



Faculty Senate - Executive Committee

Minutes

Monday, February 2, 2026

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

Members Absent:

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

Meeting was called to order at 12:32pm.

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

A motion was called to approve the minutes of the session on 1/26/26; seconded and carried.

Chair's Report

Chair provided a reminder to the committee about the Faculty Senate Speaker Series and encouraged the Faculty Senate Coordinator to provide an email to the Library faculty.

Chair discussed the release of the Shared Governance Working Group's interim report and noted that the report has been released broadly to campus to gain commentary from the rest of the campus stakeholders, before a final report and plan is drafted moving forward. Chair noted that the report is specific in some suggestions but not on which groups or agencies on campus have a responsibility to act.

Chair provided an update on the Presidential Search Committee, noting applications will be reviewed on the 23rd of February and that the interview questions are being compiled by the search committee. Finalists will be brought to Campus during the month of April.

Chair provided an update on the Faculty Dispute Resolution Panel, noting potential issues regarding the elections for panel membership.

Chair provided an update on the Academic Freedom complaint process, noting that the initial creation of policy has been finalized and is moving forward for commentary.

Chair noted upcoming business included the postponed SAP's which are currently awaiting final versions from the Office of General Counsel. Another pending business item is the RTP SAP is due for review and potential changes. A further pending business item is a Sponsored projects SAP. Chair noted that discussion in the future will include U.W. Regulation 2-2.

Chair noted some of the feedback, locally and state-side, to budget cuts being proposed by the JAC. Budget bills will begin to be introduced when the state legislature sits beginning February 9th, 2026.



Other Business

Chair noted that the proposed changes to Committee Bylaws will be up for discussion in the next weeks, and for a final vote on the 23rd of February. Generally, feedback to the proposed changes has garnered a decent amount of support with the only major source of pushback being the members of the Library Council Committee. Chair noted some potential changes to the way the USP Committee and the Course Committee would interact in the future. Chair provided some additional information regarding further edits that he made. School of Computing had several questions related to committee work and voting rules.

Chair brought up Resolution 504, Research Misconduct, and noted that there were several difficulties with what has come before the Executive Committee previously. Chair has requested further guidance, noting that the policy will intersect with several other departments and policies already extant on campus, and is awaiting further clarification and guidance, including additional guidance from the Office of General Counsel. Chair is recommending postponing further action, until that guidance and clarification is forthcoming. Chair took several comments and questions from the rest of the Committee.

Chair brought up Resolution 505, Website Accessibility Standard Administrative Policy and Procedure (SAP) and requested feedback and commentary from the Executive Committee. Chair took several comments and questions from the rest of the Committee. It was determined to bring in the SAP's author to answer questions from the Executive Committee before further consideration due to concerns related to tools, outcomes, and burdens on faculty.

Chair brought up Resolution 506: College of Health Sciences Proposed PhD Program in Health Sciences. Chair had several questions about the nature of the proposal and the structure of the proposal. Chair took several comments and questions from the rest of the Committee. The Committee is requesting further information in response to its questions.

Chair brought up Resolution 507: Amendments to Graduate Committee Formation SAP. Graduate Council requested the SAP back and made further edits to try and clarify language. Chair took comments and questions from the Committee and resolved to bring Temple Stoellinger before Executive Committee.

Committee then discussed the up-and-coming necessity of elections to the Executive Committee. Chair highlighted the need to decide based on which roles need to be filled. Chair Godby noted that it was going to be a difficult year for someone with no institutional information. The committee discussed the potential for changes, the potentiality of second terms for Chairs, and the overall structure of the committee and the future of Faculty Senate over the next few years.

Motion to adjourn at 2:03pm.