

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
November 13, 2025 – 2:00 pm
Magnolia Room, Morris University Center
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:02 pm on Thursday, November 13, 2025 in the Magnolia Room by President Wai Cheah.

Present: **President** Wai Cheah, **Past President** Marcus Agustin, **President-Elect** Sue Wiediger, Leah Baecht, Igor Crk, Tim Kalinowski, Jon Pettibone, Chrissy Simmons, Kevin Tucker, Amy Winn

Absent: Gloria Sweida

Guests: Jenna Nestor, Matthew Schunke, Shannon McCarragher, Pamela Williams

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Guests:

Jenna Nestor, Student Body President, spoke to FSEC. Jenna highlighted Student Government's current platforms: Academics, Health & Wellness, and Community. In addition, Jenna listed current initiatives: campus partner retreat, outreach, Homecoming bonfire, Halloween parade, Veterans Day luncheon, National Students Day, mental health tabling, and expanding MCT shuttle access.

Matthew Schunke, Shannon McCarragher, and Pamela Williams spoke to FSEC regarding the Change Maker Initiative, integrating interdisciplinary studies with student success and professional identity. Pathways align coursework with career paths, aiming for all curricular elements by Fall 2025. Faculty feedback ensures inclusivity and representation. The discussion centered on designing a new pathway program within the general education structure. It provides students with a structured approach to intentional education, connecting interests and giving academic choices purpose. The program will be minimalist, include themed classes, senior assignments, and co-curricular activities. The initiative enhances experiential learning and interdisciplinary studies. Despite challenges in communication and faculty engagement, efforts address these concerns through workshops, outreach, and collaboration. The initiative refines its proposal, seeking Faculty Senate approval to create a clear roadmap for implementation.

Announcements:

- a. Search Committee (Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs) – Dr. Benjamin Webb
- b. Search Committee (Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources) – Dr. Bryan Jack
- c. Search Committee (Executive Director of Student Health & Well-Being) – Dr. Kelly Gable

Consideration of Minutes:

The minutes from October 23, 2025 were approved as written.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Update on approval to Changes to Policy 1Q8 (Implementation and Administrative Responsibility Policy) – still waiting on approval from the Provost and Chancellor (memo sent on February 7, 2025).
- b. Update on approval to changes to Retired/Emeritus Faculty Policy – still waiting on approval from the Provost and Chancellor (memo sent on May 6, 2025).
- c. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1C1 (Guidelines for Course Categories, Class Scheduling and Publications) – still waiting on approval from the Provost and Chancellor (memo sent on May 2, 2025).
- d. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1H1 (General Education Program) – still waiting on approval from the Provost and Chancellor (memo sent on May 2, 2025).
- e. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1J7 (Student Evaluation of Teaching) – still waiting on status from former Faculty Senate President Barb McCracken.
- f. Program Prioritizations: Phase 2 – Wai Cheah spoke with Faculty Association President Megan Robb about Program Prioritization. Professor Robb said FA had limited choices in accepting proposals, calling it a “top-down approach.” While FA agrees with program assessments and meeting future student needs, a single criterion is insufficient. FA will discuss the impact on all programs affected by Program Prioritization.

New Business:

Due to the guest presentations taking the bulk of the time, discussions about Starfish and Digital Accessibility will take place later.

Reports:

Governance Council: Qualtrics surveys are set to go out on the 1st.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 pm.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance