

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Bearnes, Boudreau, Bouma, Eklund, Kopocis, Leiter, Lott, Shrader, Tschetter, Vakilzadian, VanderPlas

Absent: Baesu, Bouma, Reimer

Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Location: East Campus Union, Great Plains Room A

Note: These are not verbatim minutes. They are a summary of the discussions at the Executive Committee meeting as corrected by those participating.

1.0 Call (*Eklund*)

Eklund called the meeting to order 4:49 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Statement from the BIG TEN Faculty Leadership

Eklund reported that he just received the final statement from the Faculty Senate leaders of the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA). He noted that the statement is in support of the core mission and values of higher education in the U.S. The Executive Committee then discussed having an emergency meeting early Wednesday morning to vote on whether the statement should be sent to the Faculty Senate members for an electronic vote.

3.0 Approval of March 25, 2025 Minutes

Eklund asked if there were any further revisions to the minutes. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. VanderPlas moved for approval and motion seconded by Tschetter. Motion approved by the Executive Committee.

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Draft Statements on LB551 and LB552

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft statements written by Shrader in response to whatever decision the state legislature makes on LB551 and LB552. The Committee agreed with the statements, noting they were succinct and to the point.

4.2 Executive Committee Elections

Griffin noted that she knows of one Senator who is willing to run for election to the Executive Committee and that there is a Senator willing to run for President-Elect. The Executive Committee then discussed reaching out to Senators to see if others would be interested in serving on the Executive Committee.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Agenda Items for Chancellor Bennett

The Executive Committee identified the following agenda items for Chancellor Bennett:

- Has there been an agreement between President Gold and Governor Pillen about the University's budget?
- Is there any update on a forensic audit of the university's system budget?
- Update on LB551 and LB552

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, April 8, at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in 201 Canfield Administration Building. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Signe Boudreau, Secretary.