

**Minutes
National Communication Association
Executive Committee of the Legislative Assembly
Virtual Meeting
July 9, 2025**

Participating in the meeting:

Executive Committee Members: Jeanetta Sims, President; Tina Harris, First Vice President; Shaunak Sastry, Second Vice President; Marnel Niles Goins, Immediate Past President; Candice Thomas-Maddox, Finance Committee Chair/Treasurer; Kenneth Lachlan, Finance Committee Director; Michael Lechuga, Finance Committee Director; Julie-Ann Scott-Pollock, IDEA Council Chair; Laurie Lewis, Mentorship and Leadership Council Chair; John Sloop, Publications Council Chair; Benjamin Warner, Research Council Chair; Katherine Thweatt, Teaching and Learning Council Chair; Justin Danowski, Executive Director/Secretary (non-voting).

National Office Staff: Monica Yang, Strategic Projects Associate; Jennifer Fletcher, Organizational Development Manager.

Academic Freedom Taskforce Members: Mohan Dutta, Chair; Tom Discenna

1. Call to Order

President Sims called the meeting to order at 3:11 P.M. Eastern.

2. Informational Items

a. Executive Director Updates

- i. Danowski gave an update on the logistics of the 2025 August Executive Committee meeting.

3. Academic Freedom Taskforce

- a. Dutta presents the Academic Freedom Taskforce Report.
- b. Discussion of the report content, recommendations, and dissemination ensued.

4. PSWG Summary

Sastry gave an update that there was no additional information to report.

5. Academic Freedom Fund Proposal

Warner introduced a proposal for \$30,000 Academic Freedom Fund which will be reviewed and discussed in the Executive Committee August Meeting.

6. Student Caucus Travel Grants

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Danowski discussed the National Office's administration of the Student Caucus Travel Grants for 2025 with the budget of \$30,000.

7. Discussion of August Meeting Agenda

Sims outlined additional agenda items for the August meeting. Discussion ensued.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 P.M. Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Yang
Strategic Projects Associate