

COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)
MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023, 2:45-3:15 P.M.
MEETING LOCATION: PARKS HALL 301

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS		“P” denotes Present, “A” denotes Absent, “R” denotes Regrets
P	Alex Blazer (CoAS, ECUS Secretary)	
R	Cathy Cox (University President)	
P	Nicolas Creel (CoBT, ECUS Member)	
P	Jennifer Flory (CoAS, ECUS Chair Emerita)	
P	Catherine Fowler (CoHS, ECUS Vice-Chair)	
P	Lamonica Sanford (Library, ECUS Member)	
R	Costas Spirou (Provost)	
P	Rob Sumowski (CoE, ECUS Chair)	
GUESTS		
Holley Roberts, Associate Provost for 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 2:47 p.m. by Rob Sumowski (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 1 Sep 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 — Rob Sumowski

1. Presiding Officer Activities

a. Provost Meetings

- i. Jennifer Flory and I attended a meeting called by Provost Spirou on September 12, where he addressed what he had learned in the previous Friday’s BOR meeting related to the USG’s new Core IMPACTS and related syllabus statement adjustments, which may be required as soon as Spring Semester 2024. We agreed this would be an issue referred to APC.
- ii. On October 5, I met with Provost Spirou about low award programs and later attended the Academic Leadership Team meeting.
- iii. Provost Spirou and I spoke by phone about the BOR’s Core IMPACTS policy that will require a new set of adjustments in syllabi. It is expected to be adopted by USG at its October 3-4 meeting.

- b. **USG Faculty Council**
 - i. On September 13, Catherine Fowler, Jennifer Flory, and I attended the USGFC September Check-In meeting on Webex, where the Faculty Council began preliminary discussion about the USG's new Core Impacts and related syllabus statement adjustments.
 - ii. The next meeting of the USGFC will be held at Gordon State College on October 26-27, 2023. It is tentatively expected that the Chancellor and USG staff will present to the Faculty Council on October 26.
- 2. **University Senate Budget and Foundation Updates** FY 2023, as of September 19, 2023
 - a. 1048105 University Senate (state account) has \$2,457.78.
 - b. F15320 University Senate (foundation) has \$1264.00.

Presiding Officer Elect Report — Catherine Fowler

- 1. **Election Oversight Materials**, including the Corps of Instruction List, Apportionment, and Letters to College Deans and the Library Director, will be voted upon at today's ECUS meeting with Standing Committee Chairs. Highlights include:
 - a. **Apportionment**
 - i. College of Arts & Sciences: 17 Elected Faculty Senators
 - ii. College of Business & Technology: 6 Elected Faculty Senators
 - iii. College of Education: 4 Elected Faculty Senators
 - iv. College of Health Sciences: 5 Elected Faculty Senators
 - v. University Library: 2 Elected Faculty Senators
 - b. **Elected Faculty Senators with Terms Ending April 2024**
 - i. At-Large Position: 1: Catherine Fowler
 - ii. College of Arts & Sciences: 4: Jennifer Flory, Greg Glotzbecker, Sandra Trujillo, Trae Welborn
 - iii. College of Business & Technology: 4: Nicholas Creel, Hedayati, Richardson, John Swinton
 - iv. College of Education: 2: Chris Greer, Lyndall Muschell
 - v. College of Health Sciences: 0: none
 - vi. University Library: 1: Lamonica Sanford
- 2. **USG Faculty Council** meeting scheduled at Gordon State on October 26-27. Send constituent questions and concerns to Dr. Fowler. At the USFGC planning meeting, concerns were raised regarding the timeline for the Core refresh, viewing reference letters during the faculty hiring process, tenure, and the AAUP censure.

V. Unfinished Business

- 1. There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

- 1. There was no new business.

VII. Open Discussion

1. **University Senate Handbook Revision**
 - a. Comment: In addition to cosmetic modifications, the President's now motion options will be included in the revision.
2. **Core Curriculum**
 - a. Question: Does the reorganization of the core areas require course modifications and approval by the General Education Committee?

VIII. Next Meeting

1. **Calendar**
 - a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, October 20, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
 - b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, November 3, 2:45 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, November 3, 3:30 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, November 17, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
2. **Tentative Agenda:** Some of the deliberation today may have generated tentative agenda items for ECUS and ECUS-SCC meetings. Rob Sumowski 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 3:08 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: ROB SUMOWSKI (CHAIR), CATHERINE FOWLER (VICE-CHAIR), ALEX BLAZER (SECRETARY)

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2023-2024

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