

SSIS Faculty Council Meeting
March 5, 2025
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm
256 AMD SSIS Dean’s Conference Room
Zoom: <https://csus.zoom.us/j/83621712405?from=addon>

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting began at 1:32
- II. Roll
 - a. Present: Julian Fulton (notetaker), Jenny Stevenson, Megan Raschig, Jackie Brooks, Jasmine Wade, Brian DiSarro, Rachel Lim, Ciobha McKeown, Marya Endriga
 - b. Absent: Sharon Flicker (sabbatical), Sahar Razavi, David Selby
- III. Approval of Agenda: Faculty Council Agenda_SP25_Mar5 (Attachment B)
 - a. Motion to approve: Brian DiSarro
 - b. Second: Jenny Stevenson
 - i. All approved. No opposition nor abstentions.
- IV. Approval of Minutes: SSIS Faculty Council Meeting Minutes 2-19-25 condensed (Attachment A)
 - a. Motion to approve: Brian DiSarro
 - b. Second: Jackie Brooks
 - i. All approved. No opposition nor abstentions.
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Nutrition Dept has a sale on and is taking pre-orders now, contact Jenny Stevenson for info.
- VI. New Business

A. Possibility of a SSIS Town Hall for Faculty Regarding College Reorganization

Marya provided background on Operational Control (“Phase 1”) from last meeting. That process has been delayed to the end of the semester and there has been no subsequent announcement about next steps. “Phase 2” of reorganizing departments in to colleges and schools in the longer term will be run by Faculty Senate according to new reorg policy. Deans and Chairs have been exploring ideas of how reorg might look and discussed these ideas within departments to be ready to address different scenarios. There still a lot of missing information, especially on new roles and responsibilities of Deans, Chairs, etc. Some faculty are expressing concern about inclusion and transparency on these processes and have proposed several steps including an SSIS Town Hall.

Brian provided a link to Chico's reorganization website

<https://www.csuchico.edu/vpaa/sat/index.shtml#acc-2ccb5a5-3>

Brian reiterated that Chairs are brainstorming reorg possibilities and are trying to share and solicit info with departments but maybe unevenly across the college, so is supportive of Town Hall.

Several members expressed concern that a lack of information was being filled with speculation and rumors, leading to anxiety and mistrust, so a Town Hall would be helpful to course correct.

FC members were unanimously supportive of a Town Hall and welcomed collaboration with the Dean's Office. Furthermore, it was suggested that a series of Town Halls would allow for topics to be addressed iteratively, with the first one addressing the baseline context with information sharing and collecting of concerns and questions.

Remaining time was spent brainstorming the format of a Town Hall.

Timing: upcoming Friday afternoon, to be scheduled as soon as format is decided and invitees are available.

Modality: Zoom is preferable for accessibility

Potential Topics for a series of Town Halls:

- Why now? i.e. Operational Control and state budget revise are pending
- Existing reorg policy
- Chair roles and responsibility
- ARTP and workload accounting
- Key questions that departments should be addressing
- Timeline for meetings
- Support for departments to work through exposed tensions
- CFA and faculty rights
- Additional questions and concerns gathered at first Town Hall and an anonymous survey

Invitees: All SSIS faculty, Chairs, and the Dean. There were suggestions to invite the President or Provost for brief information-sharing session, as well as representation from CFA and Faculty Senate, which should be discussed further.

Given the urgency, Faculty Council will try to move this discussion forward by email before the next meeting and any outcomes will be documented in those meeting minutes.

VII. Good of the Order

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting concluded at 2:45.