

University Council Executive Committee  
Report to Council  
November 5, 2009

The Executive Committee had its first meeting of the 2009–2010 academic year on October 22, 2009. After a brief welcome, introductions, and an overview of the committee's duties, the committee considered several items from the Curriculum Committee and an item from the Committee on Facilities and voted to place all of them on the Council's agenda.

The committee also considered a proposal from Staff Council for mandatory training of employees with supervisory responsibilities. While the proposal itself was deemed in need of more work before consideration by the full Council, the underlying issues leading to the proposal were clearly worthy of additional study. Typically, this assessment would lead to referral for further examination by one of the Council's standing committees. However, as no standing committee of the Council is charged with issues of HR policy, the Executive Committee voted to create an ad hoc committee. In accordance with the Council's bylaws, the creation of this ad hoc committee must be ratified by the full Council.<sup>†</sup>

The meeting ended with reports from standing committees. I also announced my intention to develop a document called "How to Be a University Council Committee Chair." I would welcome input from any and all Council members or Committee Chairs as to its contents.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrian P. Childs, Chair

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<sup>†</sup> The bylaws, Part I, at §I.B.5, include among the Executive Committee's responsibilities "to recommend for the Council's approval such ad hoc committees as it deems necessary."