

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: **Eklund, Gorman, Leiter, Lewis, Reimer, Shrader, Tschetter, Vakilzadian, VanderPlas**

Absent: **Baesu, Barnes, Gruverman, Pierobon**

Date: **Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

Location: **203 Alexander Building**

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 2:33 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Proposal to Buyout Clarkson Health from Nebraska Medicine

The Executive Committee discussed the proposal for the University to buy out Clarkson Regional Health Services, which would give up its 50% membership in Nebraska Medicine. The deal would give full control of the health system to the University of Nebraska. Reimer noted that there are many people in Omaha who are against the proposal. Shrader stated that President Gold may be trying to position the University of Nebraska to be similar to other Big Ten institutions.

3.0 Approval of December 9, 2025 Minutes

Shrader asked if there were any further revisions to the minutes. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. VanderPlas moved and Leiter seconded, approving the minutes. Motion approved by the Executive Committee.

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Suggestion to Revise Faculty Senate Syllabus Policy

Shrader noted that he received a request from a member of the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for the Faculty Senate to revise the Syllabus policy regarding the requirement for providing information on emergency preparedness. Griffin noted that she spoke with Undergraduate Education Director Dollars who stated that the UUCC did not vote on a proposal to have the syllabus policy revised. Griffin pointed out that the UUCC is a Faculty Senate committee and any of the committees that wish to make changes to the Syllabus Policy would need to take a formal vote. A motion would then be presented to the Senate for approval.

5.0 New Business

5.1 January 13 Faculty Senate Meeting

The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the agenda for the January 13th meeting. Griffin noted that Interim Chancellor Ankerson would be attending the

meeting, but she would not be able to answer questions and instead wants to hear from the Senators.

5.2 AAUP Letter to President Gold

Lewis reported that Todd Wolfson, the President of the National AAUP chapter sent a letter to President Gold copying Chancellor Bennett and EVC Button. Lewis noted that the letter voices the serious concerns about the Board of Regents vote to discontinue the four programs identified in the proposed budget reduction plan. She stated that the letter can be found in The Bugeater and the Executive Committee agreed that the letter should be shared with the Senators who will be asked to share it with their colleagues.

5.3 Teach Out Plans?

VanderPlas pointed out that students in Statistics have not received teach out plans and she suspects that the same is true for the other three departments that will be discontinued. The Executive Committee agreed that information on the teach out plans needs to be shared quickly with the units.

VanderPlas reported that the timeline for when the faculty of Statistics will be notified that their position will be eliminated has been confusing to say the least since the faculty have been told of several different dates. The Executive Committee agreed that there needs to be a serious discussion with the EVC and VC of IANR about the conflicting messages and the lack of shared governance.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, January 13 immediately following the Faculty Senate meeting. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Ann Tschetter, Secretary.