

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 3:00 pm

Approved: May 13, 2025

Call to Order: 3:01 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 (Zoom)

Open Forum:

- **Grad Slam:** Friday, May 9.
- **Acknowledgement of Dean Chevelle Newsome:** The Graduate Studies Policies Committee Chair acknowledge and thanked for all that she has done for the committee over the year.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended to add after #10: Sacramento State Faculty Senate Resolution to Establish a Mutual Defense Compact to Protect Academic Freedom, Shared Governance, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the CSU. The amended agenda was approved. *Carried.*

Minutes: Approved as published.

From the Chair:

- The Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 13, via Zoom. If needed, the Senate will meet on Thursday, May 15 via Zoom.
- May 1, 2025 Senate meeting: At adjournment the Senate had not acted on a motion regarding a moratorium on unit reorganization proposals. If the Senate wishes to take up the item, it would need to be added to the May 8 agenda during approval of the agenda.
- President Wood's proposed amendments to the University Appointment, Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Policy, Section 5.05E Competent Teaching Performance (FS 24/25/UARTP/EX):
 - The Chair felt that faculty are at odds with the proposed language from the Administration: No specific minimum SET score shall be used as a standalone criterion for retention, tenure, or promotion decisions unless an academic unit has established and justified such thresholds in their approved policies.
 - The Provost felt that the administration and faculty are not at odds, that it's clarification of not understanding intent. The President and Provost are willing to work on understanding intent of the revision and supports looking at the item in the fall with the incoming Senate.

- Acknowledgement of Executive Committee members with terms ending: Adam Rechs, Pat Oberle, Matt Krauel, Raul Tadler, and Amber Gonzalez.

From the Provost:

- Administration is following the posts regarding a hunger strike by a group of students and monitoring the situation. The strike is systemwide and there is no set deadline to the strike.
- Graduate Studies and Undergraduate Studies transition: Information regarding the interim appointment for the Dean of Graduate Studies and also the oversight of the Undergraduate Studies transition will be announced soon.
- Human Resources will be announcing on Thursday an early exit program for faculty.

Program Proposals: The following items will be placed on the May 8 Senate agenda at Consent Action:

- BA in Political Science and Journalism
- BA in Spanish
- BFA in Interior Architecture
- BFA in Photography
- BS in Psychology
- Minor in History
- Minor in AI Management
- BS in Business Administration (AI Management):
The proposal will be rolled back to the Curriculum Subcommittee to address the following items to be placed on Consent Information on the May 8 Faculty Senate agenda.
 - Under Pre-Requisite Requirements, the “he/she” should be changed to either “the student” or “they”.
 - Please look to clarify the footnotes. On the bottom of page 6, footnotes 1,2 are noted. Their descriptions occur on page 7.
 - One of these descriptions references a 'course,' but the use of the footnote is for the broad heading surrounding GE.
 - Then later, items are marked with a footnote again in a few places. These occur for subject headings, but also specific classes. They don't seem, to me, to be in alignment with the descriptions above.
 - All of the footnote references need to be looked at again, and possibly clarified.

WASC Steering Committee – Faculty Representatives: The following faculty names will be placed on the May 8 Senate Agenda on Consent Action:

1. Jackie Brooks, Sociology (SSIS)
2. Hogan Hayes, English (A&L)

Academic Unit Reorganization, College of Health and Human Services – Policy Compliance:

- A request was made for a time certain be added to the item on the May Senate agenda at the Chair's discretion and it be placed following the other reorganization proposal on the agenda.

Motion: Place on the May 8 Senate Agenda at First Reading at the Chairs discretion for placement. *Carried.*

Sacramento State Faculty Senate Resolution to Establish a Mutual Defense Compact to Protect Academic Freedom, Shared Governance, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the CSU:

The following edits were made to the document:

- Line 26: Add NIH
 - Delete the word “Senate “from Faculty Senate throughout the document except for in the last resolved clause.
 - Line 57: Add “immediately” after “Trustees to”
 - Line 30: Change “sister” to “sibling”
- **Motion:** Place the resolution on the May 8 Senate agenda at Consent Action. *Carried.*

General Education/Graduation Requirements Working Groups: Area C and First Year Seminar work completed. The GE/GRPC Chair thanked the members of the working groups for their participation:

- **Area C Working Group:** facilitated by Sheree Meyer, Chair, GE/GR Policies Committee. Members: Lee Simpson, Mathew Schmidtlein, Stephen Jones, Rachel Miller, Maria Mayberry, Curtis Smith, Junyun Hur, and Jeffrey Wilson.
- **First Year Experience Work Group,** facilitated by Sheree Meyer, Chair, GE/GR Policies Committee. Members: Jennie Econome Chaliros, Jas Pannu, Lee Simpson, Sheri Hembree, Priscilla Isaac, Anna Zelenz, Troy Nichols, Joel Dubois

Referral: GSPC re: Culminating Experiences, Teaching, and AI: The committee would like to seek guidance from the Office of Graduate Studies for clarification around thesis or culminating exam advisors. This a priority for GSPC for the next academic year.

Recommendation for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 academic years as Temporary Solution to the Removal of English 20/20M Courses.

- The proposed two-year time period was a concern. It was felt that it should be one semester and the issue be fixed by the spring.
- Concern was expressed that students may be confused as to where this is coming from.
- Why not say waive English 20?
- This would increase the workload of WPJ and English 20.
- Context was provided as to why the decision was made from the Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

The discussion will continue at the May 13 meeting.

Adjourned: 5:00 pm