

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

April 14, 2009
3:30 pm.

Senate Conference Room
140 McFall Center

Present: Keith Bernhard, Alden Craddock, Jim Evans, Nancy Orel, Peter Pinto, Roger Schupp, Ron Shields, Ellen Williams, Rich Hebein

NEW BUSINESS

Voting on the Closing of the Ogg Science Library as a *Charter* Violation

Williams said that several persons had raised the issue of conflict of interest because the member of SEC who alleged the violation had also participated in the vote. Hebein said that he searched the minutes for the last time a member of SEC had done so and found that the SEC member participated in the discussion but absented himself from the vote. There was considerable discussion on conflict of interest, the lack of a violation of any written policies, and the role of perception. The consensus was that SEC's finding of a violation should go forward.

Attendance

As required by *Charter*, the secretary reported that a senator had been sent a warning after the second absence and notification after the third that SEC would declare the seat vacant if an appeal was not submitted. Since no appeal was made, SEC declared the seat vacant and directed the secretary to so inform the senator.

ADJOURNMENT

SEC set the agenda for the next Senate meeting including a vote on an honorary degree. Williams adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Hebein, Secretary