Members Present: G. Hustrulid, B. Idsardi, S. Shaffer, C. Tyllia, C. Manikoth, J. Hyde, D. Ayers, B. Biswas, D. Bachand, K. Evans, L. Reeves,
University Officials: C. Jensen, T. Jones

1. The meeting was called to order by G. Hustrulid at 3:07 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes of May 5, 2025.** ***Hearing no objections, the minutes are approved.***

3. Chair's Report. G. Hustrulid reported: a. policies will now go through the Course Leaf system. Anytime there is a policy change proposed, Rules and Senators will get an email with a policy to review. There will be comment section for each policy change that will show all comments that will be tracked. Senators will have one week to review the policies and those comments prior to voting. The policies will begin with whoever is proposing a change and then they will come to the committees, and they will be revised during the meeting. M. Ward, from CPAC, will be providing training on the new process. **b.** The bookstore is starting the E-Book All-Inclusive Charging System. They have done a ton of research on what students are paying for textbooks, including analog textbooks, e-books, etc. each term and found they are spending an exorbitant amount every term. They want to place a maximum of $170 and that will be deducted from a student's account each term which includes taxes, and they will automatically get the books. The students can opt out if they don't want to utilize this system during the first 10 days of the term. This system will begin in fall, 2026 and faculty will need to put into their syllabi the language about this new system and the ability to opt-out during the first 10 days. **c.** Given the current political situation, there has been talk about Threat Assessment Training coming from the Chief of Staff and there will be more information coming out shortly. If departments want to have training in certain threat assessments, they will come to their departments or classrooms. **d.** There are First Year Seminars (FYS) currently occurring. Those courses, co-created with Student Affairs and select faculty who spent the summer creating the 4 credit classes, with 2 credits are taught by faculty and 2 credits taught by staff simultaneously throughout the term. It is a lot of work, and it has been challenging to get faculty to teach those. They are trying to capture freshmen students' first year, teaching them how to send emails, how to eat healthily, how to create good sleeping habits, how to take care of themselves, and creating a sense of belonging. **e.** The Applied Learning Workgroup want to create a graduation requirement where every student who graduates from Eastern would have an Applied Learning requirement. They will create a template that will go through GAC, GEC, UAC, Rules and Senate for approval.

4. ASEWU Update. C. Jensen reported she currently has no report.

5. Brief Reports. a. Academic Committee for Innovation & Technology: ***C. Manikoth reported:*** he will be meeting with J. Healy to determine which direction they should go next. At their next meeting they will take a poll of which direction the committee wants to move forward. **b. Academic Programs Assessment Committee.** ***T. Jones reported:*** they will have their first meeting on the 14th. **c. General Education Committee.** ***J. Hyde reported:*** they met last week and discussed their goals for the year for General Education, they met the new Gen Ed Director and discussed the upcoming CPAC deadline of October 31st and cycle. **d. Global Programs Academic Committee.** ***B. Biswas reported:*** they will meet for the first time tomorrow. **e. Graduate Affairs Council.** ***D. Ayers reported:*** they will have their first meeting on Wednesday. **f. Undergraduate Affairs Council.** ***D. Bachand reported:*** they will hold their first meeting on Thursday.

6. Unfinished Business. ***Traditionally, there is no unfinished business at the beginning of the academic year.***

7. Council Elections/Selections/Confirmations. Council Elections/Selections/Confirmations. ***Academic Appeals Board:*** Shavonda Devereaux, Public Health and Health Administration and Jaclyn Parrott, Libraries; ***Academic Committee for Innovation and Technology:*** Lindsay Williams, Communication Sciences & Disorders; ***Academic Integrity Board:*** Heidi Iwashita, Communication Sciences & Disorders (2nd term), Andrew Oster, Mathematics (2nd term), Suzanne Milton, Libraries, Deanna Trella, Children's Studies (for alternate position in CAHSS), Jake Rehm, WAMS (for alternate position in CHSPH), Krisztian Magori, Biology (for alternate position in CSTEM); ***Course and Program Approval Committee:*** Monique Black, School of Business, Belinda Hammond, Children's Studies; ***Faculty Commons Committee:*** Qing Stellwagen, Libraries (2nd term), Teena Carnagie, English & Philosophy; Miguel Novella, Modern Languages & Literature, Teresa Rangel, Nursing; ***General Education Committee:*** Maggie apRoberts-Warren, Economics (2nd term), Chadron Hazelbaker, WAMS; ***Global Programs Academic Committee:*** Bipasha Biswas, Social Work (2nd term), Bob Zinke, Public Administration; ***Graduate Affairs Council:*** Brian Davenport, Organizational Leadership (2nd term), Monique Black, School of Business, Fahed Mehyar, Physical Therapy, David Kinnunen, WAMS, Tony Espinoza, Computer Science & Electrical Engineering; ***Honors Advisory Board:*** Paul Lindholdt, English & Philosophy (2nd term); ***Program Review Committee:*** John Marshall, Fine and Performing Arts; ***Research and Scholarship Committee:*** Michael Waldrop, Fine & Performing Arts; Alex Myers, Occupational Therapy; ***Rules Committee:*** Kelly Evans, Libraries, at-large, LaVona Reeves, English & Philosophy, Chadron Hazelbaker, WAMS; ***Student Success and Retention Committee:*** David Kinnunen, WAMS; Alex Davis, Sociology & Justice Studies; ***Undergraduate Affairs Council:*** Lynn Anidi, Public Health/Health Administration (2nd term), Steven Bingo, Libraries (2nd term), Rob Sauders, Geosciences, David Syphers, Physics, Donita Torres, Education. **Hearing no objections, these are approved.** They will be sent forward to Senate for approval.

8. Information Items. None.

9. New Business. None.

10. Agenda Items for October 13, 2025, Senate Meeting.
- **a. IRB Concerns (H. Hillman)**
- **b. Applied Learning Update (J. Smith)**

11. Good of the Order. ***None.***

12. Adjournment at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, October 27, 2025.