

Executive Committee Minutes

*Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 3:00 pm
Approved 9/8/26*

Call to Order: 3:05 p.m.

- Introductions were made.

Roll Call: Andrea Terry, Brittany Young, Hogan Hayes, Aleta Baldwin, Lauren Perry, Mary Breunig, Candance Gregory-Abbott, Theresa Abah, Bitá Rivas, Carolyn Pickerel

Open Forum:

- **Comp II Alternative Pathway:** There seems to be a discrepancy between the registration system and the academic requirements page, which has led to student confusion. Professor Clark-Oates (GWAR Coordinator) is investigating a situation where students who qualified for the Comp II alternative pathway are still enrolling in English 20 to complete the Comp II requirement. A review will be conducted after summer to make sure that any who qualified for the alternative pathway have been marked as completed for the English 20/Comp II requirement on the academic requirements page of the system. An update will be provided next week.
- **Interim Policy on Administrative Appointments – Dean or Associate Dean Searches:** The policy is currently silent regarding MPP representation on College Dean or Associate Dean Search Committees. A request was made to have the policy amended to require the inclusion of a Dean or Associate Dean on search committees for Dean and Associate Dean positions. While the Provost may appoint a dean as one of their four selections, administrative representation should be guaranteed through policy rather than left to discretion.
- **Hiring Academic Affairs administrators:** It was suggested that a workgroup/taskforce be established to explore best practices. The workgroup/taskforce would make recommendations for Academic Affairs and Human Resources and engage in conversations about:
 - How long should a position be posted before applications are reviewed.
 - How to email candidates – in different circumstances.
 - When to email candidates that they were not selected for a zoom interview or a campus visit.
 - When should a vacancy posting say "Posting will remain open until filled".
 - When a search should be considered a *failed search*

From the Chair:

- Robert's Rules of Order allow the Chair to ask for objections on non-controversial items, rather than asking for a motion and a second. The Chair inquired whether the members of the Senate Executive Committee would be supportive of making this change to approval of agendas and minutes. The members present indicated their support.

From the President:

- **Updates:** Enrollment, FTE, the Fall Address, New Student and Family Convocation, Hornet Nest Fest, enrollment in the Black Honors College, the opening of Mt. Whitney Hall, and the WASC Self-Study, including both the off-site review and campus visit. Appreciation was also expressed for the efforts of Student Affairs and others involved in the successful opening of the new residence hall.
- **Organizational and Leadership transitions:**
 - **Student Affairs and Inclusive Excellence Leadership:** Aniesha Mitchell, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs & Inclusive Excellence and Michael Nguyen, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence and Chief Diversity Officer.
 - **Dean of Students and Associate Vice President:** Nadine Kelley
 - **Academic Affairs Leadership Transitions – Interim Deans:** Graduate Studies: Stephanie Storms, Undergraduate Education and Academic Innovation: Greg Shaw, and College of Education: Ana Garcia-Nevarez
 - **College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Dean:** Shannon Datwyler
 - **Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development Vice President:** Bill DeGraffenreid
- **Flock cameras on campus update:** There was a misunderstanding regarding the campus security cameras. It was initially believed that the cameras on campus were Flock cameras; however, this is not the case. It was determined that the cameras installed by the Greystar vendor were Flock cameras, and Greystar was asked to replace them with a different camera system. Greystar has agreed to replace the cameras in Hornet Commons with a system from another vendor.

From the Provost:

- The office of the Provost is committed to focusing on Academic Affairs as the heartbeat of the institution and bring greater awareness to faculty work.

Draft September 10 Seante Retreat Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Standing Policy Committee Goals

Academic Policies Committee:

- **Advising Policy:** Finalize and consult on a revised policy with Executive Committee review by the first meeting in December.
- **Syllabus Policy:** Policy revisions to address the need for Institutional Learning Outcomes and accessibility language. The Provost was asked to share the existing policy with the faculty.
- **Grading Policy:** Review of a revision to policy that was conducted in 2024 but not passed.

- Priority Registration Policy (Interim): Review
- Excused Absence Policy: Review the 2024 policy revision that was not passed.

Curriculum Policies Committee: An update will be scheduled for a future date after the committee chair position is filled.

Faculty Policies Committee

- Policy on Administrative Appointments: Response to President's Amendments (consultation underway) and possible review of language regarding Dean / Associate Dean search committees. Anticipate the item moving to the Executive Committee by the beginning of November.
- Faculty Responsibilities and Professional Ethics Amendments: Anticipate the item moving to the Executive Committee by early December.

General Education/ Graduate Requirements Policies Committee

- GE/GR Assessment policy; Anticipates Executive Committees review at the beginning of December.
- Periodic review process. Review in process. Anticipate Executive Committees review at the beginning of November.
- General Education Policy: Review to be completed by the end of fall semester.
- Area learning outcomes: Review will begin in the spring.

Graduate Studies Policies Committee

- Blended Programs Policy
- Sunset Doctoral Programs Policy
- Graduate Student Guidance on AI
- University Assessment Policy
- Graduate Transfer Credit
- Intellectual Property Policy
- Applied and Professional Doctoral Programs Policy or Update Joint Doctoral Programs Policy: Review tentative.