**Committee Name:** Executive Committee of the University Senate (ECUS)

**Meeting Date & Time:** 01 December 2017; 2:00 –3:15

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

**Attendance**:

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| **Members “P” denotes Present, “A” denotes Absent, “R” denotes Regrets** | | | |
| R | Alex Blazer (CoAS, ECUS Vice-Chair) | P | Will Hobbs (CoHS, ECUS Member) |
| P | Kelli Brown (Provost) | P | Chavonda Mills (CoAS, ECUS Chair Emeritus) |
| P | Jolene Cole (Library, ECUS Member) | P | Craig Turner (CoAS, ECUS Secretary) |
| R | Nicole DeClouette (CoE, ECUS Chair) | P | J.F. Yao (CoB, ECUS Member) |
| P | Steve Dorman (University President) |  |  |
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| Guests Costas Spirou (Senior Associate Provost) | | | |
|  | *Italicized text denotes information from a previous meeting.* |  |  |
|  | \*Plain text 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** | As Nicole DeClouette had extended regrets and was unable to attend this meeting, the meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Chavonda Mills (Chair Emeritus). |  |  |
| **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 3 Nov 2017 meeting of the Executive Committee* 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 3 Nov 2017 Executive Committee meeting were approved as posted, so no additional action was required. |  |
| **IV. Reports** | The following reports were invited. |  |  |
| **Presiding Officer Report**  **Chavonda Mills**  **for**  **Nicole DeClouette** | 1. **Consent Agenda and “Appeals” Process Language** Nicole DeClouette and Craig Turner met on 28 Nov 2017 to revise the language on the consent agenda and “appeals” statements incorporating the suggestions from the 3 Nov 2017 ECUS and ECUS-SCC meetings. The revised language will be presented to ECUS and ECUS-SCC at their meetings today. 2. **Budget Balance** $1,601.77 |  |  |
| **Past Presiding Officer Report**  **Chavonda Mills** | Chavonda Mills indicated that she had nothing to report as University Senate Past Presiding Officer. |  |  |
| **Presiding Officer Elect Report**  **Alex Blazer** | As Alex Blazer had extended regrets and was unable to attend this meeting, there was no Presiding Officer Elect report. |  |  |
| **Secretary Report**  **Craig Turner** | Craig Turner indicated that he had nothing to report as University Senate Secretary. |  |  |
| **Library Senator Report**  **Jolene Cole** | Jolene Cole indicated that she had nothing to report as Library Senator. |  |  |
| **V. Information Items** Actions/Recommendations |  |  |  |
| **University Senate Budgets**  **Chavonda Mills**  **for**  **Nicole DeClouette** | 1. **Foundation Account** for university senate is now established and has a balance of $0. 2. **Balance** The balance of the university senate budget ($5000 allocation annually) is presently at **$1601.77**. Anticipated expenditures include reimbursement of attendance expenditures to Alex Blazer and Glynnis Haley for USG Faculty Council meetings during the 2017-18 academic year. President Dorman expressed his willingness to consider a request for increasing this allocation. |  |  |
| **VI. Unfinished Business Review of Action & Recommendations, Provide updates (if any) to Follow-up** |  |  |  |
| **University Senate**  **Composition**  **Nicole DeClouette** | **1 Sep 2017**   * + - 1. *Nicole DeClouette noted the source of this issue was the identification of the tension between the number of elected faculty senators and the number of elected faculty senator positions on university senate committees. Recent practice to relieve this tension has been to find an elected faculty senator on SoCC willing to also serve on CAPC to meet the bylaws requirements pertinent to elected faculty senators. At present, Mary Magoulick is serving on both SoCC and CAPC. The interested reader is directed to the 31 Mar 2017 ECUS minutes for more details including ideas that were proposed during 2016-17 for consideration to relieve this tension.*       2. *In light of the current development of the university curriculum committee and the uncertainty of the university curriculum committee’s impact on the continuation of CAPC and SoCC, a recommendation to postpone consideration of this issue until there is more certainty – which is anticipated by January 2018 – was offered from the floor. There was no dissenting voice to this recommended course of action.*       3. *There were brief conversation threads indicating that CAPC would almost certainly persist to review, develop and amend curricular policy and curricular assessment, the latter being the A of CAPC (Curriculum and Assessment Policy Committee).*   **3 Nov 2017**  *Further deliberation of this item is deferred until the resolution of curricular matters, in particular how the modifications to CAPC and SoCC and the establishment of the University Curriculum Committee play out*. |  |  |
| **Appeals Process for Decisions of University Senate Committees**  **Nicole DeClouette (Sep)**  **Nicole DeClouette (Nov)**  **Craig Turner (Dec)** | **1 Sep 2017**  *Nicole DeClouette reminded those present that as part of his narrative response to Motion 1617.CAPC.020.C, President Dorman stated Finally, I charge the ECUS of the University Senate to consider an appeals process whereby decisions made by the various committees of the University Senate may be considered for appeal.*  *This appeals process had been discussed at the 2017 Governance Retreat with the conclusion that there already exist channels of appeal. This retreat session had been co-facilitated by Nicole DeClouette and Chavonda Mills. Nicole DeClouette provided a synopsis of the findings of the session.*   * + 1. *The university senate bylaws already provide a process by which three university senators can bring items to ECUS for steering to a committee and possibly result in consideration by the university senate as a committee of the whole. (See University Senate Bylaws IV.Section1)*     2. *All votes coming out of committees be reported; this includes recommendations for a proposal and recommendations against a proposal.*        1. *Recommendation for a proposal will come to the university senate floor either as a formal motion or as an informational item on the consent agenda.*        2. *Recommendation against a proposal will come to the university senate floor on the consent agenda. A single university senator may remove an item from the consent agenda to be considered separately.*        3. *This way each vote will be recorded and will provide a way for the university senate to advise the President.*   *A proposal from the floor was made that Nicole DeClouette consult with University Senate Parliamentarian John Sirmans to draft language articulating the appeals process for inclusion in the university senate bylaws as well as review and offer recommended revisions (if any) to the language pertaining to the consent agenda routinely included on university senate agendas. Those present endorsed this proposal with no dissenting voice.*  *Finally, it was noted this information would be shared with standing committee chairs at the ECUS-SCC meeting immediately following this meeting inviting and incorporating their feedback.*  **6 Oct 2017**  *Due to the shortness of time, copies of the draft appeal process prepared by Nicole DeClouette and John Sirmans were disseminated to those present with deliberation on the draft postponed to a future ECUS-SCC meeting.*  **3 Nov 2017**   1. *Nicole DeClouette provided contextual information on the current draft indicating that both sections would likely be proposed for inclusion in university senate bylaws, once finalized.* 2. *She requested feedback on the drafts from those present.* 3. *A suggestion to rework the second sentence of the top section to pluralize the committees and to revise Executive Council to Executive Committee was made from the floor and there was general consensus to adopt this modification.* 4. *Nicole DeClouette agreed to modify the draft to incorporate the suggestion and make the revised draft available for ECUS review at a future ECUS meeting*.   **1 Dec 2017**   1. Having extended regrets to this meeting, Nicole DeClouette had authorized Craig Turner to present the revisions on her behalf to the committee. 2. Craig Turner noted that the revisions to re-express the second sentence were to strike   *The Presiding Officer, following the recommendation of a committee and in consultation with that committee’s chair and the Executive Council of the University Senate, shall determine which items are placed on the consent agenda.*  and add the following in its place  *For each source committee, items emerging from that source committee are placed on the consent agenda by the Presiding Officer at the request of, and in consultation with, the chair of that source committee. The Presiding Officer may consult with the Executive Committee of the University Senate when setting the consent agenda*.  There was general consensus by those present to adopt this proposed revision.   1. Deliberation continued resulting in the following revisions being proposed with the support of those present at this meeting.   In the consent agenda statement   * 1. Use source throughout as a committee modifier, so *standing committee* to be replaced by *source committee*.   2. In the penultimate sentence, replace *may* with *shall* and replace *in gross* with *collectively*, the new sentence reading as *Items not removed from the consent agenda shall be considered collectively and without amendment or debate*.   3. In the final sentence, increase the voting threshold from a *majority* to a *two-thirds majority* to align with current practice and specify explicitly to what group this two-thirds majority is applied, the new sentence reading as *A motion to approve the consent agenda requires a second and a two-thirds majority of those casting votes favoring adoption, assuming the presence of a quorum*.   In the “appeals” statement   1. Replace *will* with *shall* in sentence three for consistency. 2. In the final sentence, replace *voted on* with *shall receive disposition* and specify explicitly what shall be recorded in minutes, the new sentence reading *All recommendations by a committee, for or against a proposal, shall receive disposition by the University Senate and this disposition along with a summary of any preceding deliberation shall be recorded in the University Senate minutes*. |  | **1 Sep 2017**  *Nicole DeClouette to draft language of this appeals process in consultation with the University Senate Parliamentarian John Sirmans for inclusion in university senate bylaws as well as review and offer recommended revisions (if any) to the language pertaining to the consent agenda routinely included on university senate agendas.*  **6 Oct 2017**  *Nicole DeClouette had coordinated with John Sirmans to prepare draft language but there was an insufficient amount of time during the meeting to review the draft*.  **1 Dec 2017**  Craig Turner to edit the consent agenda and “appeals” statements to incorporate the proposed revisions adopted at the 1 Dec 2017 ECUS meeting for further review by meeting participants at a future meeting of ECUS and/or ECUS-SCC. |
| **Elected Faculty Senator Election Oversight**  **Nicole DeClouette (Sep)**  **Alex Blazer (Oct)**  **Alex Blazer (Nov)**  **Craig Turner (Dec)** | **1 Sep 2017**   1. *Nicole DeClouette indicated that she has requested the Corps of Instruction list from the Office of Academic Affairs by contacting the Provost by email. According to the university senate bylaws, this list is to be supplied to ECUS by 15 Sep.* 2. *Once received, Nicole DeClouette will forward this list to Alex Blazer (Chair of the Subcommittee on Nominations) to prepare a draft of the apportionment for ECUS review. This apportionment review would ideally take place at the 6 Oct 2017 ECUS meeting.*   **6 Oct 2017**  *In preparation for upcoming elected faculty senator elections, Alex Blazer provided ECUS with drafts of the apportionment spreadsheet and letters to deans as well as two Corps of Instruction lists (one with Administrators listed as their own “college” of Administration and one with Administrators listed within their home departments). The apportionment of Senators is the same with both classifications of Administrators. The major change from last year’s apportionment is that CoAS has decreased 1 Senator to 17 and CoB has increased 1 Senator to 6.*  *ECUS members present agreed to the following.*   1. *To use the corps of instruction list with the administrators listed within their home department and to adopt the corresponding apportionment of elected faculty senators to the academic units (colleges and library)* 2. *Alex Blazer is authorized to get letters and their appendices to the deans of the academic units (colleges and library) to guide elected faculty senator elections for the elected faculty senators to be elected with 2018-2021 terms of service*.   **3 Nov 2017**  *Alex Blazer provided the following update as part of his Presiding Officer Elect report.*  *In preparation for EFS elections, election materials were sent to the deans of the academic units (colleges and library). A follow up email has been sent to these deans to offer help and clarification with the elected faculty senator elections. So far, no clarification or help has been requested.*  *In addition, Alex Blazer noted that academic unit election procedures are due no later than 1 December 2017*.  **1 Dec 2017**  Alex Blazer authorized Craig Turner to report on his behalf the following statement.  *Election procedures are being collected from the College Deans and the Director of the Library. Expect a report for inclusion in the election archives.* |  |  |
| **2018-2019 Governance Calendar**  **Nicole DeClouette (Nov)**  **Craig Turner (Dec)** | **3 Nov 2017**   * + 1. *Nicole DeClouette provided the following contextual* *information.*        1. *Craig Turner drafted the 2018-2019 Governance Calendar for ECUS review and he, Alex Blazer, and Nicole DeClouette are in the process of confirming dates with people across campus. So far, winter break dates have been confirmed with Susan Allen.*     2. *Nicole invited feedback on the draft from those present.*        1. *ECUS recommended against including the meeting dates of the Graduate Council and University Curriculum Committee on the governance calendar since these committees will no longer be recommending items to the university senate or its committees.*        2. *Nicole DeClouette will follow up with Veronica Womack regarding the date for Making Excellence Inclusive.*        3. *Provost Brown will work, in concert with the President’s office, to schedule the August events (e.g., New Faculty Orientation, College/Dept Assessment Day, “Welcome Back Faculty” Breakfast, Convocation, Common Reader) as well as Faculty Contract Start/End Dates and the Celebration of Excellence (tentatively 19 Apr 2019).*        4. *Alex Blazer will consult with Evita Shinholster regarding the date for the Staff Council Retreat and strive to ensure it will not coincide with the University Senate Governance Retreat*.   **1 Dec 2017**   1. Craig Turner expressed appreciation for the confirmations received from    1. Susan Allen (Winter Break Dates)    2. Provost Brown (Faculty Contract Start (Aug 1), Faculty Contract End (May 16), Celebration of Excellence (Apr 19), Assessment Day (Aug 15), State of the University Address (Feb 8), “Welcome Back Faculty” Breakfast (Aug 16), and Service Recognition (Feb 15)). 2. Still requiring confirmation are    1. New Faculty Orientation (in preparation by Costas Spirou)    2. Making Excellence Inclusive Faculty Day (Nicole DeClouette coordinating with Veronica Womack)    3. Graduate Council meetings, University Curriculum Committee meetings, General Education Committee meetings (in preparation by Costas Spirou)    4. College Meeting Aug 15 (Provost Brown confirmed orally)    5. Department Meeting Aug 16 (Provost Brown confirmed orally)    6. First Year Convocation Aug 17 (no information yet available) *Note: During the preparation of these minutes, it was determined that this item will be confirmed by Provost Brown.*    7. Common Reader Sessions Aug 17 (no information yet available) *Note: During the preparation of these minutes, it was determined that this item will be confirmed by Provost Brown.*    8. Governance Retreat (in preparation by Alex Blazer) |  |  |
| **Appropriation to Reimburse Travel of Second USGFC Representative**  **Nicole DeClouette** | **3 Nov 2017**   * + 1. *ECUS recommended the appropriation of University Senate budget funds to support the travel-related expenses incurred by the second USGFC Representative to attend the two USGFC meetings.*     2. *ECUS will sponsor a motion to approve the appropriation of funds to support the travel-related expenses for both of the USGFC representatives since the budget belongs to the University Senate.*     3. *ECUS also discussed formalizing this budgetary support in the next round of bylaws revisions*. |  |  |
| **Committee Reconstruction (CAPC, SoCC) and Interim Curricular Oversight**  **Nicole DeClouette (Nov)**  **Chavonda Miills (Dec)** | **3 Nov 2017**  *Nicole DeClouette noted that some university senate committee reconstruction will be necessary if the proposed revisions to the university senate bylaws (those that are currently under consideration) are recommended by university senate and approved by President Dorman. She then invited feedback from those present.*   1. ***Transition from CAPC to EAPC****. The proposed revisions currently under consideration include a renaming of CAPC to EAPC (Educational Assessment and Policy Committee) as well as changes to the scope of this committee. CAPC – if renamed to EAPC with new scope – will focus on curriculum policy and assessment. If these changes occur, current CAPC members would populate EAPC.* 2. ***Subcommittee on the Core Curriculum***    1. *As the UCC (University Curriculum Committee) emerges, there may be a proposal to modify the university senate bylaws and dissolve SoCC. Until that time, the current university senate bylaws governing SoCC persist.*    2. *If SoCC should be dissolved, committee assignments must be identified for the elected faculty senators presently serving on SoCC to comply with university senate bylaws that all university senators serve on at least one university senate committee.* 3. ***Interim Curriculum Oversight*** *If the proposed revisions to the university bylaws are adopted (recommended by university senate and approved by the President), an interim plan for curriculum review will be necessary for any time between when the revisions become effective and when the UCC emerges. A question of how curricular proposals (currently routed to CAPC or SoCC) will be reviewed during this interim period was posed from the floor. In response to this question, Provost Brown will create a process by which curricular proposals would be routed during this interim. The tentative effective date was anticipated to be about 1 Dec 2017 (possibly earlier).* 4. ***University Senate Website*** *As changes to the committee structure of the university senate occur, they will need to be reflected in the electronic presence (website, motion database, senator database, etc.). Changes to this electronic presence are programmed via Enterprise Applications by Matt Gaines under the leadership of James Carlisle and David Smith. Logistics of implementing these changes were talked about with uncertainty of the level of complexity of making these changes. As university senate liaison to Enterprise Applications, Craig Turner will be communicating with the staff of Enterprise Applications as any such changes become necessary.*   **1 Dec 2017**   1. **UCC and GEC**    1. Provost Brown expressed her appreciation to the members of the ad hoc University Curriculum Committee Task Force for their diligence, attention to detail, and significant work in preparing documents to guide the formation and implementation of the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) and General Education Committee (GEC). She also acknowledged the significant contributions and leadership of Costas Spirou who chaired this task force.    2. Provost Brown disseminated the final drafts of the task force documents and provided an overview of their contents including the flow chart for curricular proposals and committee compositions, charges and operating procedures. She noted the current SoCC (Subcommittee on the Core Curriculum) operating procedures will be continued, particularly for GC1Y and GC2Y section proposals.    3. The interim plan is for SoCC and the Educational Assessment and Policy Committee (EAPC (formally CAPC)) to attend only to time-sensitive curricular proposals at their regular December 2017 meetings, and then let any new proposals await consideration by the imminent UCC and GEC.    4. The current goal is to populate UCC and GEC by 1 Jan 2018.    5. Our present plan is to use the university senate online motion database to track the curricular proposals considered by the UCC, unless we find it infeasible to do so as we attempt to implement this. 2. **Questions**    1. Every institution (university, college, etc.) has a committee with name General Education Committee. Might we want to brand ours with a distinctive name, possibly incorporating Georgia College? *This is a great idea! Any suggested names will be accepted for consideration and this proposal will receive further consideration by the GEC, once it is formed.*    2. What will the GEC do beyond current scope of SoCC (core curriculum course proposals and assessment of the core)? *USG development or national trends in general education. An example is dual enrollment. More locally, another example is pathways to GC Journeys.*    3. Given that it has been made clear that curriculum is not within the jurisdiction of the university senate at this time, it would be inappropriate for information items of a curricular nature from UCC to be placed on the university senate consent agenda as has been the practice for CAPC. How will these curricular information items be shared with the university senate to comply with the statement *The University Curriculum Committee also informs the University Senate of its actions (information items)* in item 3 on page 2? After some clarification of the question and committee deliberation, the answer was that *the University Curriculum Committee Chair will attend university senate meetings and share curricular information items as a report under the Announcements / Information Items section of the university senate meeting agenda.* 3. **Add EAPCto Online Motion Database** Craig Turner reported that the new Educational Assessment and Policy Committee (EAPC) has been added as an active committee to the online motion database and the university senate electronic presence at senate.gcsu.edu. Now that CAPC is inactive, it has been added to the list of retired university senate committees, yet all its past motions, minutes, and members will remain in the archive as has been the practice with all retired committees. |  |  |
| **Foundation Account**  **Nicole DeClouette (Nov)**  **Chavonda Mills (Dec)** | **3 Nov 2017**   1. *One possible use of the foundation account is to pay for things like food that we are not allowed to pay for with state money.* 2. *Nicole DeClouette will consult with someone in the advancement office to invite their ideas for future use of this account.* 3. *Nicole DeClouette will investigate how to get the University Senate Foundation Account set up as an option for future State Charitable Contribution Program campaigns.*   **1 Dec 2017**   1. Chavonda Mills noted that activity on this matter is in progress. At the time of this meeting, Nicole DeClouette has nothing substantive to report on this matter. |  |  |
| VII. New Business Actions/Recommendations |  |  |  |
| **University Senate Bylaws**  **Chavonda Mills (Dec)** | 1. Chavonda Mills noted that now that the university senate bylaws have been revised to comply with the higher order documents (institutional statutes and BoR/USG policy), the backlog of proposed university senate bylaws revisions can be aggregated into a new revision proposal. 2. The backlog items include but are not limited to the following.    1. “Appeals” Process    2. Consent Agenda    3. RPIPC Composition, specifically the Chief Information Officer (CIO) or designee replacing Staff Council rep.    4. References to CAPC throughout    5. Dissolve SoCC    6. Budget, the existing annual budget allocation and any budget guiding principles (reimburse authorized voting and non-voting USGFC meeting participants) 3. The proposed timeline is to have this bundle of proposed revisions ready for a first reading in March 2018 and a second reading in April 2018. 4. Those interested in serving on the Bylaws Revisions Committee are asked to volunteer by email to Nicole DeClouette. 5. On a related matter, Craig Turner indicated that he is postponing the posting of the recently adopted revisions to the university senate bylaws pending the proposed revisions to the institutional statutes (quoted in the revised bylaws) receiving disposition by the Board of Regents (BoR), The institutional statutes have been submitted to the BoR and are presently awaiting consideration. This postponement was agreeable to those present. |  |  |
| **16 February 2018 University Senate Meeting**  **Chavonda Mills** | An inquiry was made about the necessity of rescheduling the 16 Feb 2018 university senate meeting given the recent (16 Nov 2017) email announcement of the USG Momentum Year Summit scheduled for February 15-16, 2018. This summit has potential to pull away the majority of the vice presidents and possibly some faculty and staff from across campus. After some discussion, the conclusion of those present was that while it is imperative to reschedule the 16 Feb 2018 Service Recognition Ceremony, the 16 Feb 2018 university senate meeting would not be rescheduled unless more specific information in the future indicates a significant number of university senators will definitely be pulled away for the summit. |  |  |
| VIII. Next Meeting (Tentative Agenda, Calendar) |  |  |  |
| **1. Calendar** | 26 Jan 2018 @ 3:30pm Univ. Senate A&S 2-72  02 Feb 2018 @ 2:00pm ECUS Parks 301  02 Feb 2018 @ 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. |  | Nicole DeClouette 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 3:05 pm. |  |

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

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

**Committee Name:** Executive Committee of the University Senate (ECUS)

**Committee Officers:** Nicole DeClouette (Chair), Alex Blazer (Vice-Chair), Craig Turner (Secretary**)**

**Academic Year:** 2017-2018

**Aggregate Member Attendance at Committee Meetings for the Academic Year:**

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