

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Gorman, Kopocis, Leiter, Lewis, Pierobon, Reimer, Shrader, Tschetter,

Absent: Baesu, Gorman, Gruverman, Robison, Timmerman, VanderPlas

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 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*)

Leiter called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

2.0 Abby Schletzbaum, Emergency Management Director

Schletzbaum stated that since starting her position at UNL a few years ago, she has been working on some initiatives, one of which is to try to have active shooter/emergency preparedness training integrated into all students' orientation. However, she stated that she has encountered some resistance to this due to concerns of not wanting to alarm students.

Shrader noted that today's students have had active shooter training in their high schools and asked if they would need to have more training. Schletzbaum pointed out that LPS teaches secure protocol and students in K-12 schools follow the instructor's lead in case of emergency. She noted that the university has a different philosophy, the run-hide-fight method, but noted that there is a lack of centralized policies across the different buildings. She emphasized the need for a joint working group to develop and implement policies for consistent safety standards, including emergency action plans, secure entry systems, and training for faculty and staff. She reported that she has a five-minute training video on the run-hide-fight method that could be made available to students, faculty and staff. Pierobon noted that Schletzbaum gave a very informative presentation to the School of Computing on emergency preparedness and suggested having her speak to the Faculty Senate this fall.

Reimer pointed out that there are real concerns, not only active shooter but severe weather concerns for those faculty, staff, and students that are in the newer buildings, such as the Kiewit Engineering Building and the new Westbrook Music building, which are predominantly glass buildings. Schletzbaum reported that a centralized safety policy is in the initial phase of development, but in the meantime, she encouraged every building to have emergency procedures posted. She stated that there is an [emergency preparedness website](#) that can help with developing emergency procedures for a building. Lewis noted that many classrooms do not have locks on the doors which could prevent an active shooter from entering the room, and some classrooms have glass walls so there is nowhere to hide if there was an active shooter. She questioned what people should do in the event of an active shooter. Schletzbaum reported that there is no campuswide policy

for door hardware because prior to the Columbine School incident, there were concerns that a person could be locked in a room and assaulted by someone else, but noted that these days all doors should be equipped with some kind of hardware, perhaps electronic which could track those that enter a room.

Shrader asked how the Faculty Senate could help with bringing the initiatives Schletzbaum is working on forward to the administration so action can be taken. Schletzbaum stated that having a joint request, perhaps from the UNL Police, Faculty and Staff Senates, and ASUN would help to get the safety concerns addressed. She noted that we do not have a central office for broader campus safety pointing out that she is the only one addressing emergency preparedness at UNL. She reported that her office is part of the UNL Police which only has an operational budget of \$300,000. She stated that providing more funding would allow the hiring of additional staff to address safety efforts.

Shrader asked how we get information about campus safety protocols to the employees and students of the campus. Schletzbaum stated that having funding for a full-time communications person for the police and another emergency management person would help. Leiter stated that he would bring the issue of campus safety to Chief of Staff Gonzales for discussion.

Reimer asked what is available now for the campus if someone was to contact safety.unl.edu/emergency-response/. Schletzbaum reported that there is information on this site about an active shooter, emergency preparations, severe weather and other emergency response issues. She noted that there is a new video on active shooter training and what to do should an active shooter be present.

The Executive Committee agreed to have Schletzbaum speak to the Faculty Senate this fall.

3.0 Announcements

3.1 Notification of Potential New Regulations from the Federal Office of Management and Budget

Leiter reported that he received a call from Chief of Staff Gonzales about a possible announcement coming from the Federal Office of Management and Budget about regulations to restrict the use of federal funding to universities that promote left wing ideology. He noted that the Chancellor's Office is aware of the possible memo and is working with our federal delegation to address the issue.

Tschetter reported that the Department of Education is issuing a new set of guidelines about student loans. Leiter stated that he spoke with Chief of Staff Gonzales about this, who stated that the guidelines apply to trade schools.

4.0 Approval of April 21, 2026 and May 19, 2026 Minutes

After reviewing the suggested edits from the Interim Chancellor to the April 21, 2026, minutes, Shrader moved that the minutes be tabled until after Leiter informs the

Chancellor's Office that the Executive Committee is uncomfortable with the suggested edits. Pierobon pointed out that it was a formal meeting of the Executive Committee and the minutes should only reflect what was discussed during the meeting. Lewis seconded the motion. The Executive Committee approved the motion unanimously. Leiter stated that he would contact the Chancellor's office.

Leiter asked if there were any revisions to the May 19, 2026, minutes. Hearing none, he asked for approval of the minutes. Kopocis moved for approval, motion seconded by Tschetter and then approved by the Executive Committee.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Printing Costs for Use of N Logo

Leiter reported that he spoke with Chief of Staff Gonzales about the complaints that have been received regarding the cost of using the N logo for printing purposes. He noted that the Print and Copy Services Office has raised their fees because of rising operational costs, but he is waiting to get more information from Chief of Staff Gonzales.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Report on Meeting with Chief of Staff Gonzales

Reimer reported that she and Leiter had a positive meeting with Chief of Staff Gonzales and discussed the Interim Chancellor's efforts to restore trust between the faculty and administration and to improve morale.

Reimer stated that there was also discussion about the idea of having a social media campaign that explains the work of the faculty during a 24-hour period, and she reported that UCOMM is very interested in this idea. She stated that there was discussion about who would be the target audience for the media campaign. She noted that the idea would be to target legislators, the public, and students. She stated that the campaign would include faculty interactions with students and their needs and pointed out that she and Leiter made it clear that there needs to be different segments of campus that are featured in the media campaign.

Reimer reported that she and Leiter enquired about the services that were provided by the Gender and Sexuality Center that has since closed. She noted that Chief of Staff Gonzales reported that the Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center's Student Culture and Community are assisting students.

6.2 Executive Committee Retreat

The Executive Committee decided to hold its annual retreat on August 21.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 2:30 pm. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Ann Tschetter, Secretary.