

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 14, 9:00-10:00am

Meeting Location: Virtual on Microsoft Teams

Present: Steve Wallace (chair); Richard Binkley, Jasmine Brown; Amanda Chase; Gary Cole; Duane Day; Javan Frazier; Greg Gage, Shrinaya Salim, Owen Hill, Chris Hill, David Henke, and Anghazri.3 Tr (Provost)

- 1) Call to Order 9:00 a.m.
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Minutes from meeting on January 14, 2022, were approved electronically on January 31, 2022.

- 4) Approval of the Agenda.

First Chris Hill. Second – Julie Lester. Approved unanimously.

- 5) Unfinished Business

- a. Elections for PTPTR, Executive Committee, and Senate update, and population of other committees and board.
(See Appendix A for Faculty Senate appointments/election results)

Steve Wallace reported that there will need to be a special vote for the Faculty Senate seat vacated by Lorraine Dubuisson, the new ~~Chair~~. She was the At Large Senator for the Cochran campus. The results of the elections that ended February 10, 2022 are:

- x Natural Sciences: Executive Committee = Tom Hancock; Senate = Renat Khatmullin, Sharon Mozley Standridge, John Patil
- x PTPTR: Patrick Brennan, Gaston Brouwer, John Trimboli, and Sabrina Wengier.

Group A departments need to update and confirm their representatives for committees and board. This document is kept on Teams, and it needs to be updated by the end of February

b. Vetting process for student representatives

Steve Wallace reported that once faculty are confirmed for committees and boards, students will need to be added to the committees. Beginning in March, a committee will begin vetting students for committees. This committee will consist of:

- x The Executive Committee Chair and one additional member;
- x The Student Affairs Committee Chair and one additional member;
- x Two ex officio members from the office of the Vice President of Student Affairs

There needs to be a second member of the Executive Committee to attend; members were encouraged to volunteer for this committee. Chris Hill, Chair of Student Affairs Committee, reported that Student Affairs meets next Friday, February 18; Steven Wallace will attend that meeting to discuss this process further.

Chris Hill moved to table the topic until after the Student Affairs Committee meets. Sabrina Wengier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Faculty Handbook revision status update

Steve Wallace reminded the EC that committee members should use the Faculty Handbook file on Teams to read and revise the section they have been assigned for review. He noted that there are some references to promotion and tenure in his section (and likely other sections) that may need to be revised. He asked that EC members make sure any changes they make are visibly highlighted. The deadline for this review is the end of March.

There was discussion of potential changes to promotion and tenure processes after the policy changes at the USG level. Provost Jenks reported that an ad hoc committee chaired by Stephen Taylor and Lorraine Dubuisson has been working through the USG's new policy and its ramifications for MGA.

6) New Business

- a. Student Media Advisory Board representative to the Student Academic Enhancement Committee (SAEC) proposal.
(See Appendix B)

Steve Wallace presented the attached proposal from Dr. Andre Nicholson, Chair of the Student Media Advisory Board, to change the representative to the Coordinator of Student Media (as highlighted on the proposal). This will allow this position to rotate to different faculty members.

Sabrina Wengier moved to approve the proposal. Jasmine Brown seconded. The proposal was unanimously approved.

- b. Interim chair succession procedures

Steve Wallace reported that a year and a half ago, the EC had to add to the bylaws a procedure for committee chair succession if the chair is no longer serving (applicable to all committees except for the Faculty Senate). This month, the chair of the Faculty Development Committee left, leaving the Recorder to be the acting chair of the committee. This demonstrates the importance of electing a chair for the next academic year during the first meeting in the spring, to ensure clear succession. No further action from the EC is needed.

Adjourn. 9:30 a.m. First – Chris Hill. Second – Javan Frazier. Approved unanimously.

Appendix A— Appointments/ Elections for Faculty Senate

A	Department of English: 4 Seats	
	English	Kathleen Burt
	English	John Murphy
	English	Laura Thomason
A	Department of History: 2 Seats	
	History	Stephen Taylor
	History	

Appendix B—Proposal from Student Media Advisory Board Chair to Change MGA Senate By-Laws

Proposal: