

COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)
MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021, 2:00-3:15 P.M.
MEETING LOCATION: WEBEX

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS		“P” denotes Present, “A” denotes Absent, “R” denotes Regrets
P	Alex Blazer (CoAS, ECUS 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)	
P	Costas Spirou (Provost)	
P	Jennifer Townes (Library, ECUS Member)	
GUESTS		
Shea Council (Administrative Assistant of the 2020-2021 University Senate)		

Legend

Highlighted text denotes follow-up.

Bold denotes action or recommendation.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Hauke Busch (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 5 Mar 2021 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 — 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. **ECUS Discussion**
 - a. **Governance Retreat**
 - i. Question: Can we plan for the Governance Retreat with social distancing?

- ii. Comment: The Club at Lake Sinclair deposit has been held over from last year. If we meet in person, we will have prepackaged meals rather than a buffet.
 - iii. Question/Comment: Approximately 50 senators and non-senators and guests attend the annual retreat. Can the Club at Lake Sinclair accommodate a socially distanced Retreat? A&S Auditorium holds approximately 47 people socially distanced while Peabody Auditorium holds approximately 57.
 - iv. Comment: Before finalizing retreat plans, we should wait and see about the status of the pandemic as well as guidance from the system.
 - v. Follow-Up: Catherine Fowler will send out a preference survey to 2021-2022 University Senators and non-senators regarding whether they plan to attend an in-person retreat. The Governance Retreat Planning Committee will identify possible locations on campus and at the Club for the possibility of an in-person retreat.
- b. **Administrative Searches**
- i. Comment: The Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management search is proceeding.
 - ii. Comment: The Vice President for Finance search is proceeding.
 - iii. Comment: The Presidential search is proceeding. The committee hopes to recommend a new president by September 1.
- c. **Enrollment**
- i. Comment: COVID-19 affected our enrollment because we are a residential college. However, enrollment is returning to normal.

Presiding Officer Elect Report — 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. 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. ECUS-SCC will review and vote on the slate motion.
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 Discussion**
 - a. **2021-2022 Slate of Nominees and Senate Representatives on University Committees**
 - i. Comment: FAPC needs one more Elected Faculty Senator.

V. Unfinished Business

1. **Committee Organizational Meetings** The proposed 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.
 - a. **ECUS Discussion**
 - i. Comment: In order to improve attendance, send a personal email to every senator and non-senator.
 - ii. **Follow-Up:** Catherine Follow will send a personal email to every senator and non-senator inviting each of them to the Senate and Committee Organizational Meetings.
 - iii. **ECUS Action:** A **Motion** to approve the proposed date and time was made and seconded. **The Motion for the Committee Organizational Meetings date and time was approved.**

VI. New Business

1. **None**

VII. Open Discussion

1. **None**

VIII. 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.**

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 2:45 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: 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</i> <i>ECUS Secretary</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Hauke Busch <i>EFS, CoAS</i> <i>ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Steve Dorman <i>University President</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	0	7	0	
Catherine Fowler <i>EFS, CoHS</i> <i>ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
David Johnson <i>EFS, CoAS</i> <i>ECUS Chair Emer.</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Karl Manrodt <i>EFS, CoB</i> <i>ECUS Member</i>	P	A	P	P	P	P	R	5	1	1	
Lyndall Muschell <i>EFS, CoE</i> <i>ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Costas Spirou <i>Provost</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Jennifer Townes <i>EFS, Library</i> <i>ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	