

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 3:00 pm

Approved: April 9, 2024

Call to Order: 3:02 pm

Roll Call:

Adam Rechs, Aleta Baldwin, Sharon Furtak, Amber Gonzalez, Andera Terry, Bertha Vegas Castellanos (absent), David Moore, Jeff Wilson, Matthew Krauel, Monicka Tutschka (absent), Raul Tadle, Tracy Dawn Hamilton

Open Forum:

- **Office of Graduate Studies Acknowledgement:** Professor Krauel acknowledged and drew attention to a successful graduate and professional student appreciation last week, and in particular very exciting events organized by the Office of Graduate Studies including Grad Slam and Grad Research Showcase. The Library also held an event.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended to add a #11: Resolution of Faculty Commitment of Support in a Time of Multiple Global Conflicts and an item #12: Presentation regarding the planned renovations of the IM fields. The agenda as amended was approved.

Approval of the Minutes – March 26, 2024: Approved.

From the Chair: No items.

From the Provost: The Provost shared that the campus held a successful event earlier in the day that celebrated and provided information about the campus’ recertification of the prestigious Seal of Excelencia by Excelencia in Education.

From the President: Updates: The President provide information about Capitol Public Radio updates; the upcoming cluster hire for faculty with demonstrated experience teaching Latinx students; a joint iftar (breaking fast during Ramadan) event with UC Davis; and the designating Sac State as a “Black Serving Intuition”. A conversation took place about how to propose changing Sac State’s mission statement to reflect the various designation the university holds regarding service to student populations.

Program Proposals

- **Minor in Chinese Studies:** Given that the proposal states that “the Minor de facto replaces the existing major in Chinese Studies that is currently a concentration in the Asian Studies major”, and given that the current BA in Asian Studies (Chinese Studies) contains ART and PHIL courses that are not required for the proposed minor, the item was rolled back for consultation with departments of Art and Philosophy. Additionally, it was noted that the footnote #1 requires students to take one course from a subset of the courses on the elective list, which may be difficult for students to navigate. It is recommended that this be addressed. Finally, in the consultation documentation that the Chair of Kinesiology asked if more sessions were needed for Tai Chi and martial arts. Was a response provided?

- 54 ▪ **BA in Asian Studies (Chinese Studies):** Action was postponed on this item until the Minor
55 in Chinese Studies is received back from the Curriculum Subcommittee.
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- 57 ▪ **Integrated Mathematics Major/Single Subject Credential Program (Discontinued**
58 **program):** The item will be placed Consent Action on the April 11 Senate agenda.
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60 **Senate Committee Vacancies from Preference Poll:** The Chair shared how the process has
61 worked in the past for creating a prioritized contact list of faculty from the Preference Poll to fill
62 Senate committee vacancies. To mitigate bias, the previous year's Executive Committee voted to
63 have the prioritization of faculty from the same college who expressed the same level of interest be
64 random, and to have the new process appraised by the Executive Committee to ensure it is
65 performing as intended. Motion to adopt this new system for the coming academic year. Carried.

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67 **April 4 Senate agenda:** The agenda was updated to add:

- 68 ▪ **Time Certain: No later than 4:00 pm** – FS 23/24-1032/EX Resolution Calling for an
69 Immediate and Permanente Ceasefire in Gaza
- 70 ▪ **Time Certain: No later than 4:20 pm** – FS 23/24-15/UARTPC/EX UARTP Policy – Section
71 5.05 Criteria for Retention, Tenure, and Promotion

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73 The 2024/25 Senate will hold their Organizational meetings on April 11 and April 18. The 23/24
74 Senate meetings on these dates will start later as noted below.

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76 **April 11 Senate Agenda:** Only policy items will be heard, beginning at 3:30 pm, with priority policy
77 items placed at the top of the agenda following the information items.

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79 **April 18 Senate Agenda:** The meeting will begin at 3:45 pm. Remaining resolutions and Committee
80 of the Whole topics will be taken up.

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82 **Recent Police Activity follow-up:** The Chief of Police was invited to the March 26 meeting to be
83 on hand to answer any questions regarding a recent police response on campus. No questions
84 were asked about the police response during Open Forum of the March 26 Senate meeting, but it
85 was noted that the speakers list was very long and it was clear that not everyone would have a
86 chance to speak before Open Forum ended because of a time-certain item. The Executive
87 Committee discussed the best way to have questions address: inviting the Chief again with a time
88 certain; an email communication; or at a non-Senate campus forum. For the April 4 meeting, Chief
89 Madison will not be asked again to be on hand to answer questions, and instead the Senate Chair
90 will advise the anyone with questions about the recent police response to contact him or contact
91 Chief Madison directly.

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93 **Resolution of Faculty Commitment of Support in a Time of Multiple Global Conflicts:** The
94 Chair stated that Senator Lascher requested the resolution be added to the April 4 Senate agenda
95 following the Resolution Calling for an Immediate and Permanente Ceasefire in Gaza. The
96 committee discussed the placement of the resolution on the agenda.

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98 **Motion:** To place the Resolution of Faculty Commitment of Support in a Time of Multiple Global
99 Conflicts as an Information Item on the April 4 agenda, with a note that the Executive Committee is
100 in receipt of the resolution. The Chair will advise the body that a Senator can move the item off
101 Information Items. and place on the agenda if they wish.

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103 **Presentation regarding the planned renovations of the IM fields:** The item will be placed on the
104 next Executive Committee agenda.

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106 **Adjourned:** 5:00 pm