

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Bearnes, Eklund, Gorman, Leiter, Lewis, Pierobon, Reimer, Shrader, Tschetter, Vakilzadian

Absent: Baesu, Gruverman, VanderPlas

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Location: Nebraska Union, Platte River Room

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 (*Shrader*)

Shrader called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Recognition of Professor Gorman

Shrader wanted to thank Professor Gorman for all his help in navigating the Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate through the parliamentary procedures as the Senate dealt with the withdrawal of the no confidence motion on EVC Button, VC Heng-Moss, and Interim VC Nelson at the April 7th Faculty Senate meeting.

2.2 Recognition of Professor Lewis

Shrader wanted to thank Professor Lewis for chairing the Faculty Senate's ad hoc committee that reviewed the system's draft metrics. He pointed out that she crafted the comments and questions for the Interim Provost about the metrics and wrote the report with the assistance of the members of the ad hoc committee. Gorman pointed out that the report from the ad hoc committee should be put on the Faculty Senate website. Shrader noted that Interim Provost Jackson stated that that metrics would not be used to judge faculty and departments. Lewis stated that Interim Jackson should be invited to come speak with the Faculty Senate in the fall semester to answer questions about the metrics.

2.3 Unfunded Mandate from the Legislature

Shrader reported that it is his understanding that the legislature has approved a mandate that any student who gets a 33 or above ACT score will get free tuition. He noted that this is an additional unfunded mandate that would impact the university's budget.

3.0 Approval of March 31, 2026 Minutes

Shrader asked if there were any revisions to the minutes. Hearing none, he asked for approval of the minutes. Leiter moved and Reimer seconded approval of the minutes. Motion approved.

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Agenda Items for EVC Button and VC Heng-Moss

The Executive Committee identified additional agenda items for the meeting with EVC Button and VC Heng-Moss on April 14th.

- Is each campus responsible for funding their own remissions?
- Can someone other than a professor change a student's grade in order to allow the student to graduate?

5.0 New Business

5.1 Suggested Change to Faculty Senate Syllabus

Gorman suggested that the Faculty Senate Syllabus policy should be changed to state that instructors can opt in to using an identifier for the students in their courses. He noted that this would not be a requirement. He pointed out that VP Chambers informed the Executive Committee in a meeting on March 30th that faculty members were not prohibited from having this option for their courses.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 2:30 pm. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Ann Tschetter, Secretary.