

**COMMITTEE NAME:** EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)  
**MEETING DATE & TIME:** FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023, 2:00-3:15 P.M.  
**MEETING LOCATION:** PARKS HALL 301

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>“P” denotes Present, “A” denotes Absent, “R” denotes Regrets</b>
<b>P</b>	Alex Blazer (CoAS, ECUS Secretary)	
<b>R</b>	Cathy Cox (University President)	
<b>P</b>	Nicolas Creel (CoBT, ECUS Member)	
<b>P</b>	Jennifer Flory (CoAS, ECUS Chair)	
<b>R</b>	Catherine Fowler (CoHS, ECUS Chair Emerita)	
<b>R</b>	Lamonica Sanford (Library, ECUS Member)	
<b>P</b>	Costas Spirou (Provost)	
<b>P</b>	Rob Sumowski (CoE, ECUS Vice-Chair)	

**Legend**

Highlighted text denotes follow-up.

**Bold denotes action or recommendation.**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Jennifer Flory (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 3 Mar 2023 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 — Jennifer Flory**

**1. Senate Recognitions**

- a. Senate pins are still on order.
- b. Senate recognition certificates for non-senators (appointees, designees, volunteers) and elected faculty senators whose term is not ending are complete. Some certificates were passed out to DEIPC this afternoon. Any remaining certificates will be passed out at the April 28, 2:00 pm, University Senate meeting, or sent/delivered to non-senators.
- c. Senate recognition certificates for elected faculty senators whose term is ending, presidential appointees, selected staff senators, selected student senators, administrative assistant, and parliamentarian are in process and will be ready for distribution at the April 28, 2:00 pm, University Senate meeting.
- d. I will pass the pins along to Rob along with the gavel at the April meeting.
- e. Rob Sumowski will distribute pins to new senators at the April 28, 3:30 pm, University Senate meeting.

2. **University Senate Handbook 2023-2024** I will update the handbook in the summer/fall. Possible updates include, but are not limited to, formatting.
3. **University Senate Budget and Foundation Updates**
  - a. 1048105 University Senate (state account) has \$4,767.00.
    - i. \$575 for Senate pins (200) order in process
    - ii. \$379 for Recognition Paper (250) order in process
    - iii. Ca. \$1500 for purchase of 100 copies of [\*Learning with Others: Collaboration as a Pathway to College Student Success\*](#) by Clifton Conrad and Todd Lundberg
  - b. F15320 University Senate (foundation) has \$263.79.
4. **ECUS Discussion**
  - a. **University Senate Budget and Foundation Updates** The committee suggested distributing the book to 2023-2024 members of University Senate, who can pick up the book from the Provost's Office. Further, the book can be discussed at the Governance Retreat, perhaps through the use of moderators and breakout rooms on themed topics. Rob Sumowski will include book discussions in the Governance Retreat agenda.

## Presiding Officer Elect Report — Rob Sumowski

1. **Slate of Nominees 2023-2024**
  - a. Nominations for Presiding Officer-Elect include Andrew Allen (1<sup>st</sup> year EFS), Cat Fowler (agreed to serve), Gregory Glotzbecker (considered before ultimately deciding to withdraw his name for this year, may have future interest), Sabrina Hom (3 nominations, on professional leave). Nominations for Secretary include Alex Blazer (3 nominations)
  - b. We will take nominations for Presiding Officer Elect and Secretary from the floor at the April 28 3:30 pm Senate organization meeting and do a secret ballot election to decide if necessary.
  - c. Slate of nominees was emailed to ECUS/SCC during the ECUS meeting for review and discussion.
  - d. Presidential appointees were requested this week.
  - e. Standing committee representation from chief division officer or designees has been requested from the following administrators:
    - i. Chief Academic Officer (APC, FAPC)
    - ii. Chief Diversity Officer, Director of Human Resources, and Director of Admissions (DEIPC)
    - iii. Chief Business Officer, Chief Information Officer (RPIPC)
    - iv. Chief Student Affairs Officer (SAPC)
  - f. Staff Council was requested to provide the following items.
    - i. The eligibility requirements from Staff Council governance document(s) as well as a written description of the selection procedure (for selected staff senators) developed by Staff Council.
    - ii. Names of the four (4) selected staff senators for 2023-24.

- iii. The name of the staff member appointed by a process determined by Staff Council to serve on the 2023-24 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy Committee.
- iv. Names of the three (3) selected staff senators to serve on the 2023-24 Resources, Planning, and Institutional Policy Committee.
- v. The name of one (1) selected staff senators to serve on the 2023-24 Student Affairs Policy Committee.
- vi. The name of the staff member appointed by a process determined by Staff Council to serve on the 2023-24 Student Affairs Policy Committee.
- g. SGA (President Kaitley Congdon) was requested to provide the following items:
  - i. The eligibility requirements as stated in the relevant Student Government Association governance document(s).
  - ii. A written description of the selection procedure developed by the Student Government Association.
  - iii. The names of the two (2) student senators selected in compliance with the procedures detailed above.
  - iv. The name of the student appointed by a process determined by the Student Government Association to serve on the 2023-24 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy Committee.
  - v. The name of the student appointed by a process determined by the Student Government Association to serve on the 2023-24 Resources, Planning, and Institutional Policy Committee.
  - vi. The name of the two (2) selected student senators to serve on the 2023-24 Student Affairs Policy Committee.
- h. University Senate Representation on University-wide Committees
  - i. Information gathering and assignments is in process. This will be completed by the 2 pm Senate meeting on April 28.
  - ii. Alex will help double-check half of the committees' information.
- 2. **Parliamentarian 2023-2024** Natalie King is willing. Mike Martino declined. Kim Muschaweck agreed to serve.
- 3. **Governance Retreat**
  - a. Our Governance Retreat is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Milledgeville.
  - b. I will work with the 2023-2024 ECUS on planning the retreat.
- 4. **University System of Georgia Faculty Council** USGFC will hold their April face-to-face meeting at Kennesaw State University April 28-29. The schedule and availability of the Chancellor to attend has not yet been confirmed. This conflicts with our pretty significant April 28 Senate transition activities. I have a call into USGFC Chairman Rich Forman for his perspective and any suggestions on scheduling our involvement for whatever activities we will be able to attend given the conflict.
- 5. **ECUS Discussion**
  - a. **University System of Georgia Faculty Council**
    - i. **Post-Tenure Review** The USG is considering revisions to the Post-Tenure Review policy, for instance, including a final hearing to review due process. Although this will not take the USG off the AAUP censure list because a due process hearing is distinct from an evaluation hearing,

some members of the USGFC consider this to be a good faith step in the right direction.

- ii. **Spring Meeting** Jennifer Flory and Rob Sumowski will send a proxy to the spring meeting.

## V. Unfinished Business

1. **Governance Calendar 2023-2024** Research Day has been added, and most UCC meetings have been moved to 2:00 p.m.
  - a. **ECUS Action A Motion** to approve the governance calendar was made and seconded. **The calendar was approved.**

## VI. New Business

1. There was no new business.

## VII. Open Discussion

1. There was no open discussion.

## VIII. Next Meeting

1. **Calendar**
  - a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, April 28, 2:00 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
  - b. University Senate Organizational Meeting including Standing Committee Organizational Meetings– Friday, April 28, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
  - c. Governance Retreat – Monday, August 14, 9:00 a.m., First United Methodist Church
2. **Tentative Agenda:** Some of the deliberation today may have generated tentative agenda items for ECUS and ECUS-SCC meetings. Jennifer Flory 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 2:50 p.m.**

## X. Supporting Documents

1. There are two supporting documents.
  - a. *Supporting\_SCoN\_Slate\_of\_Nominees\_2023-2024-1.pdf* Slate of Nominees document mentioned in the Presiding Officer Elect report.
  - b. *Supporting\_SCoN\_Slate\_of\_Nominees\_2023-2024-2.pdf* Slate of Nominees document mentioned in the Presiding Officer Elect report.

**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:** JENNIFER FLORY (CHAIR), ROB SUMOWSKI (VICE-CHAIR), ALEX BLAZER (SECRETARY)  
**ACADEMIC YEAR:** 2022-2023

**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	9/2	10/7	11/4	1/6	2/10	3/3	4/14	P	R	A	
Alex Blazer <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Secretary</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Cathy Cox <i>University President</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	0	7	0	
Nicholas Creel <i>EFS, CoBT ECUS Member</i>	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	6	1	0	
Jennifer Flory <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	7	0	0	
Catherine Fowler <i>EFS, CoHS, ECUS Chair Emerita</i>	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	5	2	0	
Lamonica Sanford <i>EFS, Library ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	6	1	0	
Costas Spirou <i>Provost</i>	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	6	1	0	
Rob Sumowski <i>EFS, CoE ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P	R	P	P	R	R	P	4	3	0	