

**COMMITTEE NAME:** EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)  
**MEETING DATE & TIME:** FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024, 2:45-3:15 P.M.  
**MEETING LOCATION:** ZOOM

**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 Emerita)	
<b>P</b>	Catherine Fowler (CoHS, ECUS Vice-Chair)	
<b>P</b>	Lamonica Sanford (Library, ECUS Member)	
<b>P</b>	Costas Spirou (Provost)	
<b>P</b>	Rob Sumowski (CoE, ECUS Chair)	

**Legend**

Highlighted text denotes follow-up.

**Bold denotes action or recommendation.**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:45 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 3 Nov 2024 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. Standing Committees**

- i. On November 3, 2023, FAPC Chair Dr. Stephanie Jett forwarded officers and the Provost drafts of wording for modifications to the SRIS, IFR (in relation to SRIS), and Emeritus Status policies. She then sent a follow up email on January 1, 2024. Associate Provost Dr. Holley Roberts replied on behalf of the Office of Academic Affairs with suggestions.
- ii. I have been in touch with remaining Standing Committee Chairs as needed.

**b. System-Wide or Tier/Sector Meeting Attendance**

- i. On December 14, 2023, Dr. Jennifer Flory attended the Academic Leadership Team meeting on my behalf.

**c. Academic Conference Attendance**

- i. Presiding Officer Elect Dr. Catherine Fowler has agreed to chair the January 19, 2024 University Senate meeting due to my joining the Provost at the AACU Conference in Washington, DC.
2. **University Senate Budget and Foundation Updates** FY 2023 (as of December 30, 2023):
  - a. 1048105 University Senate (state account) balance: \$4,767.00 as per Fina Endere
  - b. F15320 University Senate (Foundation) account balance: \$583.01 as per Ashley Banks

### **Presiding Officer Elect Report — Catherine Fowler**

1. **Election Oversight** SCoN awaits election results from CoAS, CoBT, CoE, and the Library.
2. **ECUS Discussion**
  - a. **Election Oversight**
    - i. Question: Can the Senate email address ([senate@gcsu.edu](mailto:senate@gcsu.edu)), which goes to the Presiding Officer, be removed from the election letters to college deans and library director be removed and replaced by the Presiding Officer's email address?
    - ii. Answer: Yes
    - iii. Comment: The PO rarely uses the Senate email address. If the password is lost, contact SERVE. Another practice could be that the password is shared by Senate officers (PO, POE, and Secretary).

### **V. Unfinished Business**

1. There was no unfinished business.

### **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, January 19, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
  - b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, February 9, 2:00 p.m., Parks Hall 301
  - c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, February 9, 3:30 p.m., Parks Hall 301
  - d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, February 26, 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 2:56 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.

**COMMITTEE NAME:** EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)

**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	P	P				4	0	0	
Cathy Cox <i>University President</i>	R	R	R	R				0	4	0	
Nicholas Creel <i>EFS, CoBT ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	
Jennifer Flory <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Chair Emerita</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	
Catherine Fowler <i>EFS, CoHS, ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	
Lamonica Sanford <i>EFS, Library ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	
Costas Spirou <i>Provost</i>	P	R	P	P				3	1	0	
Rob Sumowski <i>EFS, CoE ECUS Chair</i>	P	P	P	P				4	0	0	