

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SPECIAL SESSION

August 6, 2025
(Approved by the Executive Council on August 27, 2025)

Executive Councilors present (noted by *):

* Michelle van Aalst * Anne Donegan, presiding Michelle Hughes Markovics * Venona Orr * Johannes van Gorp * Ashley Arnold * Dawn Lukas * Jessy Paisley * Marc Bojanowski Sean Martin * Emily Schmidt * Sarah Whylly Amanda Greene * Tony Martin Christie Soldate Patsv Young * Siobhan McGregor-Gordon. * Ivan Tircuit * associate vacancy

Negotiators/Appointed Positions present: K. Frindell Teuscher, Matthew Martin Staff members present: Stephanie Simons

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom conferencing.

SPECIAL OPEN SESSION

MEMBER CONCERNS

1. <u>Date of graduation</u>. A member requested AFA negotiate to change the date of graduation so that it does not fall on a holiday weekend.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Conciliation-Grievance Officer Vacancy, Fa25-Sp26

Anne explained that position of Conciliation-Grievance Officer became vacant for the 2025-26 academic year. Anne explained the importance of having this position filled no later than the start of the fall semester.

2. Bylaws, "Article VIII: Changes to Bylaws" as related to AFA Policy, "Election of Councilors, Officers, Negotiators, and Appointed Positions"

To fill the vacant Conciliation-Grievance officer position, Anne requested the Executive Council suspend the bylaws to allow for a truncated elections process.

- Proposed Timeline:
 - ° Nominations: August 6th-11th
 - ° Election: August 12th-16th
 - ° Votes verified August 18th-20th
- A motion was made and seconded to suspend the bylaws to allow a truncated elections process.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed truncated election timeline.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Extension of fall 2025 Councilor duties

- The special session of the Executive Council occurred outside of the usual operating time period, falling closer to the upcoming fall semester than preceding spring semester.
- Councilors in attendance were members of the fall 2025 Executive Council.
- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to allow all Councilors seated in the fall semester to vote on the items in the special session of the Executive Council.
- 2. Suspension of the Bylaws, "Article VIII: Changes to Bylaws" as related to AFA Policy, "Election of Councilors, Officers, Negotiators, and Appointed Positions"

- This item was derived from Discussion Item 2.
- There was no further discussion.
 - ° A Councilor made a statement in favor of completing the election prior to the start of the semester to support associate faculty in navigating their workplace.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to suspend the bylaws to allow a truncated elections process (unanimous consent).

3. Truncated Election Timeline

- This item was derived from Discussion Item 2.
- There was no further discussion.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to follow the truncated elections process as proposed (unanimous consent).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Stephanie Simons.