

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
April 10, 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 3:06 pm on Thursday, April 10, 2025 in the Magnolia Room by President Marcus Agustin.

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

Absent: Keith Hecht, Jon Pettibone

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Consideration of Minutes:

The March 27, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Announcements:

None.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Update on approval of Teaching Excellence Award Committee Operating Papers – still waiting for approval from the Chancellor.
- b. Update on approval to Changes to Policy 1Q8 (Implementation and Administrative Responsibility Policy) – still waiting on approval from the Provost and Chancellor.
- c. Faculty Perceptions on AI Use at SIUE – Marcus will write a memo regarding the work presented to Faculty Senate on faculty perceptions on AI use at SIUE. Thanks to Chrissy Simmons for leading this!
- d. Syllabus Bank – Marcus will write a memo regarding the work presented to Faculty Senate on a Syllabus Bank, as requested by Student Government. Thanks to Wai Cheah for leading this!
- e. Council chairs for 2025-2026 – Amy Winn will continue as Curriculum Council Chair next academic year. Grad Council has a new Chair—Gloria Sweida. Chrissy Simmons and Tim Kalinowski are both continuing as Senators; Keith Hecht's term on Faculty Senate is up.
- f. Program Prioritization: Physics (B.S in Physics; Minor in Physics; Department of Physics to be merged with Department of Chemistry) – Physics program prioritization folders and memo from CC are posted; Chemistry official response to physics being incorporated was posted. Marcus will submit a memo and indicate Faculty Senate support of Curriculum Council memo on Physics to CAS Dean.

New Business:

- a. Provost's Quadrennial Review – Tim Kalinowski reporting on Quadrennial Review on Provost and Chancellor and compare 3 prior years to see if progress has been made. This must be done by end of calendar year. We will see if we can delay the Provost's to next year with Chancellor (to his council—Governance) since there are none for 2021/2022 due to COVID; will then go to Faculty Senate in May for approval.
- b. Program Prioritizations: Specializations and/or Minor
 - i. Art History
 - ii. Music Theory and Composition, Music Theater
 - iii. Bioprocess Chemistry, Medical Science
 - iv. French, German; Discontinue Instruction in Chinese; Department of Foreign Languages to be merged with Department of English Language and Literature.Will see if Chairs have 1–2-page summary of their responses by Tuesday, April 15. Curriculum Council will have a special meeting to discuss these proposals; after next Thursday, but before next full Senate meeting in May; however, the next Open Forum is not until April 25, so timing is unclear...Marcus suggests one special meeting.

Reports:

UPBC: UPBC held a special meeting on April 2 to discuss the prioritization proposal for the Dept. of Physics. We have a draft of our recommendations created. We will be submitting it next week and will be sharing it with the public. We have one regular and two special meetings remaining to deal with the prioritization proposals. We will be discussing the proposals for Art History and Foreign Languages and Literature on Monday, April 14. We will be discussing the proposals for the specializations in Chemistry and Music on Thursday, April 24. We have also had discussions with the administration about making the full REFACTR dashboard available to UPBC members and will move forward with this in the coming weeks.

Faculty Development Council: EUE's have been determined.

Governance Council: Did not receive a response from Provost or Chancellor to evaluations.

President: Spoke with the Chancellor and attended the Physics Program Prioritization open forum. Wish there was more time given for faculty and alumni to talk. Met with Dr. Gupchup. Thank you *all* for your leadership. This has been one of the more difficult times in Faculty Senate.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.

Submitted by Cinnamon VanPutte, Graduate Council Chair