

COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)
MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022, 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 Emeritus)	
R	Cathy Cox (University President)	
P	Jennifer Flory (CoAS, ECUS Vice-Chair)	
P	Catherine Fowler (CoHS, ECUS Chair)	
R	Karl Manrodt (CoB, ECUS Member)	
R	Lyndall Muschell (CoE, ECUS Member)	
P	Lamonica Sanford (Library, ECUS Member)	
R	Costas Spirou (Provost)	
GUESTS		
Shea Council (Administrative Assistant of the 2021-2022 University Senate)		
Holley Robert (Interim Associate Provost of Academic Affairs and Director of The Graduate School)		

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 Catherine Fowler (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 Nov 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 — Catherine Fowler

1. **Motions** Awaiting President’s action on 2122.FAPC.002.R Motion to request local campus authority to require masks in the classroom; 2122.ECUS.001.R A Call for Increased Local Control of Campus Health and Safety Measures, Including Measures Necessary to Address COVID-19; 2122.ECUS.002.R Motion to approve the revised University senate handbook.
2. **Meeting Format** The format (face-to-face or online) of the January 2022 governance meetings are to be determined.

Presiding Officer Elect Report — Jennifer Flory

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1. **Election Oversight**

- a. All election processes and constituency designations were turned in by each college by December 1.
- b. Letters were sent to college deans and library director asking for senate election results, to be turned in to Senate by February 1, 2022. CoAS, CoB, and CoHS have elected faculty senators with a term of service ending in April 2022.
- c. An email will be sent to all faculty to request nominations for the at-large senate position (nomination period: Feb. 1 to Feb. 8, elections: Feb. 9-16). ECUS will verify nominee eligibility. At-large faculty senator election results will be announced to the university community by March 1, 2022.
- d. After elections, Jennifer (EFS) and Cat (Volunteers) will review and populate University-Wide Committees with Senate Representation.
- e. ECUS/SCC will vote on at-large election procedures at our next meeting.

2. **Revised Slate of Nominees**

- a. James Schiffman (CoAS) resigned effective December 31, 2021. The Department of Communication is in the process of electing a senator to replace him on Senate and APC. James will also need to be replaced as the elected faculty senator on the University Curriculum Committee.
- b. Jennifer Graham became Chief Diversity Officer on January 4, 2022. She will serve on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy Committee.
- c. John Swinton is replacing Jesse Folk as Elected Faculty Senator serving on FAPC as of January 7, 2022.
- d. Once all these changes have been resolved, I will update the Slate of Nominees and Bylaws Compliance report and send to ECUS/SCC for review.

3. **Governance Retreat**

- a. The tentative date is Monday, August 8.

V. Unfinished Business

1. **2021-2022 Governance Calendar** Catherine Fowler reported that the calendar is a work-in-progress awaiting feedback from the Provost's Office.

VI. New Business

1. **BOR Tenure Changes** Catherine Fowler and Holley Roberts are co-chairing the Provost's Task Force, which has met a couple of times and is currently reviewing and revising processes in post-tenure review policy. The amendments are due to the provost by February 1. The committee is comprised as follows:
 - a. Co-Chairs
 - i. Catherine Fowler (Presiding Officer + COHS) & Holley Roberts (Office of Provost)
 - b. Members

- i. Sabrina Hom (FAPC Chair + College of Arts and Sciences)
- ii. Linda Bradley (DEIPC Chair + College of Education)
- iii. Robert Blumenthal (Council of Chairs + College of Arts and Sciences)
- iv. Nicholas Creel (APC Chair and College of Business)
- v. Paulette Cross (University Senate + College of Education)
- vi. Karl Manrodt (University Senate + College of Business)
- vii. Sarah Myers (College of Health Sciences)
- viii. Jennifer Flory (Presiding Officer Elect + College of Arts and Sciences)
- ix. Lamonica Sanford (University Senate + University Library)
- x. Michael Stratton (Council of Deans)

c. **ECUS Discussion**

- i. Comment: The USG policy language regarding PTR is non-negotiable.
- ii. Question: Will FAPC or University Senate vote on the final language?
- iii. Comment: We are a policy recommending body, and that indicates we have to vote on the revised language.
 - 1. Article IV, Section 1 of the Institutional Statutes states, “The University Senate is endowed with all the legislative powers and authority of the University Faculty and shall review and recommend for or against policy subject to the approval of the University President and shall advise the University administration” (<https://us.gcsu.edu/statutes.htm>).
- iv. Comment (Associate Provost): The February 1 Task Force recommendations to Provost Spirou must align with BOR policy. The Provost will review the Task Force recommendations and send them to the President, who will review and send them to USG, who will review and send them to University Senate for a vote.
- v. Comment: Given the speed of the timeline, a website and/or FrontPage announcement should be used to keep faculty informed as well as allow faculty to make suggestions, comment, and provide feedback. The process should be transparent.
- vi. Comment: The task force makes recommendations but not monumental changes. The task force is making an effort to work within university structures. Departments will work on this in the summer and fall; and the policy must be implemented in Spring 2023.
- vii. Question: What is the timeline for faculty to be subject to the policy changes?
- viii. Answer (Associate Provost): The Task Force is currently reviewing recommendations for the faculty timeline.

2. **University Senate Recognitions (Certificates/Pins)**

- a. We will follow the ECUS checklist for preparing certificates.

3. **Reviewing University-Wide Committees with Senate Representatives**

- a. It is recommended that the POE work on the University Senate standing committees and another ECUS member work on University Senate Representatives on University-Wide Committees.

b. Follow Up: Catherine Fowler will work on University-Wide Committees.

4. **Parliamentarian Needed for 2022-2023**
 - a. Two people volunteered over the summer.

VII. Open Discussion

1. **COVID-19 Updates**
 - a. Question: Following new CDC recommendations, has the length of time for isolation and quarantine been revised from 10 days to 5 days?
 - b. Comment: It is my understanding that HR is following the 5 day isolation and quarantine guideline for faculty.
 - c. Comment: If students do no contact Student Health Services about exposure or infection, then faculty are not contacted. The language shared with students is that they should contact Student Health Services: “Regardless of where medical attention is being received, please inform Georgia College of a positive test result or exposure that requires quarantining by calling Student Health Services at (478) 445-5288. This will begin the process for notifying the faculty of your absence from class” (<https://www.gcsu.edu/coronavirus/decision-paths-covid-19>).

VIII. Next Meeting

1. **Calendar**
 - a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, January 21, 3:30 p.m., Webex
 - b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, February 11, 2:00 p.m., Webex
 - c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, February 11, 3:30 p.m., Webex
 - d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, February 25, 3:30 p.m., Webex
2. **Tentative Agenda:** Some of the deliberation today may have generated tentative agenda items for ECUS and ECUS-SCC meetings. Catherine Fowler 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 2:55 p.m.**

X. Supporting Documents

1. None.

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: CATHERINE FOWLER (CHAIR), JENNIFER FLORY (VICE-CHAIR), ALEX BLAZER (SECRETARY)

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2021-2022

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	9/3	10/1	11/5	1/7	2/11	3/4	4/8	P	R	A	
Alex Blazer <i>EFS, CoAS</i> <i>ECUS Secretary</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	
Hauke Busch <i>EFS, CoAS, ECUS</i> <i>Chair Emeritus</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	
Cathy Cox <i>University President</i>	NA	R	R	R				0	3	0	
Jennifer Flory <i>EFS, CoAS</i> <i>ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	
Catherine Fowler <i>EFS, CoHS</i> <i>ECUS Chair</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	
Karl Manrodt <i>EFS, CoB</i> <i>ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	R				3	1	0	
Lyndall Muschell <i>EFS, CoE</i> <i>ECUS Member</i>	P	P	R	P				3	1	0	
Lamonica Sanford <i>EFS, Library</i> <i>ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	
Costas Spirou <i>Provost</i>	P	P	P	R				3	1	0	