

SSIS Faculty Council Meeting
March 19, 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 1:39pm
- II. Roll
 - a. Present: Julian Fulton, Jenny Stevenson (note taker), Megan Raschig, Jackie Brooks, Jasmine Wade, Brian DiSarro, Rachel Lim, Ciobha McKeown, Sahar Razavi , Marya Endriga
 - b. Absent: Sharon Flicker (sabbatical), David Selby
- III. Approval of Agenda: Faculty Council Agenda_SP25_Mar5 (Attachment B)
 - a. Motion to approve: Brian DiSarro
 - b. Second: Jackie Brooks
 - i. All approved. No opposition nor abstentions.
- IV. Approval of Minutes: SSIS Faculty Council Meeting Minutes 3-5-25 condensed (Attachment A)
 - a. Motion to approve: Jenny Stevenson
 - b. Second: Jackie Brooks
 - i. All approved. No opposition nor abstentions.
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Ciobha discussed faculty may be at a loss on how to apply for funding and how to mentor students for language adjustments and proper use of language. Possibly having a conversation through the student success center or we can discuss here in faculty council. Concern for moneys being available for students and students concern on even continuing higher education. Marya mentioned CCE funds are also being cut and no new ideas on campus re-organization have come up.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Faculty Needs Assessment Survey-Julian questions #11-Scholarship of that discipline (SoTL). Marya said it is an effective scholarship. Julian was also wondering about #10 and those should be separated in two separate questions. Ciobha questions #2 because of our R2 status and the difficulty with ordering of purchasing research and supplies. Also adding in support on how the institution categorizes research opportunities such as IRB and when IRB is needed; maybe a career development or in-service or scholarship in teaching. Maybe this could be one option and institutional support as another. Megan mentions it may be cathartic for people to fill it out and may give us a temperature check. Marya

mentions the support for our R2 and the problem with budget cuts. This survey could help advocate for us and could greatly be appreciated by Academic Affairs. Brian mentions the term “Associate” being separate from “Full Professors” and to separate those on #15.

VII. New Business

- a. Mega and mini classrooms-We will start with easy ones first. 70% to be full says Brian. Some of the boxes need more information such as expected enrollment. Approve them if no conflicts until further notice. Ciobha asks how do we schedule the “not in schedule” notations? Ann added the caps for the classrooms in the system. Marya mentions if no conflict, then approve the “not in schedules” since they are still requests. We highlighted green to approve on the spreadsheet. Space will kick them out if they do not have enough spots filled so we should just ok many of them. Many of these requests are for Sociology 2. Ciobha looked up past enrollment and many of these classes filled and the question is will Sociology have 10-11 sections of Soc. 2. Jackie mentions this spreadsheet and the options for this class does not give students many choices. Brian mentions that Political Science made one request and if we can approve that one it will be helpful, so it was approved. Marya spoke with Ann and Ann mentions to approve courses unless contested and the 70% rule is not always the case. Jackie does not think all of the Sociology classes are going to be scheduled and Marya wants the departments to let SSIS know if Sociology does not use those rooms. Nutrition got their first ranking so Environmental Studies should too, so that is approved. Psych 100 we approved. For Psych 106, we agreed to approve because Nutrition has course 10 approved. Give FASH approval since that was their number 1 option. Ethnic studies has priority in the rooms on spreadsheet, so those are approved. All areas agreed upon in the highlighted green color on the spreadsheet.

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

Ciobha thinks people still want to be heard and action still needs to happen. Marya mentions the President not sharing certain information because it is system wide and cuts will happen, but we all do not know how yet. The new provost started two days ago. Brian thinks a Town Hall is a great idea, but since we do not have a ton of information that we may have nothing to offer. Marya has an obligation to tell the provost that we will have this town hall and the provost may give us guidance. Marya recommends going to Faculty Senate as a way to help all of us to be informed. Ciobha recommends that a Town Hall will give us an idea on how we can advocate for others and a pre survey is still a good idea. Marya mentions the frustration of not knowing and what is actually changing. Megan asks what the President’s meeting will be on this Friday morning. Sahar plans to be there. We will continue talking about this in emails and in future agendas until decided. The dates with us meeting in Faculty council will force this conversation through email and be documented in future emails.

VIII. Good of the Order

IX. Adjournment

- a. Meeting concluded at 2:48.