

# University Senate Committee Annual Report

**Due Date: Submit in Word format to [senate@gcsu.edu](mailto:senate@gcsu.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday 8 May 2025**

*Note: This report should represent consensus of the entire committee and serve as a historical record of committee deliberations over the academic year.*

**Committee Name: Subcommittee on Nominations (SCoN)**

**Academic Year: 2024-2025**

## **Committee Charge:**

V. Section1.D.2. Duties. The duties of the Subcommittee on Nominations shall include the following.

V.Section1.D.2.a. Executive Committee. The Subcommittee shall nominate candidates to serve on the Executive Committee for approval by the membership of the University Senate in compliance with V.Section1.A.

V.Section1.D.2.b. Standing Committees. The Subcommittee shall nominate candidates to serve on the Standing Committees of the University Senate for approval by the membership of the University Senate in compliance with III.Section2, IV.Section4, V.Section2.A.2, V.Section2.A.4, and V.Section2.C.

V.Section1.D.2.c. Subcommittees. The Subcommittee shall nominate candidates to serve on any permanent subcommittees of the throughout AY 2023–2024, SCoN focused on maintaining and revising the slate of nominees for university governance, overseeing Elected Faculty Senator (EFS) elections, and refining election procedures. The committee addressed apportionment concerns, clarified eligibility criteria for service, and supported the formation of the AI Policy Review Committee. A key topic of deliberation was whether administrators (Deans, Associate Deans, Chairs) should be eligible to serve as EFS or appointees. Joyce Norris-Taylor was nominated to serve as POE and Chair of SCoN for AY 2024–2025. Senate in compliance with III.Section2, V.Section2.A.3.a and V.Section2.A.4.

V.Section1.D.2.d. Officers. The Subcommittee shall nominate candidates to serve as the officers of the University Senate, specifically the Presiding Officer, the Presiding Officer Elect, and the Secretary, for approval by the membership of the University Senate in compliance with II.Section4.A and II.Section4.B.

V.Section1.D.2.e. Compliance Report. The Subcommittee shall prepare a report that demonstrates that the composition of all committees complies with the requirements of these bylaws. Such a report shall be submitted to the Executive Committee when the initial committee recommendations are made and any time that changes are proposed to committee membership.

## **Committee Calendar:**

*Listing of dates on which the committee met.*

The Subcommittee on Nominations (SCoN) conducted business via email and during ECUS/Standing Committee Chair (ECUS-SCC) Meetings.

## **Executive Summary:**

*A narrative abstract of the main issues of committee deliberations throughout the year.*

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## **Committee Membership and Record of Attendance:**

*Identify all members of the committee, clearly indicate committee officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary), and status of each member (Senator, non-Senator, student) along with a record of each member's attendance. Note: this may be available as a download from the online senator database.*

N/A

### Motions brought to the Senate floor:

Give the motion number, and motion statement as well as the committee vote and senate action on each motion that this committee brought to the Senate body for action. Short summary of committee work for each motion, if considered necessary to explain rationale, controversial matters or content that is not evident from the motion text.

<u>Motion</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Source Committee</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Last Update</u>
<a href="#">[2425.CON.002.0]</a> <a href="#">2425.CON.002.0</a>	Other	stephanie.jett@gcsu.edu	CON	Implementation Complete	06/03/2025
<a href="#">[2425.CON.001.0]</a> <a href="#">Revised Slate of Nominees AYE</a> <a href="#">2024/2025</a>	Other	stephanie.jett@gcsu.edu	CON	Implementation Complete	10/30/2024

### Other Significant Deliberation (Non-Motions):

Short summary of each issue that consumed a significant amount of committee time.

- **Apportionment Review:** ECUS-SCC voted not to include administrators in Corps of Instruction apportionment counts.
- **EFS Election Procedures:** Developed and approved procedures; coordinated college-level and at-large elections.
- **Eligibility Discussion:** Ongoing debate about administrators serving as EFS or appointees.
- **Committee Assignments:** Adjustments made to committee placements (e.g., Brad Fowler, Lamonica Sanford).

### Ad hoc committees and other groups:

For each ad hoc committee and other group that was formed,

Specify committee or group name, membership, identify ad hoc committee officers (chair, vice chair, secretary) or leaders of other group

Provide a short summary of its work. Finally specify whether their work was completed, and if not whether your committee recommends that the committee continue their work in the following academic year.

**AI Policy Review Committee:** Formed in Spring 2025 with representatives from all colleges and units, including the Graduate School. ECUS extended invitations to Taylor Elsey (CoAS), Jim Berger (CoE/CTL), Ward Risvold (CoBT), and Jeannie Pridmore (Presidential Appointee).

### Committee Reflections:

What worked well, what did not work so well. Given your charge, how did you spend your time?

#### Strengths:

- Clear procedures and timelines for elections.
- Effective coordination across colleges and units.

#### Challenges:

- Debate around eligibility of administrators.
- Methods for committee assignments needs to be addressed.
  - Spreadsheet is overly complicated.

**Committee Recommendations:**

*Advice to the membership of the committee for the next academic year such as:*

*Are there any issues that should be considered by this committee the following year?*

*Are there any issues that this year's committee was unable to complete its work on?*

*Do any of this year's committee actions require follow-up? (i.e. a policy was drafted, but there was a recommendation for a review of the policy during the following year.)*

*Recommendations on calendar (meeting times, outline items that you expect would be considered annually)*

- Revisit bylaws regarding eligibility of Deans, Associate Deans, and Chairs.
- Continue refining election procedures and timelines.
- Create new system for committee assignments.
- Maintain early communication with colleges for smoother election cycles.
- Revisit apportionment for staff and departments within CoAS (specifically)
  - I spoke with the Associate Dean (Winston Tripp) about reviewing the apportionment with many departments in flux. He agreed to revisit the topic with the PoE in 2025/2026

**Recommend items for consideration at the governance retreat:**

- Annual review of apportionment and nomination procedures.
- Help with oversight of attendance with PO and Secretary
- Putting together updated training materials for SCoN chair as it's a complicated job!

**Appendix: Committee Operating Procedures**

*A summary of the standard operating procedures used to conduct business during the year.*

- Used Qualtrics for nominations.
- Posted election results publicly.
- Maintained and updated slate of nominees.
- Coordinated with ECUS-SCC for approvals and procedural oversight.