



**ACADEMIC SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
APRIL 21, 2026**

**11:30 AM - 12:50 PM**

**MH-141**

Present: Bono, Childers, Gradilla, Graewingholt, Jarvis, Kanel, Kleinjans, Milligan, Swarat, Wood

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

- Chair Jarvis called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

## **II. URGENT BUSINESS**

- The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.
- I saw the email about ADA compliance, and I think the campus faculty deserves to have and would benefit from a big picture plan; here's our plan for how we'll get there. Not bite by bite, step by step. It leaves them feeling flat footed, confused. They're worried if they convert everything to Camtasia, they're going to be told next year to move it all to YouTube, it gives them more anxiety.
- I propose that every website, handout, or flyer say RSCA funds cannot be used for incentives. They get money for supplies, then later they want to use it for incentives, then the department has to find a way to fix it. If they can't use it for incentives, that should be in writing and part of accepting the money
  - The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.

Q: My students aren't telling me they can't access the New York Times anymore through the library. Is that correct?

A: There are multiple ways you can access the New York Times; it depends on the date you're looking for.

Also, we've had an ongoing issue with multiple news, not just the New York Times, where they're shifting their model where essentially the library pays for the subscription that libraries are offered that is based on the print and online edition.

If you have a special advanced preview article, because you're a subscriber, you're getting the Sunday edition on Monday or earlier in the week. So, you're seeing articles where they're trying to wrestle that wallet open to get you to individually subscribe so that you get the Sunday issue early. We will get our articles when they're officially printed. So, we're being given everything officially. It's the online little perks and stuff that they don't have access to. It's becoming a paywall problem that people think we don't have access to it, and we do.

Q: What do I tell them when they need to look for it?

A: Be patient. ILL it, you can ILL it immediately. Librarians across the system tend to subscribe to these things. I have seen where a faculty member needed an online thing that came out on Monday and not on Sunday and a personal librarian got it for them and sent it to them. So just ILL it, we'll find a way to get it for them. But they have to be patient and wait.

Q: But you prefer us to not give them the PDF for them to go through the library, right?

A: Honestly, it doesn't really matter for the New York Times, I like getting the hits because it shows that they're being used. But we'll get it in Leganto if you use it in Leganto too. So, it just depends on the mechanism that you're providing it through.

- I can just give them the PDFs because I don't mind.
- Whatever is easy enough for your students, because the New York Times is not one that's at risk of being unsubscribed to.

## **III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- No announcements.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ M/S/P (Kanel/Graewingholt) Motion to approve the April 7<sup>th</sup> EC Minutes. Motion passed.

4.1 EC Minutes 4-7-26 (draft)

4.2 EC Minutes 4-14-26 (draft) - *forthcoming*

#### V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- There may be another item of urgent business at the Senate meeting. SOQs are all messed up. The vendor wasn't working. Students will go in and they see a spinning wheel, so the response rates are absolutely abysmal as of last week. So, they reached out to the vendor.

On Thursday night the vendor said we got it fixed. I heard an update last Friday and it does seem to be working now. They have students trying it in their classes and in IT to try to test it out.

But the real question is how many students got a spinning wheel in week one when they tried and they've now given up and we're going to need possibly more time in order to get anywhere near a decent sample. We're trying to give it until Thursday to see if the numbers pick back up. So, it may be a resolution to extend the SOQ deadline for a week.

- (Wood) I heard a rumor this morning from a staff member that CourseDog is being phased out.
- (Swarat) We're going to go back to PeopleSoft solutions.

#### VI. STAFF REPORT

- No report.

#### VII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

7.1 Faculty Affairs Committee [Swarat/Jarvis], F, 4-17-26, 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM, CP-1060-05

- Quorum met.
- 3/20/26 Minutes approved.
- Continued UPS 210.070 discussion:
  - Added the requirement of syllabi during abbreviated review.
- UPS 210.0708 revision completed. Did minor rewrites to make it clear that lecturers need not address everything in their narratives, and that a lot of the listed items are 'shoulds' not 'shalls'

7.2 Academic Standards Committee [Swarat], F, 4-17-26, 12:30 - 2:00 PM, Zoom

- 2026-2027 Chair Election: Joel Abraham is voted as chair for next year.
- Minutes approved.
- UPS 300.021 Academic Dishonesty: Continued discussion but did not finish the document.
- UPS left for this committee to work on until next year:
  - UPS 300.021 Academic Dishonesty:
  - UPS 411.101 Policy On Courses: Numbering And Requisites, Standard Codes, Controlled Entry, And Credit Hour

7.3 Graduate Education Committee [Wood], F, 4-17-26, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, CP-1060-05

- Approved minutes from March 20, 2026.
- New Business
  - Discussed, selected winners for the Giles T. Brown Thesis Excellence Award
  - Discussed, selected winners for the Lynn Winters Staff Excellence Award in Graduate Education
  - Voted for Grad Ed Committee Chair AY26-27: Gordon Capp; Joe Carline and Kellie Lanham-Friedman would both like to continue on the committee next year.
- Continuing Business
  - UPS 410.106 revision: Finalized edits and approved.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### 8.1 GE New Course Proposals - Spring 2026

- This will be added to the next AS agenda as a consent calendar item.

### 8.2 Revisions to UPS 210.070 - Evaluation of Lecturers - forthcoming

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.