

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 3:00 pm

Approved: 2/17/26

Call to Order: 3:02 pm

Roll Call: Anne Bradley, Mae Chaplin, Angela Clark-Oates, Sharon Furtak, Amber Gonzalez; Hogan Hayes; Carolyn Gibbs, Sheree Meyer, Antonia Peigahi, Lina Rincon, Andrea Terry

Open Forum:

University Drive camera: A camera equipped with a solar panel has been installed on University Drive. There is a question regarding the purpose of the camera and whether it is operated by the university or by the city?

WASC Steering Committee: A member shared the following questions, on behalf of the College of Education faculty: Why are there so few faculty on the WASC Steering Committee? Was it due to few faculty indicating interest in serving on the committee. The Chair shared there were originally three faculty on the steering committee.

Kristin Van Gaasbeck: I am here to raise a concern about the late publication of Faculty Senate agendas inclusive of finalized policy or resolution language for the senate to debate, and the consequences this practice has for shared governance.

When agenda materials are posted with little or no advance notice, senators are unable to consult meaningfully with the faculty they represent. This places senators in an untenable position and marginalizes faculty voices. Senators are expected to deliberate and vote on matters without having had the opportunity to gather feedback, raise questions, or reflect the perspectives of their electing units. As a result, faculty engagement is limited not because of disinterest, but because the current practice does not allow adequate time for careful consideration and consultation.

This issue is further exacerbated when items are advanced directly to second reading by the Executive Committee. The Standing Rules require a two-thirds affirmative vote to move an item from first to second reading, and that requirement exists for an important reason. First readings are not a procedural formality. They are a core mechanism for ensuring that faculty have time to review proposals, understand their implications, and provide informed input before action is taken. When first

readings are bypassed, particularly in combination with late publication of materials, meaningful consultation becomes effectively impossible.

I would like to share an excerpt from the *Statement on Shared Governance and Consultation at California State University, Sacramento*

“Effective, meaningful consultation to which the Faculty Senate, on behalf of the faculty, and administration must be committed, should be characterized by openness and transparency, civility and respectful dialogue, mutual responsibility, evidence-based problem solving, and a commitment to being informed about and prepared to discuss relevant issues.”

Agenda practices that limit advance review and compress deliberation time are difficult to reconcile with these principles.

I encourage the Executive Committee to examine how much space in the Faculty Senate is occupied by members of the Executive Committee versus the other members of the Faculty Senate. These senators do not have an opportunity to seriously consider items, much less represent the faculty who elected them to represent their electing units.

In the interest of strengthening shared governance, I respectfully urge the Executive Committee to recommit to two practices.

First, to return to the introduction of items as first readings.

Second, to ensure that finalized policy and resolution language is posted with the Faculty Senate agenda at least one week in advance. These steps would significantly improve transparency and the quality of Senate deliberation.

I offer these comments in a spirit of collaboration and with the shared goal of ensuring that our Senate processes reflect a genuine commitment to meaningful, respectful, and effective shared governance among the faculty and across Sac. State.

Approval of the Agenda: Approved as published.

Minutes: February 3, 2026 – Approved

From the Chair:

- Senate resolutions placed on Second Reading without First Reading: The item will be added to the Senate Agenda for February 19 as a Committee of the Whole discussion.
- Resolution reaffirming the importance of campus-level academic and academically related policies.
- US Department of Education definition of professional programs.
- Release time and coaches, counselors, and librarians. The Executive Committee will take up this item and formally make a recommendation.

From the Provost: This spring, the NSM and COE dean searches will be initiated. A reminder was shared encouraging participation in the WASC forums.

Draft February 19 Senate Agenda: A Committee of the Whole: Discussion of the Pilot of Adding Resolutions as Second Reading items was added. The agenda as amended was approved.

Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of California State University, Sacramento Amendments: The item will be placed on the February 19 Senate agenda at First Reading

Faculty Responsibilities and Professional Ethics – Faculty Policies Committee

Recommendations:

The item will be tabled until the next Exec meeting.

Letter to the President regarding suggestion to improve the Periodic Review of Administrative Performance Policy: Amendments were suggested regarding interim MPP reviews. The Chair will finalize the letter and forwarded to the President.

Discussion: Vote of No Confidence in Chancellor Garcia: The Chair shared information regarding discussions and votes at other CSU campuses. The Chair will follow up with the Senator who brought up the item during the Feb 5 Open Forum to remind them that they have the ability to bring an item directly to the Senate floor.

Discussion: University Committee Project Phase I: Exec will review the list of non-active committees and indicate if additional information is needed as to why a committee is inactive.

Discussion: Adding faculty athletic liaison as a non-voting member for the Faculty Senate

The Chair shared the President requested a faculty athletics liaison be added as an Ex-officio member of the Faculty Senate to bridge athletics and the faculty.

- Will the representative be able to attend given the Senate and Athletics schedules?
- Are there rules around ex-officio members? The rule is ex-officio members attend meetings.
- What do other CSU campuses have on their Senates.

Motion: To amend the constitution as a non-voting ex-officio Athletics faculty liaison to the Faculty Senate. Place the item on an upcoming Senate agenda. Carried.

Adjourned: 4:59 pm