

**SHARED GOVERNANCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2025
3:00 P.M., ROOM 305 OF THE RABURN WING OF KELLER HALL**

Attendees: Dr. Peggy Bergeron, Dr. Lauren Killen, Dr. Tera Kirkman, Ms. Kerigan Mardis, Mr. Jeremy Martin, Dr. Molly Mathis, Dr. Peggy Bergeron as proxy for Dr. Lee Renfroe, Dr. Brien Smith, Ms. Amy Thompson, and Dr. K.C. White. Members absent: Dr. Andrea Hunt. Chair Becky Smith presided. Guest: Regina Sherrill.

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Becky Smith called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 3, 2025

The minutes were approved unanimously on motion by Ms. Thompson and second by Dr. Bergeron.

Proposed Revisions to Section 2.6 and Appendix 2E of Faculty Handbook – Faculty Vote in Promotion and Tenure Decisions

Approved by Faculty Senate on 2-14-25; revisions proposed by COAD on 3-10-25 for clarification purposes

Dr. Kirkman made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Killen and approved unanimously to include the COAD proposed revisions with the overall Faculty Handbook revisions that will be submitted through the shared governance process either in April/May or at the beginning of Fall 2025.

Review Outcome of Qualtrics Survey from SG Committee Review of Membership, Charge, and Reporting Structure

SGEC members continued evaluation of the outcome of the Qualtrics survey from a review of membership, charge, and reporting structure by Shared Governance Committees, the outcome of which, upon completion, will be contained on a chart included with the minutes and approved revisions will be inserted as track changes to the Shared Governance Document for final SGEC approval. Specific actions in this meeting included the following:

Animal Care and Use Committee: Mr. Martin made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Mathis and unanimously approved to remove staff members from the committee. Dr. Kirkman made a subsequent motion that was seconded by Dr. Smith and unanimously approved to add the Associate Dean of Natural Sciences, Engineering, and Mathematics and to ensure the committee membership consists of the federal requirements as presented by the committee in its review, with the Licensed Veterinarian to serve as the member that is not otherwise affiliated with the university and movement of faculty membership from four to three. Additionally, it was agreed by consensus that the SGEC may consider at a later time possible movement of the committee from committee status to an appropriate entity on campus.

Athletic Committee: Dr. Bergeron made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Thompson and unanimously approved to accept the committee's recommendation to update item #2 in the charge to reflect current branding and best-practice recommendations.

Food Services Committee: Mr. Martin made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Killen and unanimously approved to move one of the staff-at-large positions to a staff position held by an Athletics representative. Mr. Martin noted he would contact the two current staff-at-large representatives to determine if one of them would be willing to rotate off the committee to make room for the Athletics representative, and he will be prepared to report back at the next meeting. Ms. Mardis made a motion that was seconded by Dr. White and unanimously approved to change "Three (3) members of the student body recommended to the SGEC by the SGA Senate President" to "Three (3) members of the student body – 1 from Athletics, 1 International Student, and 1 Residential Student, recommended to the SGEC by the SGA Senate President."

Graphics Standards and Web Communications Committee: Ms. Thompson made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Bergeron and unanimously approved to accept the committee's recommendation to dissolve the committee.

Mr. Martin made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Killen and unanimously approved to table discussion on the remaining committees until the next meeting.

New Business: Request from Provost Smith, on behalf of Work Group to Enhance Music and Fine Arts, for a Deadline Extension

Dr. White made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Mardis and unanimously approved to grant an extension of the March 31 deadline to report the work group's findings and recommendations to the President to a date to be determined by the President and Provost.

On motion by Ms. Thompson, second by Mr. Martin, and unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.


Dr. Becky Smith, Chairperson