

**Faculty Senate - Executive Committee**

## Minutes

Monday, March 23, 2026

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

**Members Absent:** Ashley Hope-Carlisle (*Member-at-Large*).

**Guests Present:** David Bagley (*Vice Provost – Academic Affairs*)

The meeting was called to order at 12:35pm.

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

A motion was called to approve the minutes of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026; seconded and carried.

**Chair's Report**

Chair Godby provided an update on the presidential search, noting that we went from 100 plus candidates down to five, and conducted a marathon of interviews over the space of two days, before turning over the finalists to be interviewed by the trustees this week. Three candidates should be visiting campus next week. Chair noted that there is a special Trustees meeting, in executive session, on April 2<sup>nd</sup> after the finalist candidates have visited so that Chair Godby can provide direct feedback from the faculty's point of view on the candidates.

Chair Godby noted that the "Great Colleges" survey has been released to the broader university community and encouraged both the executive committee and their respective constituencies, to get the survey completed as it provides useful feedback to the institution itself.

Chair Godby provided information related to a new taskforce that had been assembled to make some changes to the Animal Management program. This task force was put into place by VP Parag Chitnis. Concerns being raised may need to be addressed by the Faculty Senate.

**Other Business**

Chair noted the results of the presidential question surveys, which are to be put to the presidential candidates coming to campus within the next few weeks. Chair reviewed the feedback from these surveys, noting topics of concern for faculty members. Chair requested feedback regarding the final composition of the questions to be put to the candidates coming to Campus. The committee spent considerable amount of time discussing the results of the surveys, and how best to articulate the questions related to the results of the survey.

Chair noted the possibility of the Trustee's creating an endowment for one of the indigenous tribes within the state, indicating that there is already an endowment for another tribe, although the one being created is suffering from a twenty-year lag, the goal of the endowment being to creation tuition free education for tribe members.

Chair noted that next week there will be a guest speaking to the executive Committee about the deployment and utilization of AI on Campus.

Chair Godby noted that future potential business of the full Faculty Senate includes approving the expansion of the Executive Committee to include a total of 2 new Members-at-Large, bringing the total to 6, and the mechanism for that expansion with elections. Chair noted the section in the By-laws regarding the Committee on Committee's.

Chair further noted business for this evening's meeting of the Faculty Senate, including moving low-producing programs to a different SAP. The Retention, Tenure, and Promotion SAP are also subject to further consideration: either the chance to accept the changes that have been put into effect, or to request opening the SAP to reconsideration. The committee discussed presenting a resolution, reviewing SAP adoption process, that includes the language about SAPs that were changed from what faculty senate has reviewed and approved.

Committee discussed the election for this evening and provided further direction to the Coordinator.

The committee discussed the policies that may or may not be involved in the distribution of the raises which were approved by the Legislature.

Motion to adjourn at 2:30pm.