

**FACULTY SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

September 16, 2024

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**OFFICERS:** Ray Stuart Fertig III, *Chair*; Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, *Secretary*; Rob Godby, *Chair-elect*; Tiger Robison, Ashley Hope Carlisle and Gregg Cawley, *Members-at-Large*.

**Guests:** Mandy J. Gifford, *Chief of staff to the Provost*. Professor Nevan Aiken, *School of Politics, Public Affairs, and International Studies*.

Chair Robert Sprague called the meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) to order at 12:04 pm.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda for September 16; made seconded and carried. The Chair called for a motion to approve the amended minutes of September 9; made seconded and carried.

The Chair reported that the State of the University address would be on September 17<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Union Ballroom. The Chair reported that the Executive Committee would be having lunch with the Board of Trustees from 12-1 PM on September 26. The Chair reported that the President would be hosting a Faculty Townhall on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Chair reported that Alex Kean would be present at the next meeting to discuss the potential new budget model and that Matt Griswold would be present at the following meeting.

The Chair reported that he had received clarification regarding the new SAP's that had been proposed before the Faculty Senate, and that Chad Baldwin had informed him that they were codifying several standard practices at the University.

The Chair reported that President Seidel would be present for the next meeting of the Faculty Senate, and asked the Committee to plan for questions with the President. The Committee discussed.

The Chair then yielded the floor to Professor Nevan Aiken to discuss the Next-Gen University Studies Program (USP) for 2026 and the president's proposed experiential learning. Professor Aiken thanked the Chair and stated that a new draft model of the USP had been approved by the Provost and would be subject to campus-wide review. Professor Aiken stated that as part of the new USP, students would be required to have at least one "E" component, or at least one experiential learning experience during the attainment of an undergraduate degree.

Professor Aiken then reviewed the proposed definition of experiential learning and then reviewed the four proposed pathways, study abroad programs, internships, volunteerism, or miscellaneous. Professor Aiken highlighted several potential examples of what would fulfill the “E” component requirements. Professor Aiken explained that whether a course fulfilled the “E” component requirement would be determined by the learning outcomes of the University.

Professor Aiken reported that this would be coded from 0-3 credit hours rather than the standard 0-6 credit hours for the purpose of allowing students to have sufficient flexibility in course choices to achieve the required credit. Professor Aiken added that students could potentially fulfill the requirement by non-approved methods with supervision from a faculty member via an online portfolio. The Committee discussed.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the Faculty Senate Agenda for September 23, 2024. Motion made and seconded. A motion was made to amend the agenda to add discussion with President Seidel. Motion made, seconded, and carried. The Chair called for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Committee at 1:26 PM. Made, seconded, and carried.