



**Faculty Senate
Minutes of the Executive Committee**

Presiding: DeAnna Owens-Mosby

Date: April 15th, 2025

Secretary: Jeni Loftus

Members Present: DeAnna Owens-Mosby (President and Past President), Jeni Loftus (Secretary), Barbara Fitzgerald (At Large),

Guests: Jeff Marchetta (Faculty Trustee), Sara Bridges (ombudsperson), Brian Meredith, Eric Stokes, Jasbir Dhaliwal, Melanie Murry, Shundra White, Carl Hess

Members Absent: Amanda Young (At Large), Mark Sunderman (Parliamentarian)

The meeting was held Tuesday April 15th, 2025 in Admin 382.

04.15.25.01 Call to Order

President DeAnna Owens-Mosby called the meeting of the Faculty Senate (FS) Executive Committee (EC) to order at 2:40.

04.15.25.02 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

04.15.25.03 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 18th, 2025 Faculty Senate Executive Committee (EC) meeting were approved.

04.15.25.04 President's Report

President Owens-Mosby visited Lambuth campus 4/11/2025.

04.15.25.05 Old Business

04.15.25.06 New Business

Presentations - Melanie Murray, Jasbir Dhaliwal, Brian Meredith

Jasbir Dhaliwal, Executive Vice President for Research and Innovation

Jasbir spoke with the Executive Committee about what he will speak to the Faculty Senate about next week. This included the current state of affairs in Washington and the uncertainty surrounding federal grants. His team is working to steer us through the uncertainty in a way that will be best for us.

Brian Meredith, Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management and Eric Stokes, Assistant Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment Management

Brian and Eric spoke with the Executive Committee about what they will speak to the Faculty Senate about next week. This included the current update on enrollment and efforts being made to increase enrollment at the University.

Melanie Murry, University Counsel

Melanie spoke with the EC about what she will speak to the Faculty Senate about next week. This included the current state of affairs in the federal government and how it relates to legal issues for the university and university employees.

SOAR Updates – Shundra White, Director ITS Service Desk

Shundra walked us through her presentation on the latest with the SOAR that she will present to the Faculty Senate on April 29th.

Faculty and Student 2025 Surveys - Carl Hess, Undergraduate Success Librarian, Chair of Library Policies Committee

Carl Hess talked with the EC about the presentation that will be given in the Faculty Senate next week.

M2025.4.22.25: Motion to Recommend Members of the Deans 360 Evaluation Review Committee and Evaluation Timelines - Greg Hughes, Clinical Assistant Professor, Chair of Administrative Policies Committee

The EC discussed the implications of certain steps, for instance if there is a negative outcome. The EC discussed that processes will have to be developed to deal with certain outcomes. The motion was approved to move to the full senate.

M2025.4.22 Motion to Distribute State Salary Increase Appropriation by Merit Raises and Efforts to Reduce Faculty Salary Compression. - Stephen Karr, Opera Music Director, Chair of Budget and Finance Committee

The motion was approved to move to the full senate.

Standing Committees

Reviewed standing committee reports. Reviewed placements of senators on standing committees for 2025-2026.

04.15.25.07 Announcements

04.15.25.08 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.