



Empowering Voices, Fostering Success, Shaping Futures

Executive Council Meeting

Monday, March 24, 2025

3:05 pm – 5:00 pm

440 Haslam Business Building, West Wing Conference Room

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Faculty Senate Executive Council Meeting Minutes, [February 24, 2025](#)
- III. Announcements and Reports**
 - a. President's Update (D. Alderman)
 - i. [Survey Results](#): Requests for Faculty Work Outside 9-Month Period
 - ii. Grad Students Participating in Mentoring Survey (S. Laursen)
 - b. Provost Update (J. Zomchick)
- IV. Information Items**
 - a. Federal Executive Orders Support: [Research Central Hub](#)
 - b. President-Elect Nominees: [Jud Laughter](#) ([statement](#)) & [Heather Sedges](#) ([statement](#)) (election Apr. 7)
 - c. [Vol Core Townhalls](#) (Hosted by Senate, VPAA, and Undergrad Council)
 - i. March 28 (10-11am) & Apr. 3 (1-2 pm), 377A in Student Union
 - d. [Announcing Faculty Roundtables](#) (Rebuild Trust in Higher Education)
 - e. Workshop: [What's Your Scholarly Impact for Promotion and Tenure? An Introduction to measuring and visualizing the Impact of your research with Bibliometrics.](#)
 - f. [FY26 Budget Assumptions](#)
 - g. Call for [Heart and Soul Award Nominations](#)
 - h. Help distribute and promote [Faculty Excellence in Action Infographic](#)
 - i. [Robert's Rules Primer](#) (H. Sedges)
 - j. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2025-2026 AY:
 - i. **Executive Council**: 09/08/2025, 10/13, 11/03, 01/26/2026, 02/16, 03/23, 04/20
 - ii. **Faculty Senate**: 09/22/2025, 10/20, 11/17, 01/12 (if needed), 02/02, 03/02, 04/06, 05/04 + Reception
- V. New Business**
 - a. Update on DASH (T. Lemon & R. Padilla)
 - b. Impact of Federal Changes in DAE (T. Small)
 - c. Bylaw Revisions (potential voting item)
 - i. Revisions proposed by [Finance & Benefits](#) (E. Lukosi & C. Staples)
 - ii. Revisions proposed by [President & Admin Coordinator](#) (D. Alderman)

- d. Faculty Handbook: [Annual Retention Review](#) Revision (V. Keppens) (potential voting item)
 - i. New Documents (as of 03.24.25):
 - 1. [Clean Copy](#) of Proposed Changes
 - 2. [Original Copy](#) of the Retention Review Text
 - 3. [Comparison of Proposed Changes and Original Text](#)
- e. [Proposal on Special Committees and Task Forces](#) (L. Teston & S. Blackwell)

VI. Adjournment of Formal Meeting

VII. Workshop Mode – Committee Progress Reports (if time allows)

- a. [Senate Committees and Councils Summary Reports and Minutes Summaries](#)
- b. [Committee Folder for uploading documents + reports](#)