

COMMITTEE NAME: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE (ECUS)
MEETING DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024, 2:00-3:15 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)	
R	Nicolas Creel (CoBT, ECUS Member)	
P	Jennifer Flory (CoAS, ECUS Chair Emerita)	
R	Lamonica Sanford (Library, ECUS Member)	
P	Costas Spirou (Provost)	
P	Rob Sumowski (CoE, ECUS Chair)	
GUESTS		
Troy Keller, Georgia Executive Leadership Institute		

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 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 9 Feb 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. I have been in touch with Standing Committee Chairs via phone and email as needed.

b. System-Wide or Tier/Sector Meeting Attendance

i. On February 16, 2024, I spoke with the USGFC president Michelle Brattain about USGFC’s Spring retreat. The Spring meeting is currently in the planning process. I will update ECUS and the Senate once more information is available from USGFC.

ii. On February 28, I met with the SACSCOC visiting team to discuss the QEP as part of the SACSCOC On-Site Reaffirmation Visit.

2. Subcommittee on Nominations Chair Duties

- a. The Subcommittee on Nominations will discuss, give feedback, and approve a plan for handling March SCoN chair duties during the upcoming ECUS-SCC meeting.
 - i. SCoN will send out a preference survey for nominations for 2023-2024 Presiding Officer Elect, 2024-2025 Presiding Officer Elect, and 2024-2025 Secretary.
 - ii. Options for nominating 2023-2024 POE include a replacement to be elected after by-laws revision passes, assuming the President approves the bylaws motion from the Senate floor during the April 26 2:00 p.m. final meeting of the 2023-2024 University Senate. This person will then be hands the gavel and become PO at the beginning of the April 26 3:30 organizational meeting of the 2024-2025 University Senate.
3. **2024-2025 Governance Calendar** is forthcoming and is currently being reviewed by Academic Affairs.
4. **University Senate Budget and Foundation Updates** FY 2023 (unchanged 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
5. **GCSU Policy on Research Misconduct** Supporting documents will be included as information items in the 15 Mar 2024 US meeting.
6. **ECUS Discussion**
 - a. **Subcommittee on Nominations Chair Duties**
 - i. **Follow Up: Provost Spirou will talk with President Cox about the importance of attending the April 26 2:00 meeting.**
 - ii. Comment: When the 2023-2024 POE becomes the 2024-2025 PO, that person will also become Governance Retreat Chair. **Follow Up: ECUS will converse with the POE nominee(s) about potential locations for the governance retreat.**

Presiding Officer Elect Report

1. **No Officer, No Report** As the officer resigned effective 23 Feb 2024, there is no report.

V. Unfinished Business

1. There is no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

1. **Bylaws Revision Motion**
 - a. The bylaws revision motion creates a process for replacing the Presiding Officer and/or Secretary during the academic year should a vacancy arise. The process is modeled on that used during the April Senate organizational meeting.
 - b. **ECUS Action A Motion** to approve the bylaws revision motion was made and seconded. **The motion was approved.**

2. Senate Recognition Certificates

- a. Comment: The process is recorded in the ECUS checklists. It is recommended that the PO and one other ECUS member review the certificate list before sending it to the University Senate Administrative Assistant for printing.

VII. Open Discussion

1. There was no open discussion.

VIII. Next Meeting

1. Calendar

- a. University Senate Meeting – Friday, March 15, 3:30 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
 - b. ECUS Meeting – Friday, April 5, 2:00 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - c. ECUS+SCC Meeting – Friday, April 5, 3:30 p.m., Parks Hall 301
 - d. University Senate Meeting – Friday, April 26, 2:00 p.m., Arts & Sciences 272
 - e. University Senate Meeting – Friday, April 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 2:45 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: 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	P	P		6	0	0	
Cathy Cox <i>University President</i>	R	R	R	R	R	R		0	6	0	
Nicholas Creel <i>EFS, CoBT ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P	P	R		5	1	0	
Jennifer Flory <i>EFS, CoAS ECUS Chair Emerita</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P		6	0	0	
Catherine Fowler <i>EFS, CoHS, ECUS Vice-Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P	NA		5	0	0	
Lamonica Sanford <i>EFS, Library ECUS Member</i>	P	P	P	P	P	R		6	0	0	
Costas Spirou <i>Provost</i>	P	R	P	P	P	P		5	1	0	
Rob Sumowski <i>EFS, CoE ECUS Chair</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P		6	0	0	