SACRAMENTO STATE
Faculty Senate

2026 – 2027 AY

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 3:00 pm
Approved: 9/15/26

Call to Order: 3:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Andrea Terry, Brittany Young, Hogan Hayes, Aleta Baldwin, Lauren Perry, Mary Breunig, Candace Gregory-Abbott, Theresa Abah, Bita Rivas, Carolyn Pickrel

Open Forum:

Faculty representatives to the CSU Board of Trustees: The CSU Academic Senate (ASCSU) elected two faculty nominees for appointment to the CSU Board of Trustees. The Governor has not acted on the nominations. Currently there are no faculty representatives serving on the Board. The Academic Senate is seeking communication with the Governor's Office regarding the appointment of the faculty trustee.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Department / Division Chair Policy: The policy is not clear on who may vote in the department chair election process. Are staff able to vote? The item was added to the agenda for discussion and possible referral to FPC.

Comp II Alternative Pathway in Summer 2025. There are some issues with the registration system as it does not acknowledge the graduation requirement has been met. The Chair will follow up with the Registrar.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended to add the Roles and Responsibilities of the Department / Division Chair Policy at the end of the agenda. The agenda was approved as amended.

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From the Chair: First Senate meeting and retreat this week, please attend. Senate 101 happening next Thursday via zoom. Standing Policies Committee chairs were reminded to assign their committee liaisons and provide that information to the Senate Analyst. A Committee Chairs' document will be circulated by the Senate Chair for feedback. Voting members of Senate Executive Committee: please meet in front of Sacramento Hall at 2:45pm for a picture next Tuesday before our meeting.

From the President: Updates: Enrollment, football game follow-up to the firearm discharged in the parking structure. Although the suspects had left the area and no injuries were reported, the campus notification system was activated.

From the Provost: Academic Affairs, in collaboration with International Programs and Global Engagement (IPGE), is establishing a task force to examine issues related to international programs and global engagement. The task force will include faculty and staff who have previously worked in this area. The task force will be co-chaired by Vice Provost Santamaria and Vice President Nguyen for Inclusive Excellence. Feedback and input are welcome and should be directed to the co-chairs.

Center for Teaching, Learning, and Faculty Success Standing Rules: Updates were made to the Advisory Board name, the charge, and ex-officio / non-voting membership. A question was raised regarding the addition of the word "students" in line 33. The item will be placed on First Reading at the September 24 Senate meeting with the understanding that remaining questions regarding line 33 will be addressed.

MPP Hiring Committee Best Practices Working Group: After discussion, it was decided to wait for more information from HR before moving forward with discussion regarding establishing a work group. The item will be brought back to Exec for the September 22 meeting.

Discussion: Statement on Shared Governance: How to operationalize the statement in the Senate's work this year. What in the document is vague that needs more specifics to make the item actionable?

- **Consultation:** Definitions of advisory and participatory consultation need to be clarified. The existing document does not give a firm enough definition of consultation. This is not a call to amend the document, but a call to examine what consultation looks like and to establish a standard for consultative communication.
- **Time frame:** What does consultation look like in terms of a calendar before a decision is made? Can more lead time on consultation be requested? Informed consultation should include time to formulate thoughts to make recommendations before decisions are made. It is necessary to set expectations for what the consultation would look like.
- **Definition of collegiality:** Parameters of collegiality need to be more clearly defined.

A small group of Exec members (including Theresa Abah, Brittany Young, and Andrea Terry) will more closely examine the document to: (1) Set expectations for participatory consultation, (2) set a standard for information and timelines when items affect faculty working conditions and curriculum, and (3) include a shared governance check-in monthly.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Department / Division Chair Policy: The current policy does not clearly identify who is eligible to vote in department chair elections. A question was raised regarding whether staff members may participate in the election process. The university policy and CBA language appear open to interpretation. Does the policy need to be amended with a statement on who is eligible to vote in chair elections and how votes are apportioned or weighed? It was also requested the chair evaluation procedures be reviewed.

Motion: The Roles and Responsibilities of the Department / Division Chair Policy was referred to FPC to examine the chair voting procedures and chair evaluation procedures, to include consultation with Employee Labor Relations, CFA, CSUEU, APC, and Academic Affairs leadership. FPC will report back to the Executive Committee before spring break.

Adjourned: 4:02 pm