SACRAMENTO STATE
Faculty Senate

**2025 – 2026 AY**

# Executive Committee Minutes

*Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 3:00 pm,*
*Approved: September 30, 2025*

**Call to Order**: 3:01 pm

**Roll Call**: Mary Breunig, Mae Chaplin, Angela Clark-Oates, Sharon Furtak, Hogan Hayes, Carolyn Gibbs, Sheree Meyer, Antonia Peigahi, Lina Rincon, Andrea Terry

**Open Forum**

Excessive units follow-up: APC Chair shared there is no clear policy of how many units a student may go over.

Timely Instructional Materials Policy: It was shared that the policy needs to be updated, and there are departments out of compliance with the policy. The policy will refer to a standing policy committee and the Provost will be asked to investigate departments not in compliance with the policy.

Faculty morale: It was shared that there is increasing concern around faculty morale including fearfulness. Many faculty referenced a direct threat from members of the student organization of Turning Point that spoke at the last Senate meeting. It was shared that a point of interruption might be used at the next Senate meeting to address what took place.

CSU AI Survey: More information was requested and the time frame when the results will be provided to campus. The Chair will follow-up.

A future Exec agenda discussion was requested about referencing “all colleges” in policies.

Timely college budget follow-up: There was a reminder that a previous Open Forum item had still not been addressed.

**Approval of the Agenda**: The agenda was approved as published. *Carried.*

**Minutes:** September 16, 2025: The minutes were approved as published. *Carried.*

**From the Chair**

- Tahoe Elevator Update: Work will be done this semester.

**From the Provost:**

- The Provost shared the RCA Early-Career and Senior Faculty Awards Lecture would be held that evening.

**Draft Faculty Senate Agenda – October 2 meeting:** The nomination for the At-Large Executive Committee member will be added to the agenda following the nomination of the Parliamentarian. The amended agenda was approved.

**Standing Committee Chairs Update Regarding Timelines for Fall Policy Amendments: Standing** Policy Chairs provided updates on the policies that will be ready this semester. With the exception of the Consultation Policy (currently ready for Deans/Chairs consult), the remaining policies will be ready for Senate by the end of the fall semester.

**Faculty Senate Constitution Amendments**

The Chair reviewed the proposed amendments with the committee that focused on changes to the Senate membership and terms of service rules.

Main Points of the Discussion:

- Questions were raised about departments vs programs membership on Senate.
- It was noted: Asian Studies program is different than Liberal Studies program in that they have a tenure-line faculty member and a ARTP policy.
- It was requested: The Liberal Studies director, Kristen Van Gaasbeck, will be invited to the Executive Committee meeting to speak about possible Senate representation for the Liberal Studies program.

The discussion was tabled for consultation with the Liberal Studies director. *Carried.*

**Discussion: Committee on Committees (COCO):**

The Chair brought up one main issue around Standing Committee Policy members unable to take on liaison positions. The Chair also noted that there were other concerns around the COCO procedures that should also be discussed.

Main Points of the Discussion:

- Suggestion: Include the Senate organizational chart with the Preference Poll call so that faculty are aware that in addition to serving on a standing policy committee there are subcommittee liaison assignments as part of the committee work.
- Suggestion: In the preference poll, make more direct connections between the standing committee and its subcommittees.
- Suggestion: Incorporate the connections into the algorithm used to initially place faculty on committees.
- The Chair will continue to look into the issues around the COCO process.

Additional (indirectly related) topics were discussed:

- Suggestion: Committee chairs could do more mentoring in their committees for succession planning.
- Reminder: Continue to acknowledge service of faculty serving on committees. But also add the level of the workload to that acknowledgement.
- Suggestion: Find out why faculty don't engage in committee work and/or Senate. Ask senators to check in with their colleagues.
- Suggestion: Pilot a mentoring program

- It was noted: There used to be an Academic Leadership mentoring program that was formalized. It was a volunteer program with a recruitment process.

Motion: Adjust preference poll to add liaison information. *Carried.*

**Discussion: Faculty Senate By-laws Amendments**

The Chair shared proposed ideas for changes to the By-laws. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

The following items will be placed on the next meeting agenda:

- Discussion Faculty Senate By-laws Amendments
- Faculty Senate Standing Rules, Article II and III Amendments

**Adjourned**: 4:47 pm