

ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

MH-141

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

Absent: Bruschke

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Dabirian called the meeting to order at 11:34am.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

- No urgent business.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (Swarat) Next Friday, the Chancellor's Office is asking to meet with the campus leadership about student success. I think Senate is on the list of leadership that they are recommending to be invited on September 11th.
- (Graewingholt) StratComm told us we can no longer recreate swag gifts that we give away during little events when tabling or in our classes and stuff, because we have stainless steel reusable straws that say "don't suck at research" on them. StratComm said they are reviewing campus swag, and the language has not been approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- M/S/P (Jarvis/Swarat) Motion to approve the August 18th EC Minutes. Motion passed.
4.1 EC Minutes 8-18-26 (draft)
- M/S/P (Jarvis/Mallicoat) Motion to approve the August 25th EC Minutes. Motion passed.
4.2 EC Minutes 8-25-26 (draft)

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Thursday's Senate meeting went very well. My goal is to have at least three meetings end before the time of the adjournment, or our normal adjournment.
Q: (Kleinjans) Is there a process in place for emeritus status?
A: (Dabirian) I believe there is an AEM form for it. Or you just send it to the Chair, then the Dean forwards it to the Provost and then it goes to HR.
- The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.

VI. STAFF REPORT

- The Library representative dropped off the FPC. We already sent out our Special Election notice last Friday, so we will hold another special election after for that seat.

VII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

7.1 ASI Board [Dabirian], T, 8-25-26, 1:15 – 3:45 PM, TSU Legislative Chambers

- Students presented on IRA.

- Students were upset about 70% of funding cuts to the music department. They were promised experiential learning, but it is no longer available.

Q: (Mallicoat) Where are those applications?

A: (Swarat) They were going to send it out, but then they paused because they wanted to figure out with the IRA commission, not the ad hoc, to see what they want to do first.

7.2 Curriculum Committee [Kleinjans], F, 8-28-26, 12:00 - 2:00 PM, MH-141

- Met 8/28/2026 in person. No student reps assigned yet. Two people were absent. Last year's chair left the committee, so we need a new HUM rep. Will meet on zoom in the future.
 - Exec decided to ask Kate Burlingham to serve as the HUM rep.
- We discussed the assigned UPS for this AY and started to come up with a plan to tackle them. There are rather many and the UCC will discuss the eays ones first. Also, Honors has more edits they would like us to make to the checklist that the UCC passed in already revised form last spring.

7.3 Planning, Resource & Budget Committee [Bruschke], F, 8-28-26, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, PLS-299

- We reviewed the IRA controlling documents; generally, a sense that we should consider the issue and make recommendations. The Provost seemed adamantly focused on 2 lines of the 14-page governance document that meant that last year's committee had followed a procedure; the overall discussion was we need to focus on moving forward and how to handle what's next. It is worth noting that the VPSA wanted to ensure we spoke with "one voice" on this, although it wasn't clear whether that meant PRBC shouldn't say things others aren't, coordinate with the Task Force, or something else.
- About 7 members of the committee hung out for 30 minutes after the meeting...all were concerned the administration doesn't take input, especially on budget issues, and that the administration is generally insulated or unaware of how their higher-end policies inflict hardships on lecturers and students.
- The President did not attend. It was reported that he probably won't attend until the end of September, and his response to last May's budget memo has not been received, nor will the annual financial report go live on the website until he provides his response.

7.4 Graduate Education Committee [Jarvis for Valdez], F, 8-28-26, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, MH-141

- Updates from OGS: 4 new staff in OGS—expansion of grad admissions staff (4->5 evaluators)
- Time required for graduate admissions - how can we speed up the process? Possible that OGS need their own IT staff person. Committee to get timeline with anticipated dates at a future meeting.
- UPS documents assigned to subcommittees for initial drafting.

7.5 Student Life Committee [Milligan], T, 9-1-26, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, Zoom

- SLC met on Zoom.
- We had quorum. SLC does not currently have a chair. No one wanted to run.
- I ran the meeting. We discussed UPS 100.004.
- At the end of the meeting, Dr. Wang offered to be chair. These means there will be a vote on Dr. Wang next SLC meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Revisions to UPS 412.010 - Honors Programs

- (Kleinjans) Lines 24-25: strike "and three members from the Academic Senate Honors Advisory Board".
- (Swarat) Line 36-37: strike "organizing such programs in collaboration with the Academic Senate Honors Programs Advisory Board".
- Exec agreed to add this document to the next AS agenda as a consent calendar item.

8.2 Search Committee

- Vice President for Administration and Finance
- The Executive Committee reviewed the nomination list to identify faculty to serve on the A&F search committee.

8.3 Revisions to UPS 411.100 – Curriculum Guidelines and Procedures: Courses

- Exec agreed to send this document to the General Education Committee to incorporate the proposed revisions into UPS 411.200 instead of UPS 411.100. The GE committee will then forward their revisions to UPS 411.200 to the Senate for approval.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm.