

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 3:00 pm

Approved: April 22, 2025

Call to Order: 3:02 pm

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

Open Forum:

- **Support of President Wood:** Faculty member Booker Cook, Ed.D., read a statement in support of President Wood's leadership.
- **Women and Gender Studies Resolution:** The author of the original WGS agenda item requested guidance with introducing a substitute motion at the April 17 Senate meeting.
- **Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) Grad Slam and Graduate Research Showcase:** The staff, faculty and OGS were acknowledged.
- **College of Business Reorganization Proposal:** A discussion was requested regarding the late addition of this item and whether or not the item should remain on the upcoming Faculty Senate agenda.
- **April 17 Senate Agenda:** A request was made for a Senator to make a motion on Thursday to amend the agenda to move the First Reading item to the Consent Calendar for the Program Proposal – Discontinued Program: MS in Recreation Administration, Adoption of. Professor Kivel would then speak to the item. Senator Sheppard offered to make the motion.
- **Faculty Senate's Banding Together:** A discussion was requested on how to get the Faculty Senates to come together across the CSU and UC systems. It cited the April 15th Chronicle of Higher Ed article titled, These Faculty Senates Are Trying to Band Together to Stand Up to Trump, as an example. The Senate Chair will contact the other CSU Senate Chairs. For other institutions and organizations, the Senate Chair requested contact information be provided to reach out.
- **Management Personnel Program (MPP) Positions** A request was made to reconsider providing a statement from the University regarding the MPP positions eliminated, merged, or not retained and to also honor the service of those MPPs. The Senate Chair shared her understanding of the complexities of the process for Academic Affairs MPPs. Once that process is completed then a discussion can take place regarding this request.
- **Event: Our Ancestors Wildest Dreams: An Undergraduate Research Symposium on Black Life and Culture,** April 22, 10 am – 3 pm. The flyer will be shared with Senators.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended to add three items after item #10. The amended agenda was approved.

- A conversation about the April 17 Senate Agenda Information Item: Academic Unit Reorganization College of Health and Human Services, Notification to the Faculty Senate.
- Advise on how to proceed procedurally with a substitute resolution Supporting Women's & Gender Studies Program in the CSU.
- A discussion regarding the recent Sonoma State Vote of no confidence in the Chancellor. ~~and the Board of Trustees.~~

Minutes: March 25, 2025 and April 8, 2025 - Approved

From the Chair:

- **Memorandum regarding the availability of new resources on Calstate.edu.**
- **Standing Policies Committees Annual Report:** Committee Chairs were reminded to submit their annual report of activities for placement on a Senate agenda.
- **Area C and First Year Seminar Workgroups:** Reports from the Workgroups will be on the next agenda for placement on a Senate agenda as Information Items.
- **Syllabus Policy** will be placed on the next agenda.
- **Bylaws** amendments are still coming forward.

From the President: No items.

From the Provost: Budget and personnel calls will be sent to the Deans. Going forward divisional budgets will be created with line items reflected.

25/26 Senate Preliminary Agenda – April 24: Approved

24/25 Senate Preliminary Agenda – April 24: Approved

Academic Affairs (AA) Strategic Planning Taskforce Continued Discussion

Main Points of the Discussion:

- Feedback provided: The part of the Charge that reflects the reorganization of colleges and the university should be a secondary item for discussion.
- Feedback provided: Support was expressed in having a larger taskforce and a small workgroup. The membership and process worked efficiently for the Anchor Taskforce.
- Question raised: An AA task force already exists for strategic planning. Why aren't we using that.
- It was noted: Budget oversight group is different than what we are looking for. Steering advisory committee and a smaller workgroup.
- Feedback provided: A variety of representatives is difficult to achieve. Thought given to understand why this looks different and the rational with the current info structure. Useful to understand why this task force would look different then the Academic Affairs Strategic Budget Advisory Committee.
- Suggested representation:
 - Representatives from each college with a focus group: Faculty, staff, administrators for different perceptive throughout campus.
 - Library and College of Continuing Education (CCE) representatives
 - A graduate voice from each college, Library, and CCE and a department chair. Specifically, a graduate coordinator

- It was noted: Academic Affairs Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory (SPBAC): The committee used to be just budgetary. Critical to have an on-going committee to hold us accountable to a strategic plan.
- Feedback provided: Suggestion to revise SPBAC per the Provost's preference, make a smaller advisory group and then constitute an institutional group.
- Feedback provided: There is only one student rep and no graduate student.

Academic Unit Reorganization College of Health and Human Services, Notification to the Faculty

Main Points of the Discussion:

- Question raised: Is this new or revised? Response: It is a new proposal.
- Concern raised: Moratorium conversation has not happened yet, and it has been on the Senate agenda for weeks without being taken up. Meanwhile proposals are moving forward.
- Concern raised: The administrative analyst was completed yesterday, and it has not been put on as an information item yet. Response: It's not required by the policy. The administrative analyst has been completed and sent to those for consultation.
- Concern raised: This addition to the agenda did not provide the Senate enough time for the faculty to be engaged. The Senate Chair replied that the agenda is adhering to the 3-day agenda posting requirement.
- It was noted: Two weeks of minimum of consultation cannot start until the Administrative Analyst is sent out to those units directly affected.
- It was noted: The policy does not require the item to be placed on an Exec agenda first.

Discussion on how to proceed procedurally with a substitute resolution Supporting Women's & Gender Studies Program in the CSU: A discussion took place of how to place the item as a substitute motion and providing the resolution to the Senate prior to the meeting to allow time for review. It was decided the item would be sent out to Senators with a request to read in advance of the April 17 meeting. A Senator will then add the item to the agenda in front of the current WGS resolution.

Discussion Regarding the Recent Sonoma State Vote of No Confidence in the Chancellor: ~~and the Board of Trustees (BOT)~~: It was shared that Sonoma State held a referendum vote. The author of the item asked if Sac State should join Sonoma State in the resolution and (is resolution passes) a referendum vote of no confidence. No action was taken for this item.

Faculty Senate Standing Rules: The Chair summarized the main proposed changes but also suggested additional amendments for consideration:

- Open Forum: Add 2 more minutes for a total of 12 minutes, limit speakers to 2 minutes.
- Open Forum: Open Forum extensions not permitted during December, April and May.

Main Points of the Discussion:

- Support was expressed for adding two more minutes (for a total of twelve.)
- Support was expressed for limiting speakers to two minutes.
- Concern was expressed for removing the ability for Open Forum extensions during certain times of the year.
- It was noted that the Chair should be adhering to a 2/3 majority approval for extending the Open Forum

- It was noted that the reason for Standing Policy Chairs to attend Senate were that they used to be ex-officio voting members. But also, that the committee chairs hear the debates of the senators to report back to their committees.
- It was noted that there are several other ways (used in the past) to address some of the issues with open forum.

Motion: On line 37 strike, “and/or the President.”

Carried.

Motion: On line 28, remove the proposed strike from the language, “Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.”

Carried.

The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

The following items will be taken up at a future Executive Committee meeting:

- Senate actions to take-up: Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) Plenary Report, March 14-15, 2025
- Review for Policy Compliance – College of Business Reorganization of Management and Business and the Information Systems and Business Analytics Departments
- Sacramento State Statement of Solidarity with the Sonoma State Community Resolution

Adjourned: 5:00 pm.