SACRAMENTO STATE
Faculty Senate

2026 – 2027 AY

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 3:00 pm
Approved: 11/10/26

Call to Order: 3:01 p.m.

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

Open Forum:

- Concerns around anonymity of lecturer voting in Chair elections was raised and a request was made to add the item to the agenda.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended to add a discussion of lecture voting for department chair elections following program proposals. The agenda as amended was approved.

Minutes – October 27, 2026: Approved as published.

From the Chair:

- AITC Executive Committee representative: Carolyn Pickerel volunteered to attend the first meeting of the month. Lauren Perry volunteered. One meeting each and will set a schedule for attendance and the AITC chair is advised.
- ChatGPT agent, DOT, can be added to Canvas in commercial chatGPT but is turned off in CSU ChatGPT. There are other versions of this in Muse that connect to Canvas and complete work and emails on the student's behalf.
- Professional Working Group has met. More information forthcoming.

From the Provost:

- Starting in the Spring, 8-week stateside courses will be offered that run concurrently with the regular semester. High need classes will be prioritized, many will be offered online and asynchronous to support degree completion for students who previously stopped out. Faculty with QM certification and experience teaching online asynchronous will be prioritized, with the potential for Instructional Student Assistant support. This is intended to support the comeback campaign and raise Spring FTES, which are currently down.
    - Concern: these tools require additional training, which is labor that should be compensated.
    - Concern: A QM certification not always available to all faculty. May not be a good way to determine who is offered the classes.
    - Suggestion: use the testing center for online courses to make sure students are taking their own exams.

Program Proposals: The following items will be Consent Action on the November 5 Senate Agenda

Non-Degree New Program
EX 26/27-42 Certificate in History and Health, Medicine, and Science

New Program
EX 26/27-46 MS in Marketing Analytics and Digital Marketing *(rolled back re: PLO outcome format and measurable verb usage)*

Program Change
EX 26/27-43 Minor in Asian American Studies.
EX 26/27-45 Minor in Native American Studies

New Program
EX 26/27-44 Minor in Leadership: Consultation documents were not provided. Proposal is submitted from Student Affairs not by an academic unit. The policy will be placed on the next meeting agenda, and a representative will be invited to attend to respond to questions. The Senate Chair will follow-up.

Lecturer Voting for Department Chair Discussion
A concern was raised regarding lecturer faculty participation in department chair elections. It was noted that the issue may have been discussed previously by a limited number of lecturer faculty and may warrant reconsideration as a future agenda item.

Discussion points included:

- The has adopted a "one person, one vote" approach for chair elections.
- Practices vary across departments, and some departments do not provide the same voting role for lecturer faculty.
- Lecturer appointments differ significantly, including variations in workload and appointment status, with not all lecturers are serving full-time.
- Confidentiality and privacy concerns may arise in smaller departments, particularly where only a few lecturer faculty are eligible to vote or where departments use a partial voting model rather than a full faculty vote.
- Additional information may be needed to determine whether this is an isolated concern or a broader issue across campus.
- The committee discussed whether this topic should be added to a future agenda. Gathering meaningful lecturer faculty input may be challenging. It was suggested that the lecturer senators consider conducting a survey of lecturer faculty to better understand current department practices and determine the extent of any concerns before further action is considered.
- It was shared that the concern was discussed extensively in Senate at the time policy was adopted. Arbitration agreement ensued. Policy in accordance with arbitration agreement
- All chairs should have policy document re how elections occur that are signed off on by dean & provost. Chair should not have a hand in election, should be done by staff or an other department chair.
- Past Interim Vice Provost Rebecca Cameron had an in-depth meeting with Chairs and were required to submit procedures.
- Academic Affairs process for review of Chair election policy is ongoing with active reviews happening. This process should ensure lecturer voting is accounted for in a way that is consistent with campus policy.

Committee Standing Rules: The following items will be placed on Nov 5 Senate agenda on Consent Action.

EX 26/27-47 Curriculum Policies Committee
EX 26/27-48 General Education Course Review Subcommittee

Policy Assessment Survey: The survey will be sent out to all faculty following some minor edits.

Curriculum Review policy Task Force: Membership of this Senate Taskforce was updated to include the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Academic Innovation.

Adjourned: 4:35 pm