

ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

MH-141

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. URGENT BUSINESS

- There were things that were announced at the Senate meeting on Thursday about deadlines and rubrics around IRA, and yet we have not yet received any communication on this.
- The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (Swarat) First, the bridge between College Park and Mihaylo is supposed to have a groundbreaking soon. I told Sarab Singh to reach out to you to give an update at Senate about this. The campus community should also be informed.
Second, we ran an alumni survey last Spring, and some data is coming through that's really alarming, honestly. There's some good data, but also some really alarming data. I'm not going to go through it now, but I would like to know if there is enough interest and I can discuss it at the next Exec meeting.
Third, we are working with IT to build an early alert dashboard using students' Canvas engagement data. So that's actually a continuation of work I did back in the day. What it does is you look at students engagement in each Canvas site, relative to their peers, and then it puts them in categories of low engagement or high engagement. The advisors will primarily use this.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 EC Minutes 9-22-26 (draft) - *forthcoming*

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.

VI. STAFF REPORT

- No staff report.

VII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

- 7.1 Graduate Education Committee [Valdez], F, 9-25-26, 2:00 – 4:00PM, MH-141

- The committee discussed the grad admissions process and bottlenecks, but the Executive Director of grad studies was not present, so they put a pin in it. The group then discussed revisions to UPS 270.10 (Grad committees & advisors) UPS 330.124 (Grad student leaves of absences), and UPS 410.170 (Doctoral programs). Those revised docs will be sent to exec with memos detailing sections where questions for exec may have lingered.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 Search Committee

- Associate Vice President for Culture and Institutional Excellence

- The Executive Committee will hold off on asking the suggested individuals to serve until more information regarding the search and when it will begin is released.

Suggestions from Exec:

- Rokon Bhuiyan (CBE)
- Ilda Cardenas (LIBRARY)
- Joao Barros (HHD)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Retreat Planning and Agenda Review – (Discussion item)

- The Executive Committee reviewed the final draft of the Fall 2026 Retreat agenda.

9.2 AI Task Force – (Discussion item)

- (Jarvis) The following individuals will be serving on the AI Task Force committee:
 - Donna Budar Turner (Student Conduct)
 - Amir Dabirian (CBE)
 - Chen Wang (ARTS)
 - Joao Barros (HHD)
 - Jessica Jaynes (NSM)
 - Mira Kim (ECS)
 - Koretta Donovan (EDUC)
 - Dustin Abnet (HUM)
 - Matthew Jarvis (SOC SCI)
 - Jon Bruschke (CCOM)
 - Chris Manriquez (VP of IT)
- Megan Graewingholt (LIBRARY) volunteered to be the LIBRARY representative on the committee.
- (Dabirian) I will make a charge for the committee, but the main concern is creating an umbrella policy for the campus. We will then have an open forum for feedback, and a first and second reading of the policy before voting on it. There will be 3 meetings in total.

9.3 Search Committee

- Associate Vice President for Information Technology/Academic Technology and Institutional Learning
 - The Executive Committee reconfirmed the names on the committee that were previously confirmed and approved by the Academic Senate.

9.4 Faculty Trustee Recommending Committee Nomination

- Caro Valdez (EDUC) was chosen to serve on the Recommending Committee.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm.