

ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2026

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MH-141

Present: Bruschke, Childers, Dabirian, Gradilla, Graewingholt, Jarvis, Kleinjans, Mallicoat, Milligan, Valdez
Absent: Swarat

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Dabirian called the meeting to order at 11:33am.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

- Our concerns about financial aid do not seem to be well communicated with our students. Students on Reddit are freaking out about their status in the system and that they don't have the money, so they're assuming their disenrollment protection went away. While there is a disenrollment hold on their accounts, they are still receiving messages as if they will lose their delinquent hold, which is causing them to panic.

Suggestion:

Chair Dabirian to bring this matter up in his meeting with the student Senators at their meeting.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (Graewingholt) The library is no longer on fire. It was resolved quickly. No part of the collection was damaged. It was a fire in the print shop.
- (Bruschke) There will be a service coming up for Jeanine Congalton on September 19th. It will be in SGMH 1502 to accommodate a large number of people coming in.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- M/S/P (Jarvis/Graewingholt) Motion to approve the July 28th EC Minutes. Motion passed.
- 4.1 EC Minutes 7-28-26 (draft)

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Thank you for everyone's participation in the Cabinet meeting last week. I have met with Kim Ball and Chuck Kissel since then, and they are going to do an Open Forum for SmartAccess+ but will come to Exec on September 8th to get your feedback before the forum. I told them I want to know what the guardrails are to protect us and students. I asked them to work with IT to send several texts to students and have it on their Canvas portals. I want there to be an easier way for students to opt-out. I also asked that they report back to us and that a survey goes out asking students how it is so we can measure the program properly.
 - The Executive Committee had an extensive discussion on this matter.

VI. STAFF REPORT

- We need help filling the CCOM and HHD seats on the FDC Committee, and the NSM seat on the Exceptional Assigned Time Committee.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7.1 Revisions to UPS 261.000 – Faculty Emeriti Status
- (Bruschke) Delete lines 73-74.

- (Bruschke) Line 67: reword to read "...at least ten years of full-time status, or a minimum of 300 WTU's, or fifteen years of service".
 - (Kleinjans) Lines 12, 37, and 45: change "his/her" to "their".
 - (Kleinjans) Lines 17: strike letter "A." to remove numbering from paragraph.
 - (Kleinjans) Line 35: change "has" to "have".
 - (Dabirian) Line 35: change "Diversity and Inclusion (HRDI)" to "and Inclusive Excellence (HRIE)".
 - (Jarvis) Line 96: strike "the calendar year following revocation or denial".
 - (Bruschke) Lines 10, 25, and 68: strike "served honorably and have".
 - (Jarvis) Lines 89: add "Ad Hoc" to read "...after consultation with the Ad Hoc Emeriti Status Revocation Committee".
 - (Jarvis) Lines 93: add "Ad Hoc" to read "Efforts shall be made to ensure a diverse Ad Hoc Emeriti Status Revocation Committee".
 - Exec agreed to have Chair Dabirian consult with Provost Walker and VP McCullough on the document. After consultation, this document will be added to the next AS agenda as a consent calendar item.
- 7.2 AA/AS Annual Retreat, Fall 2026 – **October 2, 2026** / Topic: TBD
- Exec discussed the date for the AA/AS Retreat and agreed to start brainstorming topics. Senate staff will send out a Save the Date.
- 7.3 UPS Documents for Review AY 2026-27
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 - Exec finished reviewing the UPS documents and identified which committee to assign them to.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Annual Reports for Review from AY 2025-26
1. Annual Reports for Review from AY 2025-26 – Summary
 - Exec agreed that Senate staff will include the annual reports in emails to each committee chair and liaison to help inform committee priorities for the academic year.
- 8.2 AI Retreat – (Discussion item)
- 8.3 Committee Liaison Priorities – (Discussion item)
- 8.4 Cabinet Meeting Overview – (Discussion item)
- 8.5 August 27th AS Agenda – (Discussion item)
- Exec reviewed the agenda for the August 27 AS meeting and agreed to add faculty titles for in memoriam recognitions after each name, as well as administrator titles in the introduction section.

II. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.