

Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees — Meeting Minutes for 12/2/25
Via Zoom

Members present: Barbara Biesecker (Chair) — Franklin College of Arts & Sciences, Christina Hanawalt — Franklin College of Arts & Sciences, Eric Rubenstein — Past Chair of the Executive Committee, John Brocato — College of Engineering

Members not present: Ruth Harman — Mary Frances Early College of Education

Biesecker called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. and began by updating (along with John Brocato) the Committee on the recent University Council (UC) meeting and the withdrawal of previously submitted motions.

Discussion of possible revisions.

- The committee revisited whether or not some chair positions — particularly those handling sensitive or high-stakes matters — should require the protection of tenure. Points included:
- The committee considered how to revise motions returned due to concerns about:
 - Rationales mentioning “experience” mapped to rank (which does not always correspond)
 - Language perceived as insensitive or implying hierarchy

Next steps:

- The Chair will consolidate all motions (both withdrawn and those returned by EC) into one draft document and send to all members.
- Another meeting will be scheduled early next semester to revisit the questions after careful reflection.

There being no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

**Minutes prepared by John Brocato*