



**Faculty Senate
Minutes of the Executive Committee**

Presiding: W. Pat Travis

Date: February 21, 2023

Secretary: R. Jeffrey Thieme

Members Present: W. Pat Travis (President), DeAnna Owens-Mosby (President-Elect), Jill A. Dapremont (Past-President), R. Jeffrey Thieme (Secretary), Jeffrey G. Marchetta (Parliamentarian), Jeni Loftus (At-Large), and Mark Sunderman (At-Large).

Members Absent: None

Guests: Sara K. Bridges (Ombudsperson)

The meeting was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, via the Zoom video conferencing platform due to restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

2.21.23.01 Call to Order

President Pat Travis called the virtual meeting of the Faculty Senate (FS) Executive Committee (EC) to order with a quorum at 2:40 pm.

2.21.23.02 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written with the replacement of the first agenda item in New Business with "Charge to Academic Policies Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Academic Integrity."

2.21.23.03 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 24, 2023, Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting were approved as written.

2.21.23.04 President's Report

President Travis reported that he organized the Faculty Trustee nomination forum, the EC completed interviews of four candidates for the open Provost position, he attended President's Council meetings on Monday of each week in February, the EC met with Dr. Abby Parril-Baker (Interim Provost), he met with Dr. Robert Jackson (Chief Information Officer), he attended the third meeting of the Budget Redesign Steering Committee, and he attended the Stepping Blocks Faculty luncheon.

President Travis reported that on February 10, 2023, the EC met in executive session to discuss the Faculty Trustee selection process. Parliamentarian Jeff Marchetta was not in attendance due to a conflict of interest as he is an applicant for the Faculty Trustee position. After the executive session, the EC decided to present a slate of four candidates for consideration for the Faculty Trustee position to the FS for a ratification vote in the February 28, 2023, FS meeting. The candidates are Brian Waldron, Jeff Marchetta, Leah Windsor, and Zabi Rezaee. The EC also decided to send the materials submitted by each candidate to the candidates and Senators for review.

Parliamentarian Marchetta asked for details about the work of the Budget Redesign Steering Committee. President Travis to follow up to the EC via email.

2.21.23.05 Old Business

There was no Old Business.

2.21.23.06 New Business

Charge to Academic Policies Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Academic Integrity

President Travis yielded to Secretary Jeff Thieme who proposed the following charge: “The Academic Policies Committee is charged with investigating the impact that recent artificial intelligence tools (i.e. ChatGPT) might have on academic integrity at the University. The Committee should propose policies to address any issues that are warranted based on its research into the issue. The Committee is encouraged to consult with the Provost’s Office, the Chief Information Officer’s Office, the Academic Integrity Task Force, and any other initiatives to coordinate efforts across campus. The Committee should submit a report in the April 18 FS meeting summarizing their research.”

The EC agreed to send the charge to the Academic Policies Committee.

Motion to accept revised SETE evaluations, Academic Policies, Brian Janz

The EC agreed to place the motion on the FS agenda.

Motion to appoint faculty representatives to university committees, Committee on Committees, Genae Strong

The EC agreed to place the motion on the FS agenda contingent upon revisions due by the end of the week.

Motion to appoint Faculty Representatives to faculty appeals committee, Committee on Committees, Genae Strong

The EC agreed to place the motion on the FS agenda contingent upon clarification as to whether Dr. Will Hunter will be replaced by one of the members on the list.

Motion to Recommend Approval of Policy AA3009, Faculty Policies Committee, Jeff Marchetta

The EC agreed to place the motion on the FS agenda.

Motion to Adopt Slate of Faculty Trustee Candidates, Executive Committee

The EC agreed to place the motion on the FS agenda as the first item in New Business.

Approval of FS Agenda 02.28.23

The EC approved the FS agenda as amended in this meeting.

Note: Parliamentarian Marchetta left the meeting at this point due to a conflict of interest as he is a candidate for the Faculty Trustee position and the remaining agenda items concern the Faculty Trustee selection process.

Motion to Address Conflict of Interest in Faculty Trustee Selection Voting - Senator

The EC agreed to add the motion to the agenda directly after the vote on the slate of Faculty Trustee nominees.

Motion to Address Conflict of Interest in Faculty Trustee Selection Voting - Marriage

The EC agreed to add the motion to the agenda directly after the vote on the motion to address conflict of interest in Faculty Trustee selection voting - Senator.

EC agreed that President Travis will ask Senators who are candidates for the Faculty Trustee position and Senator Alistair Windsor (husband of a candidate for the Faculty Trustee position) to voluntarily recuse themselves from the vote on the slate of Faculty Trustee candidates to avoid any conflict of interest.

2.21.23.07 Announcements

There were no announcements.

2.21.23.08 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.