

Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees — Meeting Minutes for 1/27/26

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
- Ruth Harman — Mary Frances Early College of Education
- John Brocato — College of Engineering

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. and clarified that the purpose was to continue discussion of proposed revisions to committee bylaws, particularly **eligibility criteria for committee chair positions**, following feedback and objections raised at a prior Executive Committee (EC) meeting.

Key Issues Discussed

Rank vs. Experience

Representation and Equity

Political and Institutional Climate

Alternative Approaches Considered

“Open” Eligibility Model

Service-Based Eligibility

Committee-Specific Variation

Next Steps / Action Items

- Draft revision of the CSBC’s Bylaws with respect to the duties: institute regular rotation of thorough review of Statutes and Bylaws (perhaps every five years, in concert with university strategic planning);
- Draft memo to be sent to the committees in question, seeking their input on ‘guidelines’ s for committee chairs and members.

Next meeting of the CSBC will discuss both draft documents.

There being no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

**Minutes prepared by John Brocato*