

## **Executive Committee Minutes**

*Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 3:00 pm*

*Approved: 4/14/26*

**Executive Session:** 3:04-3:10 pm – Administrative appointment

**Regular meeting: Call to Order:** 3:21 pm

**Roll Call:** Anne Bradley, Angela Clark-Oates, Sharon Furtak (absent), Amber Gonzalez; Hogan Hayes; Carolyn Gibbs, Sheree Meyer, Antonia Peigahi, Lina Rincon, Andrea Terry, Candance Gregory-Abbott

### **Open Forum:**

- **Women of Influence 2026 Congratulations:** Congratulations were expressed to Provost Cameron and Professor Terry, who, along with others, were recognized as the 2026 Women of Influence at the awards ceremony.
- **Status of Administrative Position Searches:** The Faculty Senate representative to ASI, Kristin Van Gaasbeck asked the Provost to clarify the plan for Academic Affairs leadership moving forward. Specifically:
  - Is there an intention to permanently merge the Dean of Graduate Studies and Dean of Undergraduate Studies roles?
  - Will there be searches for this or these dean positions? If so, what is the anticipated timeline? If there is a merged position, when will the roles, responsibilities, and qualifications be defined through a robust process that involves the division of Human Resources and shared governance?
  - How will the leadership structure within Academic Affairs be organized going forward?

Professor Van Gaasbeck shared: In my role as Faculty Senate representative to the ASI Board, I provide monthly updates on Faculty Senate actions, the University budget, and campus leadership changes. While preparing my April report, a question arose regarding the recent internal search for an Associate Dean of Graduate Studies. Previously, the Dean of Graduate Studies and Dean of Undergraduate Studies positions were combined into a single interim role that was neither formally defined nor publicly advertised, and was filled without a search.

Given that context, it is unclear why the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies is now being filled as a permanent position through an internal search, particularly when there has been no

communication about plans to fill the dean-level positions—one of which would supervise this role. The initial announcement stated that this would be an interim search.

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The Provost shared that she provided an update regarding administrative searches at the Executive Committee February 10 meeting and will provide that information to the Senate Chair.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Approved

**Minutes:** March 17, 2026 – Approved.

**From the Chair:**

**From the President:** The campus is providing free \$50 gas cards for students distributed from CARES.

**From the Provost:** Information was shared on the opening of the new Graduate Students Lounge, Grad Slam, and administrative searches: The current administrative searches are: Spring semester: Deans: COE and NSM and the AVP for ORIED. Fall semester: UG and GS Deans.

The Posthumous Designation of Honorary Tenure and Promotion Policy is listed for First Reading on the April 9 Senate agenda. The Provost will need to leave the meeting early and will not be able to present the item. A request to move the item to the April 16 Senate meeting so the Provost may present it then.

**Nominations: Senate Workgroup on Evaluating the Process and Policies of Standardized Student Evaluation Questions in UARTP Process:** The following names will be placed on the April 9 Senate agenda on Consent Action: Sudipta Mukherjee, Marketing & Supply Chain Management (COB), Susan Perez, Public Health (HHS), Arik Davidyan, Biological Sciences (NSM)

**April 16 Senate agenda:** The agenda was amended to add a Time Certain no later than 4:15 pm to the Committee of the Whole: Discussion for Strategic Directions for Amending the Advising Policy. Carried.

**Amendment to the CTL Advisory Board Standing Rules Charge:** The amended Standing Rules will be placed on an agenda the Chair sees fit at First Reading.

**Executive Committee AI Workgroup Recommendations:** The Chair spoke about the Workgroup's recommendations.

- Referred Rec #1 to APC for review of the syllabus policy.
- Recommendation 2 discussion at a future meeting and bring forward the San Marcos Document and invite Tom Carroll or an appropriate person from the Office of Student Conduct. Carried.

Adjourned: 4:15 pm