

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 3:00 pm

Approved: April 15, 2025

Call to Order: 3:00 pm

Roll Call: Martin Boston, Sharon Furtak, Hogan Hayes, Carolyn Gibbs, Amber Gonzalez (zoom), Sheree Meyer, Pat Oberle (zoom), Adam Rechts, Andrea Terry, Matthew Krauel, Raul Tadle (zoom)

Open Forum:

- **Catalogue Rights:** The Chair of the GE/GRPC Committee asked for clarification on the status of catalogue rights for students given changes going into effect in Fall 2025 for the General Education requirements. In the past, students have been allowed to opt into an easier pattern. Some students may assume they need to complete the pattern they are in. The GE/GRPC Chair was asked to send to the Provost and the Registrar the issues and a resolution. The Provost and Registrar will review the information and provide a response.
- **Football Subdivision:** It was requested that communication regarding Sacramento State's plan to move football from the Football Championship Subdivision to the Football Bowl Subdivision be provided. The media is reporting on the costs of the move, and it would be appreciated if the University could provide information to the university community.
- **DEI language on CSU campus websites:** Concern was expressed about the recent request from the Chancellor's Office for campuses to catalogue anything on university websites that could be seen in violation of Executive Orders regarding DEI. It was requested campus leadership push back on the Chancellor's Office.
- **Critical Budget Update Announcement:** An April 7 SacSend from the President's Office announcing critical budget updates and Management Personnel Positions (MPP) that have been eliminated. There is concern about the details of what happened. A request was also made for the administration to better support individuals who have been laid off. The Provost shared her understanding of what happened.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended as follows. The amended agenda was approved.

- Catalogue Rights placed at the end of the agenda.
- Discussion on GE Policy Section I Item on the Senate agenda to be placed after item #11.

Minutes: March 18, 2025 – Approved as published.

From the Chair:

- Interim Senior VP Brian Henley will attend Exec on April 22
- The Chair brought attention to items shared under From the Chair:
 - Recent Updates on CSU Policies. People can subscribe to the list provided.
 - Recent Audit on California Community College Transfers
 - CSU Federal Updates Website
 - Election results for the Sacramento State Lecturer Elector for the CSU Academic Senate – Spring 2025: Carolyn Pickrel, Department of English.
- Senator Guide and Handbook: The document will be updated to include policies, values, procedures, initial plan, processes over the summer.

From the President:

- The Chancellor's Office has asked campuses to review DEI language on their websites to look for language that would violate Proposition 209 and ensure campuses are in compliance. In addition to ensure that it is clear that everything the campus does is open to all students.
- Organizational Changes: Twenty-eight management (MPP) positions have been eliminated, merged, or not retained. Those individuals have been informed. It was a difficult decision that was based on the budget situation to reduce the impact on students and representative staff. In addition, it has been decided to not move forward at this time for the VP for Research position or the interim position. Former Provost Nevarez will return to the faculty and graciously agreed to continue support of the Placer campus.

From the Provost:

- No DEI cataloging is being done.
- President spoke about the student impact and that there is also a faculty impact on their work and uncertainty of work. The administration is talking and thinking about strategies of how to help faculty feel more supported in their work.
- The timeline for the Vice Provost for Faculty Success has been revised. The search will begin in the Fall.
- Academic Affairs policies that need to be reviewed are being looked at.
- MPP reductions in Academic Affairs: Looking at MPP reductions and how to work through their responsibilities.

Student Affairs Division Update Presentation: VP Mitchell shared Student Affairs update around strategic activity to increase the capacity of cultural academic resource centers.

Preliminary Senate Agenda – April 17: Approved

Section I General Education Policy discussion: Clarification was requested regarding Area 5 and Area 7. Information will be added to the Senate agenda to clarify these two Areas.

Online Senate Meeting Protocols to Deter Unwanted Disruptions and Zoom Bombing: The Chair will include this information in the Senator Guide and Handbook to assist committees.

Main Points of the Discussion:

- Feedback provided: Amend bullet #1 to address not using the full URL.
- Clarity provided: Use only for public online meetings only the protocols. Bullet #3: Waiting rooms are used for Senate and Executive Committee meetings. Senate committees: Use a passcode and meeting ID.
- It was noted: Links are not working
- Are guest passes available for people not from CSUS domain? The Chair will follow-up.
- Question raised: Is the Zoom bombing serious enough to overhaul the way the Senate and committees conduct business?
- Feedback provided: Make this a recommendation to use a passcode and Meeting ID not have it as a requirement.
- Feedback provided: Add for security purposes by adding recommendations when Zoom bombing occurs for how committees proceed with the meeting, end meetings, and restrict the meeting to members only.
- Question raised: Senate meetings are public meetings, why is this being established? The Chair responded that this is only for committees that only meet by Zoom. It does not apply to the Senate meetings.
- It was noted: A Meeting ID would need to be typed into the zoom app to access the meeting.
- Provide it as a resource to committee chairs the option of using it.

Motion: Adopt as recommendations for zoom security for all Senate related online meetings. Carried.

Amendment of Standing Rules and Recommendations to the Faculty Senate Regarding

Accommodation Procedures and Practices: The proposed amendments were discussed. Chief of Staff Tudor shared that a university policy is being worked on, and she thought the policy would be adopted by the end of the semester. The Vice Chair shared that the Senate Office cannot operate under policies and procedures that are against Federal, State, Chancellor Office, and campus policies and practices. Lines 5-11 need rewording – no action at this time.

Motion: Permanently table amendments previously made by Vice Chair Rechs and Senator Gonzales. Carried.

Motion: Amendments to the Senate Standing Rules, lines 13-26 will be placed on a Senate agenda as determined by the Senate Chair. Carried.

Discussion: Academic Affairs Strategic Planning Taskforce: The Provost welcomed feedback from Exec.

Main Points of the Discussion

- It was shared: A previous taskforce had a large number of members. At that time, the strategy for meetings was to provide members with the meeting dates and if some members were not able to attend there was still enough members present for the work to be done. The taskforce was co-chaired by the Provost and the Senate Chair
- Feedback provided: Come up with the strategic plan first and how it affects the organization of the university. The strategic plan will inform the organization. Some sort of report at different phases needs to occur.

- Membership:
 - Department chairs have knowledge that general faculty do not have. Suggest using a diverse discipline of representatives from each college.
 - Administrative Support Coordinators need to be added.
 - Additional student members should be considered to include: UG, Grad, MA, professional student: A student from each college and additional staff member. Reconsider two faculty from each college and the Library to only one.

The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

The following items were not taken up and will be placed on a future agenda.

- Faculty Senate Standing Rules Amendment of Articles II and III
- Catalogue Rights

Adjourned: 4:59 pm.