



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Senate Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2026

The Executive Committee met at 4:00 PM on April 8, 2026, virtually via Webex

Attendance:

Dr. Chet Cooper, Dr. Martha Pallante, Dr. Edmund Ickert, Dr. Brian Vuksanovich, Dr. Robert Gilliland, Mr. Ross Morrone, and Dr. Kevin Ball, John Rossi, Dr Karen Larwin.

Excused Absences:

Dr. Ron Davis, Mr. John Rossi, Ms. Sofia Myers.

Guests:

None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr Martha Pallante, Chair.

i. Review of Distribution for Department and At-Large Senator Positions

Dr Pallante shared the breakdown of how many department/at-large senator counts were needed. Dr Pallante explained how the calculations were done and then asked for questions. No questions were posed. Elections will be run now to fill the vacancy for the new calculated numbers. Expected to have most slots filled.

ii. Committee Vacancies

Dr Pallante thanked Dr Cooper for overseeing the committee vacancies.

iii. Agenda for Senate

Dr Pallante stated that there will most likely be a full agenda. Dr Pallante asked President Johnson to provide more background on what will be going on at Steubenville. They plan to keep administration levels down at the new campus. There will be minimal administrative staff present. Currently 80 students enrolled with an open house on 4/25 planned. Dr Pallante mentioned that Provost Adams was concerned about new mandates coming from SB1. At the moment, there is no plan for her to speak at the last senate meeting. Dr Pallante has conferred with Dr Kramer about the process of appointing a new Vice Chair in lieu of Dr Cooper stepping down at the last Senate meeting. Dr Pallante plans to talk with Dr Kramer next week to determine the process for electing a replacement for the Vice Chair. Dr Gilliland offered a suggestion to update the charter and bylaws for next year. Dr Pallante says that senator numbers may need to be adjusted in the bylaws

(referring to the current requirement of 70 faculty senators). Dr Gilliland offered to review the bylaws over the summer and offer potential ideas for revisions.

Dr Pallante asked if the Provost talked about the 126 credit hours from ODHE. The Provost wants to make sure she knows the details before bringing it to the senate. Dr Ball explained that the Provost was at a meeting with the Vice Chancellor and declared that no Ohio University programs should be more than 126 credit hours. State institutions have until the end of the calendar year to get it under that number. The provost has spoken to the deans to work with those programs that are over that threshold number. Dr Ball requested guidance on the process for the Senate to work with endorsing the necessary program changes. Dr Pallante suggested bringing Academic Programs Committee to be involved in the discussion. Dr Pallante recommended that the involved programs take the Summer to work on the changes and use the week back on contract before classes start to make sure everything is in-line for submission to Academic Programs Committee. Dr Pallante stated that we need to work on a schedule for next academic year. Dr Pallante will be meeting with the provost again to discuss this plan for approval by the Senate. Discussion ensued. Following discussion, Dr Pallante informed the committee that she will update on any further issues that arise before the next meeting.

Dr Martha Pallante adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm

Minutes submitted by:

Edmund Ickert

Secretary, Academic Senate