FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 22, 2026 – 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 22, 2026 in the Magnolia Room by President Wai Cheah.

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

Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

Announcements:
a. Search Committee (Dean, School of Engineering) – Dr. Alex Leith

Consideration of Minutes:
The minutes from December 11, 2025 were approved as written.

Unfinished Business:
a. UPBC Strategic Plan – no update.
b. 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).
c. 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).
d. 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).
e. 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).
f. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1J7 (Student Evaluation of Teaching) – still waiting on status from former Faculty Senate President Barb McCracken.
g. Program Prioritizations: Phase 2 – no update.

New Business:
a. Quorum Issue – FSEC discussed Tim Kalinowski's proposal to allow remote participation and voting for the rest of the year. To be presented at the full Faculty Senate February meeting, the policy addresses scheduling conflicts and requires early notification, accessibility, and recording of remote attendees. Remote attendees are counted towards quorum, can participate fully, and their contributions are recorded in the

minutes. This rule applies to all Faculty Senate meetings for the academic year.

b. FS Membership Reduction – FSEC discussed Tim Kalinowski's proposal to reduce the number of elected Faculty Senators from 49 to 39 due to vacancies and insufficient quorum. This includes decreasing non-tenure track instructors from 10 to 6 and academic unit elected senators from 39 to 33.
c. Program Prioritization (Phase 2) – Program prioritization challenges, especially for resource-constrained departments, are discussed. The feasibility of the Upper Administration reviewing numerous program proposals with tight deadlines and potential enhancements is also considered. Examples of Category Phase Two implementation in other units, such as the Schools of Engineering and Business, are highlighted. The curriculum review process, including a three-person review, is discussed, with suggestions to involve additional members from the Grad Council and UPBC.

Reports:
UPBC: Next week's meeting has been rescheduled. First UPBC meeting of the semester will be on February 20 to align with the Chancellor's availability and to incorporate the quarter two budget information and REFRACT-R data. Chancellor Minor will attend the March 6 meeting.
Curriculum Council: Will bring to Faculty Senate a first read of the Final Exams Scheduling policy change. Will also have a second read and vote for the Change Makers initiative to Policy 1H1. Tim K will withdraw his original amendment and propose a new, friendly amendment to remove a specific sentence.
Faculty Development Council: EUE announcements have been sent out, and the council is currently in the process of planning for the upcoming events, including the Continuous Improvement Conference in February.
Governance Council: Chancellor and Provost participation rates were 26% and 22%, respectively. The team will review survey results and focus on themes and trends for the quadrennial review.
Graduate Council: Two at-large positions on the Graduate Council are open and need to be filled. Wai will determine who will handle the nomination solicitation.
Welfare & Adjudication Council: The Welfare and Adjudication Council proposed changes to the Honorary Degrees policy due to committee dysfunction and missed fundraising opportunities. The nomination process will be changed to a rolling basis, and the core committee will consist of two senators and a representative.
President-Elect: Sue may have found someone interested serving as IBHE-FAC when she transitions to Faculty Senate President in the Fall.

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 pm.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance