



Academic Senate: Executive Committee

Minutes – Extra Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 02, 2025

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 AM

Location: Millie Ablin Conference Room

Members: M. Danforth (Chair), D. Solano (Vice-Chair), D. Thien (Provost), C. Lam (ASCSU Senator), N. Michieka (ASCSU Senator), T. Tsantsoulas (AAC Chair), L. Kirstein (AS&SS Chair), A. Grombly (BPC Chair), Z. Zenko (FAC Chair), and K. Van-Grinsven (Senate Analyst).

1. Call to Order

A. Chair Danforth called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

2. Announcements and Information

A. Follow up Regarding Informal Meeting with Constituents

- i. The EC faculty had an informal meeting at 8:00 AM on October 2, 2025, with two faculty constituents who brought concerns regarding the events in athletics and campus administration's responses. Chair Danforth asked the standing committee chairs to take a straw poll within their committees (without revealing confidential information) to gauge the level of support for the concerns raised at their meetings scheduled for 10:00 AM and the resolution brought forward by the faculty constituents (Vote of No Confidence – President Harper).
- ii. The Standing committee meetings were shortened to accommodate the emergency EC scheduled for 10:30 AM.
- iii. Several EC faculty expressed concerns about the confidentiality of the information shared earlier that morning. The committee also reviewed the results of the standing committee straw poll and did not find broad support for the resolution brought forward by the constituents. Many EC members wanted additional information before taking a position.
- iv. After extensive discussion, the EC decided to host a townhall on Friday, October 10, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm to address faculty concerns. The committee also discussed strategies for conducting the next Senate meeting given the possibility of disruption and agreed to ask A. Hegde to serve as Senate Parliamentarian. Chair Danforth will reach out to A. Hegde, Immediate Past Senate Chair and K. Van Grinsven will work on planning and logistics. Chair Danforth also mentioned that she would reach out to the non-faculty Senators, including the Staff and ASI representatives.

3. Approval of Agenda

A. Majority in favor; agenda approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (deferred)

5. Continued Items (deferred)

6. New Discussion Items (deferred)
7. Agenda Items for Senate (deferred)
8. Adjournment
 - A. Chair Danforth adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.