

COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS) WITH STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS (SCC)

MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2020, 3:30-4:45 P.M.

MEETING LOCATION: WEBEX

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS		“P” denotes Present, “A” denotes Absent, “R” denotes Regrets
P	Alex Blazer (CoAS, ECUS Chair Secretary)	
P	Hauke Busch (CoAS, ECUS Chair)	
R	Steve Dorman (University President)	
P	Catherine Fowler (CoHS, ECUS Vice-Chair)	
P	David Johnson (CoAS, ECUS Chair Emeritus)	
R	Karl Manrodt (CoB, ECUS Member)	
P	Lyndall Muschell (CoE, ECUS Member)	
R	Costas Spirou (Provost)	
P	Jennifer Townes (Library, ECUS Member)	
P	John Swinton (APC Chair)	
P	Hank Edmondson (FAPC Chair)	
P	Rodica Cazacu (RPIPC Chair)	
P	Jamie Addy (SAPC Chair)	
GUESTS		
Shea Council (Administrative Assistant of the 2020-2021 University Senate)		

Legend

Highlighted text denotes follow-up.

Bold text denotes action or recommendation.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:31 pm by Hauke Busch (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 draft of the 5 Mar 2021 minutes of the Executive Committee with Standing Committee Chairs 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

University President — President Steve Dorman

1. As President Dorman had extended *Regrets* and was unable to attend this meeting, there was no President’s Report.

University Provost — Provost Costas Spirou

1. As Provost Spirou had extended *Regrets*, he provided the Provost's Report electronically.
2. **Updated University Library hours during Final Exams**

Monday, May 3

Open at 8:00 a.m.

Close at 2:00 a.m. (Tuesday, May 4)

Tuesday, May 4

Open at 8:00 a.m.

Close at 2:00 a.m. (Wednesday, May 5)

Wednesday, May 5

Open at 8:00 a.m.

Close at 2:00 a.m. (Thursday, May 6)

Thursday, May 6

Open at 8:00 a.m.

Close at 2:00 a.m. (Friday, May 7)

Friday, May 7

Open at 8:00 a.m.

Close at 5:00 p.m.

3. **Tenure and Promotion Awards**

A total of 34 faculty were awarded Tenure and/or Promotion. The awards go into effect Fall 2021. Specifically,

College of Arts & Sciences

Abraham Abebe- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Christine Mutiti- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Bruce Snyder- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Katie Stumpf- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Hasitha Mahabaduge- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Jessica Wallace- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

James Welborn- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Angela Criscoe- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Christina Smith- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Rachel Epstein- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Doris Santarone- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Tina Holmes-Davis- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Sabrina Hom- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Isaac Ramsey- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Mark Huddle- Promotion to Full Professor

Marcela Chiorescu- Promotion to Full Professor

Cliff Towner- Promotion to Full Professor

Leanne Kelley- Promotion to Senior Lecturer

John Trombley- Promotion to Senior Lecturer

Mark Causey- Promotion to Senior Lecturer

College of Business

Gongbing Hong- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Whitney Ginder- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Gita Phelps- Promotion to Full Professor

College of Education

Roddran Grimes- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Holley Roberts- Promotion to Full Professor
Nicole Declouette- Promotion to Full Professor
Stephen Wills- Promotion to Full Professor

College of Health Sciences

Gail Godwin- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Glynnis Haley- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Monica Ketchie- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Flor Culpa-Bondal- Promotion to Full Professor
Debbie Greene- Promotion to Full Professor

Library

Jamie Addy- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Nahali (Holly) Croft- Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

4. **First Year Seminar Update** Based on the recommendations of the University Retention Committee and the First Year Seminar Subcommittee, the FYS is undergoing a redesign with departments and faculty invited to play a critical role in welcoming new students during their first semester at Georgia College. Research shows that faculty involvement from the start positively contributes to retention and graduation. The purpose of the pilot is to determine how to continue (or even if we should continue) with our first-year seminar. This Pilot will give us an opportunity to assess the effectiveness [or not] of a faculty driven seminar, and how this can support the university's retention goals. A Pilot is scheduled to launch in Fall 2021. Some of the Learning Outcomes include:
- Make connections with faculty, staff, and students.
 - Explain what the liberal arts means to you [student].
 - Create a 4-year plan, which includes the completion of a GC Journeys plan.
 - Create 3 different career paths.

Departmental participation in this pilot program is optional, so there is no obligation to join if you don't want to meet the outcomes/format.

5. **Graduate Research Poster Exhibit** In lieu of a face-to-face Graduate Research Poster Exhibit, the graduate student research posters have been shared in Knowledge Box for dissemination. The graduate research posters are available at <https://kb.gcsu.edu/grposters/> (23 accepted poster presentations). Thank you to the Graduate Research Poster Selection Committee for their service: Al Mead, Ji Seun Sohn, Min Kim, Vicky Robinson, Brent Evans, Suzanna Roman-Oliver, Mandy Jarriel.
6. **Upcoming Center for Teaching and Learning Offerings**
- Open Educational Resources: Affordable Learning Georgia - March 30, 2 p.m.
 - Developing Student Critical Thinking Through Higher-order Questioning - April 1, noon
 - Responding to Your Audience: How to Improve Your SoTL and Grant Writing - April 7, 3 p.m.
 - So Many Options - What Video Conferencing Platform Do I Choose? - Track: Digital Teaching Toolkit - Apr 14, noon
 - Tips for Using GeorgiaVIEW for Online Learning: Reshaping Your Course for the Summer - April 20, 2 p.m.
 - Laying the Foundation for a Successful Summer Course – April 29, noon

Subcommittee on Nominations (SCoN) — Chair Catherine Fowler

1. **2021-2022 Slate of Nominees and Senate Representatives on University Committees**
The slate of nominees and representatives is ready for review and approval by ECUS-SCC. One correction to the slate (an elected faculty senator will be moved from RPIPC to FAPC) needs to be entered. The slate includes a number of open slots for students and staff. Jennifer Flory is the proposed Presiding Officer Elect candidate; Alex Blazer is the proposed Secretary candidate. David Johnson volunteered to serve as Parliamentarian should the need arise.
2. **Senator Pins** Pins will be given to Senators at the first in person meeting or sent through campus mail with a personal note.
3. **Subcommittee on Nominations Annual Report** The report is drafted and will be submitted following the ECUS-SCC meeting.
4. **ECUS-SCC Discussion**
 - a. **2021-2022 Slate of Nominees and Senate Representatives on University Committees**
 - i. Comment: A number of committees on the Senate Representatives on University Committees have more than one representative where only one is needed.
 - ii. Comment: Although Staff Council will not hold elections until summer, SGA should be able to provide the names of Selected Student Senators and non-senators.
 - iii. Follow Up: Catherine Fowler will contact the SGA President requesting the names of Selected Student Senators and non-senators.
 - iv. Follow Up: By Tuesday, April 13, Catherine Fowler will revise the Senate Representatives on University Committees and distribute the document for ECUS-SCC approval to be included in the 2021-2022 slate motion.
 - v. **ECUS-SCC Action**: A **Motion** to approve the corrected slate of nominees was made and seconded. **The slate motion was approved.** The revised Senate Representatives on University Committees was distributed electronically and approved by ECUS-SCC on Tuesday, April 13.

Executive Committee of University Senate (ECUS) — Chair Hauke Busch

1. **University Senate Budget** No spending is anticipated for the university budget at the present time.
2. **University Senate Recognitions** Certificates of Recognition are being sent through interdepartmental mail.
3. **Standing Committee Annual Reports** Annual Reports are due Thursday, April 23 by 11:59 p.m.
4. **Committee Organization Meetings** The date and time for standing committee officer elections is Friday, April 23, at 3:30 p.m., immediately following the 2021-2022 Senate Organizational Meeting.
5. **Governance Retreat** The Governance Retreat continues to be planned.

Academic Policy Committee (APC) — Chair John Swinton

1. **Syllabus Statement Concerning Resources for Mental Health** The motion passed unanimously and has been entered into motion database.
2. **Policy Proposal Concerning Pass/Fail Grading** The motion passed unanimously and has been entered into motion database.
3. **Summer Courses** A review of findings for programs offering summer courses that might be required for a degree or certificate found enough evidence to warrant being passed along to APC next academic year.
4. **Classroom/Testing Accommodations** The committee discussed the difficulty of students obtaining classroom/testing accommodations for mental health issues. The consensus was to pass the issue to SAPC and request they consider it next year.
5. **ECUS-SCC Discussion**
 - a. **Classroom/Testing Accommodations**
 - i. Comment: Outside assessment for disability accommodations costs \$500, which is a barrier for some students.
 - ii. Comment: Outside assessment can be many times more than \$500. Oversight is constrained by USG.

Faculty Affairs Policy Committee (FAPC) — Chair Hank Edmondson

1. **Student Rating of Instruction Survey** The committee continues to look at the evaluation system. We are trying to gather information from other schools in the USG to determine not only what they are using but also if there are improvements to be made to our system. We will determine the contract expiration of the current system. This review will continue into the fall.

Resources, Planning and Institutional Policy Committee (RPIPC) — Chair Rodica Cazacu

1. **Accessible Parking on Main Campus**
 - a. We discussed the PTAC minutes related to this issues and some of the members were concerned about the lack of consultation with the employees who need and use those accessible parking spaces, like those near the library or Health Sciences building, transformed into service spaces.
 - b. We decided to leave a recommendation for the next academic year RPIPC to get in touch with David Anderson and John Bowen and come up with a plan to offer more support in increasing the accessibility in and around campus.
 - c. A suggestion was made that the employees who need and use accessible parking spaces to have a representative in the PTAC for next year.

Student Affairs Policy Committee (SAPC) — Chair Jamie Addy

1. **Policy Proposal Concerning Pass/Fail Grading** The committee discussed how open faculty are to the pass/fail option. The committee noted that there needs to be a balance between faculty and student needs. The committee recommends the pass/fail option.

2. **Classroom/Testing Accommodations** The committee discussed student disability accommodations and noted that the process of attaining accommodations is convoluted. The committee recommends that SAPC continue its review next academic year.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. **None**

VII. New Business

1. **Steering of Items to Committees**
 - a. Classroom/Testing Accommodations was steered to next year's SAPC.
2. **University Senate Agenda and Minutes Review**
 - a. **Tentative Agenda 23 Apr 2021**
 - i. Motions
 1. APC: Syllabus Statement Concerning Mental Health Resources
 2. APC: Pass/Fail Grade Option
 - ii. Reports: Administrative reports and committee reports will also be agenda items.
 - i. Supplemental Items of Business: None.
 - b. **University Senate Minutes Review A Motion** *that the DRAFT minutes of the 26 Mar 2021 meeting of the 2020-2021 University Senate be circulated for university senator review* was made and seconded. **The motion to circulate the minutes was approved.**

VIII. Open Discussion

1. **None**

IX. Next Meeting

1. **Calendar**
 - a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, April 23, 2:00 p.m., Webex
 - b. University Senate Meeting (Organizational) and Committee Meetings (Organizational) – Friday, April 23, 3:30 p.m., Webex
 - c. Committee Annual Reports Due – Thursday, April 22 by 11:59 p.m.
 - d. Governance Retreat – Monday, August 9, 9:00 a.m., TBA
2. **Tentative Agenda** Some of the deliberation today may have generated tentative agenda items for ECUS and ECUS-SCC meetings. **Hauke Busch will ensure that such items (if any) are added to the agenda of a future meeting of ECUS or ECUS-SCC.**

X. 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 4:30 p.m.**

XI. 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: HAUKE BUSCH (CHAIR), CATHERINE FOWLER (VICE-CHAIR), ALEX BLAZER (SECRETARY)

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2020-2021

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	9/4	10/2	11/6	1/8	2/12	3/5	4/9	P	R	A	
Alex Blazer <i>EFS, CoAS, ECUS Chair Emeritus, ECUS Secretary</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Hauke Busch <i>EFS, CoAS, ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Steve Dorman <i>University President</i>	P	R	R	R	R	R	R	1	6	0	
Catherine Fowler <i>EFS, CoHS ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
David Johnson <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Chair Emer.</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Karl Manrodt <i>EFS, CoB ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	6	1	0	
Lyndall Muschell <i>EFS, CoE ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Costas Spirou <i>Provost</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	6	1	0	
Jennifer Townes <i>EFS, Library ECUS Member</i>	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	6	0	1	
John Swinton <i>APC Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Hank Edmondson <i>FAPC Chair</i>	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	6	1	0	
Rodica Cazacu <i>RPIPC Chair</i>	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	6	1	0	
Jamie Addy	P	P	P	R	R	P	P	5	2	0	

<i>SAPC Chair</i>										
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