

Faculty Senate - Executive Committee

Minutes

Monday, December 1, 2025

Attendance: Rob Godby (*Chair*), Ray Fertig (*Chair-Emeritus*), Vladimir Alvarado (*Secretary*), Gregg Cawley (*Member-at-Large*), Tiger Robison (*Member-at-Large*).

Members Absent: Brad Rettler (*Member-At-Large*)

Guests Present: David Bagley (*Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs*)

Meeting called to order at 12:36pm.

A motion was called to approve the agenda; seconded, carried.

A motion was called to approve the minutes of the last session; seconded, carried.

Chair's Report

Chair Godby noted that after conversations with several individuals on the President's Access and Engagement Committee, the Chair will not be putting forward a name to replace Jennifer Tabler who resigned from the committee several weeks ago. Chair further noted that the possibility exists of re-engagement with the committee in the spring.

Chair noted that the position of the Faculty Conciliator remains open, and that the Faculty Senate continues with struggles related to the position.

Chair requested an update on the transmittal of legislation approved by the Senate. Secretary Alvarado gave an update, indicating that the last measure has been transmitted to the President's Office.

Chair noted several members of the Faculty for the School of Social Justice will be attending the full Senate session this evening.

Chair noted that the position of Chair-Elect remains open despite his efforts to get the position filled.

Chair noted that after receiving an update from General Counsel, there are more potential SAPs that are being suggested as urgent by the office of General Counsel for consideration by Faculty Senate.

Chair noted that the first Faculty Senate Speaker, Marisa Macy, will present next week on December 10th at 2pm.

Chair provided an update on the Shared Governance Working Group report, noting the role of external influences in affecting the outcome and conclusions of the working group, chiefly that the President of the University objected to the presentation of information in the report. Chair noted that the report is being restructured or rearranged to better address the concerns raised by the objections.

Other Business

Chair noted that President Ed Seidel is forming a *Presidential Commission on Artificial Intelligence*. Chair noted some of the difficulties in scheduling regarding the meetings of this commission and noted that the said commission is unlikely to accomplish anything before spring. The *Commission* seems to be research focused rather than addressing its utility to faculty and the way it is being used by the broader campus community.

Chair brought up the changes being proposed to the Faculty Senate Bylaws and the Establishment of Faculty Senate Committee's, noting some of the operational guidelines behind the changes being proposed. Chair noted that Graduate Council, the Research Committee, and the RTP (University Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion) committees are not being changed. The other committees are potentially having the number of required members reduced. Four committees are being proposed for elimination: Budget Committee – potentially being moved to a subcommittee of another committee, Library Committee, Faculty Recognition Committee – potentially moving to be a subcommittee of FASRRC, Committee on Committee – likely to be reorganized as a one-or-two-person group and potentially moving as a subcommittee of the Executive Committee. Chair noted that the Academic Planning Committee is the primary engine for policy for Faculty Senate. Another proposed change has to do with the composition of the committees, Chair noted that the proposed restructuring brings the number of required members for the remaining committees down to 6 minimum from the main colleges of the University, with the option for other units to serve on those committees as time and opportunity to permit. The committee discussed the roles of various committees, the utility of various committees, and the overall function of the committees at the University. Chair noted some of the committees that need to be looked at more closely, and that the charges for the remaining committees likely need to be reviewed and changed.

Chair took feedback from the committee regarding the certificate programs previously considered by the Academic Planning Committee. Regarding the larger questions of the role certificates play on campus, David Bagley provided an update on the administrative perception of certificates. Specifically citing that since 2015, the University has removed 44 bachelor's degree programs while adding 37, and the number of programs has been increased by 15 certificates. David Bagley noted that certificates are generally cost neutral, since the requisite courses are already being taught.

Chair noted some of the business for this evening's Full Senate meeting, including discussing some of the necessary rules that will govern the introduction of the two resolutions being considered by Faculty Senate.

Motion to adjourn at 2:03pm; seconded, carried.