

ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MAY 20, 2025

Approved 5-27-25

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MH-141

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. URGENT BUSINESS

- Is there any news on the freshman who drowned at Lake Havasu while out with his fraternity? Is the President going to send out anything?

Suggestions:

- For President Rochon to send something out to campus and something to his mother.
- For Chair Jarvis to speak with the President to make sure some sort of messaging goes out.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (Childers) The VP of IT search committee met with the President last week regarding the candidates. He was extremely engaged in the meeting and asked very thoughtful questions, it seemed to be a very smooth process.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- M/S/P (Kleinjans/Graewingholt) Motion to approve the minutes. Minutes passed.
- 4.1 EC Minutes 5-6-25 (draft)
- 4.2 EC Minutes 5-13-25 (draft)

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- I received an email from Kim Shiner asking for us to provide a search committee for avp of Strategic Communications. I let her know that we would not be able to confirm the search committee until the first Senate meeting in the fall.

The best we can come up with some names, but the Senate cannot confirm them until fall. We can act on behalf of the Senate over the summer, but we can't confirm and if then the search committee gets rejected the process has to start from the beginning.

Q: (Wood) Are we making a call for faculty to serve on the search committee?

A: (Jarvis) Yes.

- The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.

Q: (Kleinjans) What is the status of the VP of Advancement search?

A: (Jarvis) It will be done in the fall.

- When do we want the AS Bylaws that were revised at the Marathon meeting to go into effect? We have the committees in the bylaws, there are two new ones and a bunch that were removed from the existing bylaws.

The problem is the committee interest form existed in the form we had before the Academic Senate approved the committee changes because we couldn't adjust the committee interest form until we knew what the final decisions were.

Q: (Graewingholt) For those who were on Exec last year, what committees still have work to do?

A: (Jarvis) Of the ones that went away, they didn't have any unfinished business.

Q: (Graewingholt) What would the staff need to do to make this happen?

A: (Jarvis) They would need to work with IT and reprogram the committee interest form online, take the links for the committees that no longer exist and create links for the new committees.

Exec had extensive discussion on this and agreed to implement the new committee structure this summer. Chair Jarvis and the Senate staff will work to establish the meeting times for the new committees that were established.

Suggestions:

- Send out a revised committee interest form with the new structure to get faculty for the new committees that were established.
- Reach out to those who expressed interest to serve on abolished committees and ask whether they are interested to serve on a new committee that took over some of the work, if any.
- When the Constitution and Bylaw documents come back for review, remove the title "UPS" from the documents since they do not need to be signed by the President, they are voted documents by the Senate.

➤ The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.

VI. STAFF REPORT

➤ No report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Proposed Summer Meeting Dates - Summer 2025

- Exec discussed and revised the summer meeting dates.
- The dates approved: May 27, June 17, July 1, July 22, and August 12.
- (Jarvis) President Rochon has expressed interest in coming to once or twice this summer to meet with Exec. I have also suggested having an Exec and Cabinet meet and socialize with the new Cabinet members that will be coming to campus.

7.2 Summer Alternate

- (Jarvis) Send your summer alternates Sheretha. Also, if you know you are going to miss a meeting send an email to the Exec distribution list to let us know what meeting you will miss to ensure your alternate receives the meeting maker and meeting materials.

7.3 Setting Goals and Priorities for Academic Senate 2025-2026

Q: (Kleinjans) What is the status of the UPS Pain Point Survey?

A: (Jarvis) It went out, but I haven't checked to see the results.

Q: (Kleinjans) Can we send out a reminder?

A: (Jarvis) Yes.

- (Wood) I think we need to look into Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a priority. AI literacy and AI impacts to our policies.
 - (Jarvis) AA/AS Retreat on AI. Broadening the retreat to have interactive participatory online sessions, maybe a 2-day retreat.
- (Kanel) We will need to deal with D&I with their guidelines and a stronger approach with that committee.
- (Jarvis) We need to keep an eye on the interim appointments, we have a few appointments that are going past the 18 month timeline.
- Immigration
- Attacks on research

7.4 Faculty Committee Assignments for Standing Committees and Misc. Boards, AY 2025-2026

- Exec began working on filling AS Standing Committees and Misc. Boards vacancies. An email will be sent out to faculty asking them to serve. Once we receive acceptance, the faculty member's name will be added to the consent calendar for the August 28th Senate meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.