FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 12, 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 2:29 pm on Thursday, February 12, 2026 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, Gloria Sweida, Kevin Tucker, Amy Winn
Absent: None

Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

Announcements:

a. Search Committee (Associate Vice Chancellor/Dean of Students) – Dr. Clay Williams

Consideration of Minutes:
The minutes from January 22, 2026 were approved as written.

Unfinished Business:

a. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1H1 (General Education Program) – February 9, 2026
b. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1J7 (Student Evaluation of Teaching) – February 9, 2026
c. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1Q8 (Implementation and Administrative Responsibility Policy) – February 7, 2025
d. Update on approval to changes to Retired/Emeritus Faculty Policy – May 6, 2025
e. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1C1 (Guidelines for Course Categories, Class Scheduling and Publications) – May 2, 2025
f. Program Prioritizations: Phase 2
g. UPBC Strategic Plan

New Business:

a. Program Prioritization (Phase 2) Review Plan – A small committee will review Program Prioritization Phase II proposals within a few weeks. They'll recommend based on departmental responses, proposed changes' feasibility, visibility, and feasibility and realism, along with timeframes. The committee won't make final decisions but will provide recommendations to the Provost. Concerns arise about the time-consuming nature of reviewing responses, especially with limited semester time. The smaller group, including the Faculty Senate President, may review responses and present findings to the larger group for further discussion and decision-making.

Concerns arise about the committee's ability to make informed decisions without program expertise. A meeting with the Provost is suggested to clarify metrics for evaluating proposals and ensure transparency. The Provost's PowerPoint indicated Phase Two of a project involves three individuals, but roles and timelines are unclear. The Graduate School's involvement is questioned, especially regarding conflicts with existing programs and formal agreements. A meeting with the Provost and FSEC is proposed to clarify recommendations, submission, and completion timelines.

Reports:

UPBC: Our first meeting is February 20, where we'll receive the second quarter budget update from the Chancellor. We might also get a report on the REFRACT-R data set, which analyzes enrollment and other economic metrics. We may need to move that to a separate meeting due to time constraints. The UQC/UPBC merger talks have stalled until Elza returns from FMLA. The initial plan is to have the new merged group co-chaired by an administration member (likely Elza) and a faculty or staff member. FSEC gave opinions, with many agreeing that if co-chairs are the group's structure, it should be co-led by a faculty member.

Curriculum Council: Will look at a program review of Industrial Engineering at our February meeting, and some items for Eric Ruckh from Honors.

Governance Council: The email regarding the President-Elect election will go out tomorrow. The Council will begin Quadrennial Reviews. We also have two at-large Graduate Council positions; will send out an email tomorrow requesting nominations.

President-Elect: The Council for Belonging and Equity is almost up to full membership and will create standing committees soon. There's also going to be a search for the new Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources very soon.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm.

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, University Governance