

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Gorman, Leiter, Lewis, Reimer, Robison, Shrader, Timmerman, Tschetter

Absent: Baesu, Gruverman, Kopocis, Pierobon,

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 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 (*Leiter*)

Leiter called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Chancellor's Search

Leiter reported that he spoke with Interim Chancellor Ankerson about the LJS article on the search for a chancellor. She provided clarification informing him that the search process is scheduled to begin in the fall and that all of the proper procedures will be followed.

2.2 Faculty Senate President Meetings with Interim Chancellor

Reimer asked if Leiter will be meeting monthly with Interim Chancellor Ankerson. Leiter stated that he has only met with EVC Button once this summer. Shrader noted that he did not have regular meetings with Past Chancellor Bennett. Griffin pointed out that the Faculty Senate President met regularly with Past Chancellor Green and Gorman stated that the report on niceness in shared governance should include a strong recommendation that such meetings should occur between the Chancellor and Senate President again.

2.3 Meeting with AVC Goodburn

Griffin announced that the Executive Committee would be meeting with AVC Goodburn on July 28th to discuss a proposal for an Undergraduate Curricular Review for Degree Programs that Utilize Courses Across UNL & UNMC.

3.0 Approval of April 21, 2026 Minutes

The Executive Committee discussed including Interim Chancellor Ankerson's comments as an addendum to the minutes. Robison suggested that the heading of the minutes should identify that there is an addendum which includes additional comments from the Interim Chancellor after the Executive Committee has met with her. It was noted that the Interim Chancellor wants to provide some further context and clarity to some of the comments she made during the meeting.

Reimer moved to approve the minutes as amended. Gorman seconded the motion and the Executive Committee approved the minutes unanimously.

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Joint Committee to Work on Report for Faculty Senate – Identify Members

Leiter noted that there was an agreement between the Executive Committee and Interim Chancellor Ankerson and EVC Button to create a subcommittee of six members to write the report to address the motion approved by the Faculty Senate to strengthen shared governance. Leiter asked for volunteers to serve. Reimer and Tschetter volunteered and it was suggested that Kopocis be asked to serve. Shrader moved to appoint these Executive Committee members to the subcommittee. Robison seconded the motion; the motion was approved by the Committee.

Gorman asked what the timeline would be for getting a draft written for the Executive Committee to review. He suggested September 1. Griffin noted that the report is to be presented to the Faculty Senate at the October 6th meeting. Gorman stated that real steps identifying how shared governance will be strengthened need to be included in the report. Leiter suggested that the Executive Committee should brainstorm what some actionable points should be considered.

4.2 Follow Up on Emergency Preparedness Presentation

Leiter asked the Executive Committee if it should make a recommendation to the ELT about providing more emergency preparedness training. Timmerman pointed out that emergency preparedness training is more than just about active shooter training, it also includes weather related emergencies such as tornadoes. She noted that this training is particularly needed for those people that are in buildings with a large amount of glass. She wondered if it would be possible for our emergency management director to create an emergency plan for each department. She stated that the department heads could then share it with their faculty on an annual basis and the faculty could share it with the students.

Lewis agreed with Timmerman but suggested that emergency management should be done at the college level. She noted that there could be boiler plate language for each college plan and an administrative staff could help develop the plan which would probably need to be reviewed by a legal team. She pointed out that if we want a safe campus, we need this level of specificity.

Timmerman reported that for Extension she is required to have emergency plans for any environmental issues and is required to do it annually. She noted that Extension requires that there be a statewide emergency preparedness team and team members need to know how many people are in a working area to ensure that everyone is safe should an emergency occur. Robison stated that the University Libraries' plan includes specific meet up points and a call list to ensure that everyone is accounted for in any case of emergency. Shrader stated that his college has a similar program and there is a basement should there be a weather emergency. Timmerman wondered if people in a glass building would need to go to another building nearby and whether that other building

would have the capacity to accommodate all of the additional people. She pointed out that for insurance purposes, there should be an inventory for all equipment and furniture in offices, classrooms, and labs.

Leiter stated that there is no uniform emergency preparedness policy across the campus. The Executive Committee agreed to bring this to the attention of the ELT when the committee meets with them on August 11th.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Email from President Gold on Directives from the Governor

Leiter reported that in his conversation with Interim Chancellor Ankerson she noted that the ELT is trying to determine what the directives from the Governor mean and the impacts they could have. The Executive Committee pointed out that the directive is vague and there needs to be exploration of how the directive could impact the university. The Executive Committee agreed to discuss the issue further with Interim Chancellor Ankerson.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 2:30 pm. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Ann Tschetter, Secretary.