

**FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**January 23, 2025 – 2:30 pm**  
**Magnolia Room, Morris University Center**  
**Approved Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:30 pm on Thursday, January 23, 2025 in the Magnolia Room by President Marcus Agustin.

**Present:** Marcus Agustin, Wai Cheah, Kevin Cannon, Tim Kalinowski, Jon Pettibone, Chrissy Simmons, Cinnamon VanPutte, Amy Winn

**Absent:** Keith Hecht

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Consideration of Minutes:**

The minutes for the December 12, 2024 FSEC meeting were approved as written.

**Announcements:**

Marcus mentioned that Michael moved from Chancellor's Office to Provost's Office.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Update on approval of Teaching Excellence Award Committee Operating Papers – Still waiting on approval from the Provost and Chancellor.
- b. Changes to Policies 111, 115 and elimination of Policy 112 – Received approval 12/18/24.
- c. Proposed changes to Governance Council Operating Papers – Will be brought forward to full Senate meeting in February.

**New Business:**

- a. Updates on several working groups (response to Student Government resolutions)
  - i. AI Student-Faculty ad hoc committee first met on 12/11/24. Will develop two surveys, one for faculty and one for students. A full group meeting occurred on 1/21/25 to discuss surveys; a follow-up meeting with group heads is scheduled for 1/24/25. Faculty survey is targeted to go out on 1/27/25.
  - ii. Ad hoc committee for syllabi bank is continuing its work.
- b. Updates on HLC Accreditation visit (March 31-April 1) – Provost's Office working on Assurance Arguments; also, still finalizing the schedule for visit on March 31 and April 1.
- c. Annual Evaluation of Chancellor and Provost – Tim Kalinowski discussed updates to the Annual Evaluation of the Chancellor and Provost. There is now a portion that asks: Do you feel that you have sufficient knowledge of the Provost's/Chancellor's activities and initiatives to provide an informed evaluation? Yes or No. If no, please explain why you feel that you do not have sufficient knowledge to evaluate the Provost's/Chancellor's

activities. Are there specific areas or activities you would like more information about (e.g. decision-making processes, resource allocation, programmatic changes, etc.)?

- d. Retired and Emeriti Faculty policy – Laura Bernaix contacted Marcus regarding the current Policy for Retired and Emeriti Faculty Members (WC #01-13/14) and asked if updates could be made (last revised in 2013). Marcus posted on Teams for FSEC review.

**Reports:**

**UPBC:** We have three meetings set up this spring, February 20, March 20, and April 17, 2:30 pm – 4 pm in the Lovejoy Library Third Floor Conference Room.

**Budget, Finance and Academic Operations Council:** Still sifting through the information received from the Budget Office.

**Curriculum Council:** Program reviews coming up. Last year was particularly busy. We have one each in February, March, and April.

**Faculty Development Council:** CIC will be on 2/14/25. The title is *AI: Policy, Potential, & Pedagogy*. The speaker is Dr. Jennifer Friberg from Illinois State University. Invitations went out on 1/13/25, with over 50 registered. FDC has finished writing a survey to gauge faculty interest for MWM, workshops, learning communities, etc., in conjunction with the Center for Faculty Development and Innovation – Provost has requested delay in sending this until after HLC visit. EUE awards for FY26 will have two priorities: inclusive teaching that bridge equity gaps and course redesign for SIUE Changemakers. An information session was held on 1/22/25.

**Governance Council:** Quadrennial review for Provost is due. There are four instructors up for election.

**Graduate Council:** Have not met yet this year. Should hear soon from the Provost's Office announcement regarding Grad School Dean search.

**President:** Attended UQC on 1/9/25. Received HLC update – assurance arguments being finalized; schedule being prepared; need to send surveys to faculty, staff, and students. Annual Review of Complaints: Look at suggestions of how to address issues/complaints raised. Met with Provost Cobb on 1/14/25. Will attend as guest during Faculty Senate meetings to provide more information about what to expect with the accreditation visit. Updates for spring 2025 – Transfer of Michael to Provost's Office, may have more time with University Governance; Responding to BFAC requests. Met with Associate Provost Ibroscheva on 1/21/25. Discussed HLC Accreditation visit, update on Student Government resolutions, and All-Faculty meeting recommendations.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance