wide Committee preferences in the Standing Committee Preference poll sent to Elected Faculty Senators. The preference poll should include not only committee preference, but level of interest in serving on the committee.    * In the April University Senate Organizational Meeting, the University Senate reviews the proposed slate of university senate representative nominees for university committees in addition to the slate of nominees for university senate officers and positions on university senate committees. In each case, the university senate can approve the slate either as presented or with revisions.    * During the academic year, when a representative resigns from a committee or a representative is needed for a new committee, SCoN calls for a replacement or volunteer, subject to the approval of the university senate at its next meeting.    1. **2019-2020 Governance Calendar** A workgroup comprised of Alex Blazer, David Johnson, and Craig Turner has begun work on the 2019-2020 governance calendar. Most advertised (i.e. not the designated governance meetings) events have been confirmed. ECUS endorsed the proposal – the placement of the governance meetings for department, college, university senate, university senate committees, ECUS-SCC and open (undesignated) into the 2:00-3:15 and 3:30-4:45 Friday timeslots – submitted by the workgroup; the calendar is on track to be shared with University Senate in early spring. Provost Brown alerted ECUS that Chris Ferland and Cara Smith will meet with ECUS about the creation of a Student Assessment Day.    2. **Consent Agenda** Following up on a recommendation by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer queried ECUS if it would like to use a consent agenda, but there was no interest to do so.the    3. **Foundation Account** No update, as the Presiding Officer (PO) forgot that he has to request the report since it is automatically sent to the signature authorities (Monica Starley, Jen Yearwood) rather than the PO.    4. **Budget**       1. 2018-2019 Budget: $5000.00          1. Travel (USG Faculty Council Meetings): $675.00          2. Office Supplies & Expenses (Printing, Retreat, etc.): $4325.00       2. November Expenses:          1. None       3. Total Expended AY 2018-2019: $3402.84       4. Remaining Balance: **$1597.16** |  |  |
| **Academic Policy Committee**  **(APC)**  **Rodica Cazacu** | 1. **Motions** APC has no motions to submit for university senate consideration at its 25 Jan 2019 meeting. 2. **Officers** The 2018-19 APC officers are Rodica Cazacu (Chair), Lyndall Muschell (Vice-Chair) and Sarah Handwerker (Secretary). 3. **Meeting** The Academic Policy Committee met on 07 Dec 2018 from 2:00pm to 3:15pm. The following topics were discussed.    1. **SGA Academic Resolution on University Grading Policies** Taylor Carswell, the chair of the Academic Affairs Committee of the SGA (Student Government Association) and Brenda Solomon, a member of the same committee, came to present their proposal and ask for feedback from APC. All APC members had the proposed resolution to review and they were able to give their feedback and hear students’ arguments. The resolution refers to midterm grade submission requesting a midterm grade submission for all courses, not just the 1000-2000 level ones. Since APC believes the existing grading policy at GC already covers all the issues students presented, there were several recommendations made:  * Talk to the deans and chairs to make them aware of problems in their college and department, respectively. * Students should be advised to talk to their instructor and request the feedback if they don’t receive it on time. * Advise students to act on their problems and report instructors who do not comply with the existing policy when nothing else can be done. * Make students aware of the Academic Grievance Policy at GC, which is mentioned in all syllabi.   1. **Plagiarism Software: Changing the Default Settings in Banner** Bryan Marshall was interested in discussing the possibility of recommending that the plagiarism software usage box in Banner be checked by default and anyone not wanting to use the plagiarism-detecting software can opt out or leave it be. Currently, if we are going to use any plagiarism-detection software, our administrative assistants must check the box each semester or we are not allowed to use the software. Some departments or even colleges have the box checked for all courses each semester even if the software is not used.      1. **ECUS-SCC Deliberation** Those who spoke supported the default being to check the box that the plagiarism software would be used. This does not require – yet does enable – an instructor to use plagiarism software. In short, an opt-out versus the current opt-in approach was supported by those individuals who expressed their position on this matter. There was no formal vote taken to gauge the preference of the full membership of ECUS-SCC. |  |  |
| **Educational and Assessment Policy Committee (EAPC)**  **Mary Magoulick** | 1. **Motions** EAPC has no motions to submit for university senate consideration at its 25 Jan 2019 meeting. 2. **Officers** The 2018-19 EAPC officers are Mary Magoulick (Chair), Matt Forrest (Vice-Chair) and Christine Mutiti (Secretary). 3. **Meeting** The Educational and Assessment Policy Committee did not meet on 07 Dec 2018 from 2:00pm to 3:15pm as there were no items of business requiring the attention of this committee. |  |  |
| **Faculty Affairs Policy Committee (FAPC)**  **Ashley Taylor** | 1. **Motions** FAPC has no motions to submit for consideration by the university senate at its 25 Jan 2019 meeting. 2. **Officers** The 2018-19 FAPC officers are Ashley Taylor (Chair), Angela Criscoe (Vice-Chair) and Olha Osobov (Secretary). 3. **Meeting** The Faculty Affairs Policy Committee did not meet on 07 Dec 2018 from 2:00pm to 3:15pm as there were no items of business requiring the attention of this committee. |  |  |
| **Resources, Planning and Institutional Policy Committee (RPIPC)**  **Diana Young** | 1. **Motions** RPIPC has no motions to submit for university senate consideration at its 25 Jan 2019 meeting. 2. **Officers** The 2018-19 RPIPC officers are Diana Young (Chair), Darryl Richardson (Vice-Chair) and Marcela Chiorescu (Secretary). 3. **Meetings** The Resources, Planning and Institutional Policy Committee did not meet on 07 Dec 2018 from 2:00pm to 3:15pm as there were no items of business requiring the attention of this committee. | . |  |
| **Student Affairs Policy Committee (SAPC)**  **Joanna Schwartz** | 1. **Motions** SAPC has no motions to submit for university senate consideration at its 25 Jan 2019 meeting. 2. **Officers** The 2018-19 SAPC officers are Joanna Schwartz (Chair), Monica Ketchie (Vice-Chair) and Guy Biyogmam (Secretary). 3. **Meeting** The Student Affairs Policy Committee did not meet on 07 Dec 2018 from 2:00pm to 3:15pm as there were too many regrets received to meet quorum. |  |  |
| **V. Information Items** Actions/Recommendations |  |  |  |
| **University Senate Budgets**  **Alex Blazer** | 1. **Foundation Account** for university senate is now established and the balance will be reported at our next meeting. 2. **Balance** The balance of the university senate budget ($5000 allocation annually) is presently at **$1597.16** as there were no expenditures since the last ECUS-SCC meeting. Anticipated expenditures include the reimbursement of attendance expenditures for USGFC meeting attendees <David Johnson and Glynnis Haley> for the spring 2019 USGFC meeting. |  |  |
| **University Senate Representatives**  **Alex Blazer** | **7 Sep 2018**   1. *Alex Blazer noted that the inventory of university committees or university task forces desiring one or more university senate representatives is in preparation.*    1. *Alex Blazer is presently contacting point persons of these groups to determine/clarify their needs.*    2. *Alex Blazer noted that he is supplementing the current minimal information (name of group <committee, task force, etc.>, name of university senate representative) with* 2. *desired position characteristic(s) (faculty, staff, student, etc.),* 3. *term of service of position* 4. *selection process of position* 5. *membership of group* 6. *charge of group*   **5 Oct 2018**  *This agenda item was postponed to the next ECUS-SCC meeting due to a shortage of time.*  **2 Nov 2018**  *An update on this item was provided in the ECUS report.*  **7 Dec 2018**  An update on this item was provided in the ECUS report. |  |  |
| **Inventory and Review of Official Documents of the University Senate**  **Nicole DeClouette**  **John Swinton** | **7 Sep 2018**   1. *At the 2018 Governance Retreat, Nicole DeClouette and John Swinton agreed to serve as the ECUS work group on this initiative.* 2. *Presently other obligations are taking precedence for both Nicole DeClouette and John Swinton, and they anticipate making some progress on this initiative by the 5 Oct 2018 ECUS meeting.* 3. *A brief discussion included the following talking points.*    1. *There is a list of official documents in the supporting document University Senate Highlights for the 2018 governance retreat which includes university senate mission, vision, beliefs, governing concepts, meeting etiquette, governance history, and the university senator handbook.*    2. *A suggestion was made to fold all of these official documents into the university senator handbook (as chapters) updating as necessary the documents for accuracy, currency, as well as for compliance with university senate bylaws AND adding a revision process. In this way, there will be only one official document to maintain going forward.*   **5 Oct 2018**  *As both John Swinton and Nicole DeClouette had extended regrets and were unable to attend this meeting, Alex Blazer read into the record their update.*  *The governance history has been reformatted (larger font) and added as a proposed new section to the university senate handbook. Our next step is to bring this history and references to university senate bylaws up to date. After that, we will draft a proposed revision process to guide future handbook updates*.  **2 Nov 2018**  *An update on this item was provided in the ECUS report.*  **7 Dec 2018**  An update on this item was provided in the ECUS report. |  |  |
| **VI. Unfinished Business Review of Action & Recommendations, Provide updates (if any) to Follow-up** |  |  |  |
| **Retreat Sessions on Possible Revisions to University Senate and Assessment** | **7 Sep 2018**  *This agenda item was postponed to the next ECUS-SCC meeting due to a shortage of time.*  **5 Oct 2018**  *Alex Blazer invited feedback on the proposal to consolidate the scopes of EAPC and APC and dissolve EAPC. A question of what would happen to the EAPC members – would they have a committee assignment? One suggestion was to continue EAPC during 2018-2019 and invite them to assist with the assessment reports pertaining to the upcoming 5-year SACS review. No position was adopted by the full membership present at this meeting as there was not time to do so.*  *This agenda item was postponed to the next ECUS-SCC meeting due to a shortage of time. Discussion might continue via email.*  **2 Nov 2018** *Each of the four topics were taken up in the order they were provided in the supporting document disseminated along with the meeting agenda.*   1. *University Senate Officer Selection*    1. *Contextual information was provided to present the current process by which the Presiding Officer Elect and Secretary are selected. The process requires SCoN to nominate a single candidate for each officer position. The university senate bylaws compel the Presiding Officer to extend an invitation for nominations from the floor at the organizational meeting.*    2. *The point of concern is that a successful candidate nominated from the floor could cause a significant ripple effect into the slate of nominees as the SCoN’s nominee might be displaced from ECUS and displace another when assigned to a committee and this displacement could domino across multiple committees.*    3. *In spite of this potential shortcoming of the current process, there was not sufficient interest in pursuing an alternate university senate officer process at this time.* 2. *Organizational Committee Meetings*    1. *Recently (the last two to three years), organizational committee meetings have not been well attended and multiple committees have not met the quorum needed to call the meeting to order to organize which includes the election of committee officers and considering tentative agenda items for the committee to consider in the coming year based on a review of the annual report from the previous year’s committee.*    2. *A* ***motion*** *to conduct organizational committee meetings during the committee breakout session of the governance retreat was made, seconded and adopted with no further discussion. When it was noted that this would require a revision to the university senate bylaws, a* ***motion*** *to modify the university senate bylaw language pertaining to organizational committee meetings to reflect the preference expressed in the previous motion was made, seconded, and adopted with no further discussion. The suggested timing of presenting this motion to university senate was proposed to be Feb/March to allow the accumulation of any other university senate bylaws revisions that are proposed between now and then.* 3. *Standing Committee Structure*    1. *It was noted that EAPC has had no business since its recent creation as a CAPC (Curriculum and Assessment Policy Committee) replacement.*    2. *A proposal to dissolve EAPC and merge the scopes of EAPC and APC was made. The talking points were as follows.*       1. *The number of volunteer positions on APC, SAPC, RPIPC, and FAPC will be reduced in the aggregate by seven due to the seven elected faculty senator positions displaced from EAPC. While the option to mitigate this reduction in volunteer positions (which give a corps of instruction faculty member the opportunity to try out governance with a one year term of service as a volunteer) by adding two corps of instruction positions to each of APC, SAPC, RPIPC, and FAPC and making them of size fifteen rather than thirteen, the prospect of enlarging committee size was not appealing to a majority of those present. Thus enlarging the committee size was not accepted.*       2. *Assessment should be intentionally placed in a committee scope (so as not to lose it) and this would likely be incorporated into the scope of APC.*       3. *Alex Blazer was charged to consult with EAPC to confirm the current membership of the 2018-2019 EAPC (who have not yet met due to lack of business) are supportive of the dissolution of EAPC and report back at the next meeting of ECUS-SCC. This EAPC consultation is necessary due to the absence of the EAPC Chair who may have been able to supply this information during this meeting.* 4. *Attendance*    1. *There was agreement not to apply any punitive measures on individuals who establish a pattern of not attending meetings of university senate or its committees, but rather to reach out to these individuals to offer assistance in and encouragement to being present to future meetings.*    2. *The Presiding Officer Elect (David Johnson) offered to be one to reach out as necessary. His kind offer was quickly accepted by those present. So it was agreed that committee chairs and university senate officers should route the names of individuals establishing a pattern of not attending to David Johnson and he would reach out to these individuals to encourage and assist in resolving the attendance concern.*   **7 Dec 2018** The discussion on two of the four aforementioned topics continued.   1. Committee Organizational Meetings    1. There was agreement by those present to form a bylaws revision work group to draft proposed revisions to the university senate bylaws pertaining to the rescheduling of the standing committee organizational meetings.    2. There was a recommendation to keep the language flexible (rather than prescribe the committee breakout session of the governance retreat, designate a body such as ECUS or ECUS-SCC to be the authority to annually set the timing of these organizational meetings) to avoid the necessity of another revision on this scheduling in the future.    3. Volunteers to this bylaws revision work group were Alex Blazer, David Johnson, and Craig Turner. 2. Standing Committee Structure    1. There was agreement by those present to form a bylaws revision work group to draft proposed revisions to the university senate bylaws pertaining to the standing committee structure.    2. There was a recommendation to propose the dissolution of EAPC and merge the scopes of APC and EAPC.    3. There was a recommendation not to increase the committee sizes of existing committees recognizing that this would reduce the number of faculty volunteers necessary to populate these committees going forward. There are plenty of service opportunities for university faculty to include in particular the UCC (University Curriculum Committee) GEC (General Education Committee).    4. It was noted that the 2017-2018 EAPC annual report included the following recommendations:       1. The committee recommends that the charge of the committee be examined based on the needs of the university.       2. The committee recommends considering the consolidation of the Educational and Assessment Policy Committee and the Academic Policy Committee.    5. It was noted that the 2018-2019 EAPC held an email vote regarding the dissolution of EAPC. Of the seven EAPC members that cast votes, all seven supported its dissolution.    6. The inclusion of faculty oversight of assessment in the combined scope was proposed.       1. Proponents indicated this oversight is founded on AAUP principles.       2. Critics suggested that it would be rather unusual to have faculty oversee an office, in this case the office of university assessment.       3. A compromise position was reached to clarify the faculty oversight proposal would be realized satisfactorily if we maintain the existing threads of the EAPC scope pertaining to the advisory role on academic assessment as well as the responsibility to review and recommend for or against policy relating to academic assessment.    7. Volunteers to this bylaws revision work group were Alex Blazer, David Johnson, Mary Magoulick, John Swinton, and Craig Turner. |  |  |
| **VII. New Business** Actions/Recommendations |  |  |  |
| **Steering of Items to Committees**  **Alex Blazer** | At the time of this meeting, there were no items that required steering to a committee. |  |  |
| **University Senate Agenda and Minutes Review** | 1. **Tentative Agenda 25 Jan 2019** Based on the committee reports at this meeting    1. **Motions** There will be no motions on the agenda of this meeting of the university senate.    2. **Reports** Administrative reports and committee reports and an update on the activities of the University Curriculum Committee (UCC), and the Faculty Salary Review Task Force will also be agenda items.    3. **Potential Speakers** recommended to receive an invitation to provide updates included Dr. Veronica Womack for Inclusive Excellence and the Diversity Action Plan and Lori Strawder for Sustainability and Recycling.    4. **University Senate Minutes Review** A **motion** *that the DRAFT minutes of the 16 Nov 2018 meeting of the university senate be circulated for university senator review* was made and seconded. | The motion (circulate minutes) was approved. | 1. Alex Blazer to draft the tentative agenda of this university senate meeting. 2. There are no motions to be entered into the online motion database. 3. Craig Turner to circulate the DRAFT of the university senate meeting minutes to university senators for review. |
| **Consent Agenda for**  **ECUS-SCC Meetings**  **Alex Blazer** | Alex Blazer noted that a consent agenda could be used to attend to the routine matters of agenda and minutes approval that are typically approved with no discussion. Those present favored not adopting a consent agenda at this time noting that current practice was sufficiently efficient. |  |  |
| Open Discussion | Open discussion was invited.   1. **Scholarship Eligibility** John Swinton noted Steven Elliott-Gower advocates the replication of a University of Georgia (UGA) policy pertaining to scholarship eligibility whereby students don’t lose a scholarship when nonacademic circumstances intervene to prevent a student from maintaining a full academic course load. This proposal was steered to the Academic Policy Committee for consideration noting that the details such as a citation to the UGA Policy would be extremely helpful. 2. **Space Utilization** Diana Young provided an update on the activity of the Space Utilization Committee noting that the current plan was to go live with the new software (25Live) that will replace the existing R25 effective 1 June 2019. Department chairs will be consulted regularly during the spring 2019 semester as the capabilities of 25Live for academic scheduling are better understood when they are tested to compare the 25Live recommendations to academic course scheduling to the schedules developed with the current scheduling process. |  |  |
| VIII. Next Meeting (Tentative Agenda, Calendar) |  |  |  |
| **1. Calendar** | 25 Jan 2019 @ 3:30pm Univ. Senate A&S 2-72  01 Feb 2019 @ 2:00pm ECUS Parks 301  01 Feb 2019 @ 3:30pm ECUS-SCC Parks 301 |  |  |
| **2. Tentative Agenda** | Some of the deliberation today may have generated tentative agenda items for future ECUS and ECUS-SCC meetings. |  | Alex Blazer to ensure that such items (if any) are added to agenda of a future meeting of ECUS or ECUS-SCC. |
| **IX. Adjournment** | 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 4:27 pm. |  |

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**Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Committee Chairperson (Including this Approval by chair at committee discretion)

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**Committee Officers** Alex Blazer (Chair), David Johnson (Vice-Chair), Craig Turner (Secretary**)**

**Academic Year** 2018-2019

**Aggregate Attendance Record for meetings of the Executive Committee and Standing Committee Chairs**

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