SACRAMENTO STATE
Faculty Senate

2026 – 2027 AY

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 3:00 pm
Approved October 20, 2026

Call to Order: 3:03 p.m.

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

Open Forum:

Faculty Senate Committee Appointments: A request was made to change the timeline for filling Senate committee vacancies. The item was added to the agenda.

Athletics classroom checks: Jenna Paulk, Director of the Student Athlete Resource Center, addressed concerns regarding a staff member entering a classroom to conduct class checks. She explained that this is not an approved policy or practice. The incident involved a new staff member who was attempting to perform their duties appropriately but was unable to see into the classroom from outside. Staff are expected to remain outside classrooms and avoid creating disruptions. Faculty experiencing similar issues in the future are encouraged to contact Jenna Paulk directly.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended to add the Faculty Senate Committee Preference Poll to the end of the agenda. The agenda as amended was approved.

Minutes – October 6, 2026: Approved as published.

From the Chair:

- International Taskforce faculty representative: Yahaira Núñez-Cortés, Anthropology, has agreed to serve.
- FESS Endowment Scholarship Awards, October 15 at 3:30 pm at the Faculty Senate meeting. Members were encouraged to attend.
- Homecoming buttons will be available in Senate Office on October 15.

From the President: Three vice president searches are planned: Information Resources and Technology (IRT), Provost, and University Advancement. Separate search firms will be used for each search.

From the Provost: A search for a new Executive Director of IPGE will be conducted this fall, with the goal of filling the position by early 2027. A request was made for event coordinators to reduce the noise level for events in the Quad near Douglas Hall and a noise barrier is being erected behind the Acorn

Amphitheater stage. The Wait List/Add/Drop Committee has been reconstituted. The committee will use information from add/drops for how to improve process.

Nominations Faculty Representatives – Office of Graduate Studies Dean Search Committee

The following names will be placed on the October 15 Senate agenda on Consent Action.

- Matthew Krauel, Mathematics & Statistics (NSM)
- Ethan Evans, Social Work (HHS)
- Elyse Fox, Library

Resolution on CSU Faculty Trustee

- The committee discussed endorsing the existing resolution or writing a resolution. Resolutions for the two different issues will be drafted for consideration at the next meeting.
    - Resolution to ASCSU asking for clearer communication regarding what has happened. Workgroup: Carolyn Pickrel, Theresa Abah, and Andrea Terry
    - Resolution to the governor calling for trustee to be seated: Workgroup Candace Gregory-Abbott, Bita Rivas, and Andrea Terry

Faculty Senate Preference Poll Timeline: The process for filling Senate committee vacancies each spring was discussed. A workgroup was formed to identify how the process may be improved: Andrea Terry, Aleta Baldwin, Candance Gregory-Abbott

Adjourned: 4:07 pm