SACRAMENTO STATE
Faculty Senate

2026 – 2027 AY

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 3:00 pm
Approved: 11/3/26

Call to Order: 3:01 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, Farshid Zabihian

Open Forum:

Role and Responsibility of the Department/Division Chair policy: A request was made for the policy to be reviewed regarding a possible conflict of interest in hiring lectures during the time when they may be running for a position. Should departments and colleges have a policy on this and a change to voter eligibility? The Faculty Policies Committee is currently reviewing the policy and will look into a possible conflict in interest. The Senate Chair will update the referral to the Faculty Policy Committee.

Approval of the Agenda: Approved as published.

Minutes – October 20, 2026: Approved as published.

From the Chair:

- **AITC Executive Committee representative:** The position was not filled and will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

From the President: Updates: CSU Student Success Symposium attended, resulting in developing a shared governance taskforce that focuses on academic advising. More information on this to come. Excelencia in Education certified Sacramento State as an Intentionally Thriving Institution (ITI), the highest level of recognition through the Seal of Excelencia.

Program Proposal – Non-Degree Program Change: PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Instruction Credential: The item will be placed on Consent Action on the next Senate agenda.

Draft Nov 5 Senate Agenda: Approved.

Resolution from Faculty Senate of California State University Sacramento to ASCSU regarding the ASCSU Chair's Support for Faculty Trustee Representation: The item was Tabled.

Resolution on the Appointment of a California State University Faculty Trustee from the Academic Senate of California State University Sacramento: The item will be placed on the November 5 Senate Agenda at First Reading.

Course Proposal Policy: Senate Working Group: The Curriculum Policies Committee requested that an independent ad hoc task force be established to conduct a comprehensive review and overhaul of the curriculum review and approval process. Moving forward, the committee recommended that the task force charge and membership include representation from Graduate Studies. It was requested that the work completed by Professor Sharon Furtak, past Curriculum Policy Committee Chair, be included.

Given the scope and complexity of this work, it was recommended exploring funding for a summer workshop dedicated to developing proposed revisions and training.
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Membership should include representatives from the Curriculum Subcommittee, Writing and Reading (WR) Subcommittee, Academic Policies Committee (APC), Curriculum Policies Committee (CPC), General Education/Graduation Requirements and Scripture (GECRS) Committee, Associated Students, Inc. (ASI), Graduate Studies, Academic Affairs/Academic Services administrative staff, and college representatives.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining a manageable and effective working group, the committee recommended that voting membership be primarily composed of faculty, with other stakeholders serving as non-voting members. The final size and composition of the task force should be carefully considered to balance broad representation with the ability to efficiently complete the work.

Motion: Approve the establishment of the work group with a request to the CPC Chair to work with GE/GRPC, Sharon Furtak, and Michael Mink regarding the work group charge and composition and report back to the Executive Committee. Inquire with Academic Affairs leadership regarding research support for a summer retreat and training support. Carried.

Adjourned: 4:18 pm