



**ACADEMIC SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 31, 2017**

*Approved 11-14-17*

**11:30 AM - 12:50 PM**

**PLN-120**

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Present: Bonney, Brunelle, Dabirian, Gradilla, Myck-Wayne, Oliver, Patton, Shahi, Stambough, Stohs  
Absent: Brusckke

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Stambough called the meeting to order at 11:33 am.

## **II. URGENT BUSINESS**

- We need some quick action on some items in GE. Some departments are already planning for the fall.
  - The GE Committee is working the quick action items. The GE Task Force will be taking a look at longer-term issues of what we might want it to be within the framework we are allowed to have and also how it will be advised.
- I talked to an Assistant Dean of Students, and the students are being encouraged to take 18 units or more.
  - Someone should have stopped them because the system allows 16 units.

## **III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (Stambough) We will have the Academic Senate meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 4.1 EC Minutes (Draft) 10-10-17  
M/S/P (Brunelle/Shahi) Minutes were approved unanimously.

## **V. CHAIR'S REPORT**

ASI passed a Resolution on Respecting Free Speech and Civility in our Dialogue.

## **VI. INTERIM PROVOST REPORT - 12:30 PM**

No report.

## **VII. STAFF REPORT**

- The nomination deadline for the L. Donald Shields Excellence in Scholarship & Creativity Award is November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The nomination deadline for the Carol Barnes Excellence in Teaching Award is November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The Special Election for the Part-time Senate Seat and vacancies on the Professional Leaves Committee (EDUC) and Faculty Research Committee (EDUC) will be November 6<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

- 8.1 ASI Board [Stambough], T, 10-24-17, 1:15 - 3:45 PM, TSU Legislative Chambers

The Board heard from a large group of people during the public comment period. Speakers expressed their beliefs on both sides of the issue related to the invitation of Milo to campus and the proposed resolution that was on the agenda. The comment period was civil and offered solid insights into the beliefs and concerns of the students. The Board heard reports from the Dean of HSS and the Dean of MCBE before returning to the resolution about Milo's appearance. Similar to the process for the resolution on the Senate floor, the resolution was turned into a statement supporting free speech and civil dialogue while removing any direct mention of the parties involved in any particular event..

- 8.2 Camus Facilities & Beautification Committee [Dabirian], F, 10-27-17, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, MH-141  
No report submitted.

8.3 Curriculum Committee [Patton], F, 10-27-17, 12:00 - 2:00 PM, MH-141

No report submitted.

8.4 General Education Committee [Bonney], F, 10-27-17, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, MH-141.

The chair announced that the History Department had voted to eliminate D2 and move HIST 110 B to D1 if that was the recommendation of the GE Committee. The vote would allow History to submit a course change form to move HIST 110B into area D1 in time for it to be included in the schedule for Fall 2018. Then the chair reviewed the plan of work for the next three meetings. At the end of this discussion, the chair reported that among the many changes to EO 1100 the chancellor's office has eliminated the mandate to review all GE courses on a regular basis thereby ELIMINATING the re-certification process. Then the committee discussed PORT 310 and concluded that the class did not fit its proposed Area D1. The GE Committee next approved an emendation of UPS 410.103 at II.A.4 eliminating the prohibition on double-counting. The committee then moved to a discussion of UPS 411.201. These revisions included: (1) mandating that core competency courses must be lower division; (2) specifying that GE courses may be taught in all modalities; (3) modest additions to the objectives of the Core Competencies objectives; (4) changing Area Z into an overlay and specifying that students must take a course with the Z overlay; (5) specification that courses in B1 through B4 shall be lower division courses and B5 shall be upper division courses (This latter change means that someone from Executive Committee should talk to the chairs of those departments that house CHEM 111, GEOG 110, GEOG 120, PHYS 212 and PHYS 226 before this goes to the floor of the Senate to smooth out the discussion); (6) insertion of the language in EO 1100 into B4; (7) Reorganized Area C so that C3 and C4 were flipped, i.e., HIST 110A is now C3; (8) specifying that C1-C3 shall be lower division and C 4 shall be upper division; (9) eliminating the present D2 and renumbering the rest of the Area D courses. The GE Committee still must address Area E and how to treat the Z overlay.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Revision to UPS 410.103 GEC Recommendations

This document will go on the AS agenda as a first reading for the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

9.2 Revision to UPS 411.201 GEC Recommendations

This document will go on the AS agenda as a first reading for the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

9.3 AA/AS Spring Retreat

We initially talked about the spring retreat being on Graduation Initiative 2025, but we already have working groups working on this, and we will be having open forums on this.

Suggestions:

- Shared governance and collegiality
- Academic freedom or free speech
- How to build university communities
- At the spring retreat have a 10-15 minute status report on GI 2025

9.4 GE Letter

We will have the letter ready for the November 16<sup>th</sup> AS meeting.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P (Bonney/Brunelle) Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.