EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: **Baesu, Gorman, Gruverman, Kopocis, Lewis, Pierobon, Reimer, Robison, Shrader, Timmerman, Tschetter**

Absent: **Leiter, VanderPlas**

Date: **Tuesday, May 19, 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 *(Reimer)*
Reimer called the meeting to order at 2:39.

2.0 Announcements
2.0 Meeting with Abby Schletzbaum, Emergency Management Director
Griffin noted that Director Schletzbaum will be meeting with the Executive Committee on June 2nd to discuss emergency preparedness. The Executive Committee expressed concerns with safety issues since many of the new offices and classrooms have glass doors and walls creating an inability to hide should there be an active shooter.

3.0 Approval of Approval of April 21, 2026 and May 5, 2026 Minutes
Griffin reported that she has not received any edits from Interim Chancellor Ankerson yet. The Committee agreed to postpone approval of the April 21, minutes until the Chancellor's edits are received.

Reimer asked if there were any further revisions to the May 5 minutes. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Tschetter moved and Shrader seconded approving the minutes. The minutes were approved with one abstention.

4.0 Unfinished Business
4.1 Faculty Senate Budget Committee
Shrader announced that he recently spoke with Chief of Staff Gonzales who reiterated that Interim Chancellor Ankerson is willing to work with a Senate Budget Committee. He stated that the question is who owns the budget process. Is it the APC or would it be the Senate's budget committee? He wondered what things would have to be changed to have the budget go through the Senate Budget Committee. Griffin pointed out that the UNL Bylaws include the APC's responsibilities which state that the committee is empowered to approve or disapprove proposed new academic programs and changes in existing programs, including elimination. She noted that changing the UNL Bylaws requires approval from ASUN, the Faculty Senate, the Chancellor, President, and Board of Regents. Shrader stated that he thinks it is important that the Faculty Senate should have great ownership in the budget process if we want the Senate to be as strong as it was

last year. Tschetter noted that Chair-Elect Bradshaw of the APC has stated that the APC should have taken a more active role in the budget reduction process, but it is difficult to do that when the APC does not have access to complete information on the budget. Reimer stated that the APC and the Faculty Senate should demand to see UNL's line-item budget.   She stated that a Faculty Senate budget committee should be given more detailed information on the budget, especially during time of budget reductions.   The question was raised of how many students we are losing with the elimination of the four programs.

Tschetter stated that the Executive Committee should speak with Vice Chancellor Anderson to address the closure of the Gender and Sexuality Center.   She noted that the Office of Student Life provides services to address student wellness, but it is jeopardized when offices and programs are removed that help students.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Shared Governance Documents

Reimer reported that she, Leiter, Tschetter, Shrader and Griffin have met a couple of times with Interim Chancellor Ankerson, Chief of Staff Gonzales, and Interim Vice Chancellor Blomstedt to discuss shared governance.   She stated that Chief of Staff Gonzales created a document that briefly outlines the roles and responsibilities of those involved in shared governance.   She noted that she will be drafting a statement for the beginning of the document and will share the draft with the Executive Committee.

Reimer stated that it was raised during the conversation how many faculty are not given credit for service work they do when their annual evaluation is conducted.   She noted that she has heard that the system is creating a new metric on engagement outside of the university.

5.2 Additional Costs for Printing Services and Use of N Logo

Pierobon reported that he has heard complaints from faculty members that they are having to pay Printing Services more because of having to pay royalties to the Athletics department for the use of the N logo.   Timmerman pointed out that there needs to be clarification on this policy because Printing Services is now charging a usage fee which is like robbing Peter to pay Paul.   She noted that several years ago Extension was told that they must use the N logo and now whenever it is being used there is a higher fee. The Executive Committee agreed to discuss this issue with Interim Chancellor Ankerson.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 2:30 pm. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Ann Tschetter, Secretary.