

SSIS Faculty Council Meeting
May 7, 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 1:33
- II. Roll
 - a. Present: Julian Fulton, Jenny Stevenson, Jackie Brooks, Jasmine Wade, Brian DiSarro, Ciobha McKeown, Marya Endriga, Sahar Razavi, David Selby, Rachel Lim, Dianne Hyson, Megan Raschig
 - b. Absent: Sharon Flicker (sabbatical), Marya Endriga
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve: Jenny Stevensen
 - b. Second: David Selby
 - i. All approved. No opposition nor abstentions.
- IV. Approval of Minutes: SSIS Faculty Council Meeting Minutes 4/16/25
 - a. Motion to approve: Brian DiSarro
 - b. Second: Sahar Razavi
 - i. All approved. No opposition nor abstentions.

V. Town Hall

Jasmine: Marya and Provost Cameron (1:45-2:15) will both attend. We need an itinerary and decide who needs to do what.

Brian: What do we see as our role in this? Open forum to share comments and questions directed to Marya and Provost? Directed question to us as well?

Dianne: Council should explain why we decided to host, and why now. Helps expose what we do and show that this is not a top-down thing. Help to set the tone for the town hall.

Jenny: Made PPT

Megan: slide: intro who we are [faculty council should go around and all introduce ourselves],

slide: housekeeping rules, how to engage. After the Council, Marya should say something.

Jasmine and Jenny will do the intros

Megan & Ciobha will facilitate speakers. Alternate raise hands on zoom and on chat. We might have to moderate for repeated questions, moderate for questions that are best addressed to Marya v the Provost. Can hold onto questions for later. Can split responsibilities of writing down questions and moderating the speakers list

Rachel: Speakers List?

David: Suggestion to make a speaker's list at the beginning [so we should have a slide announcing this at the beginning]. We should ask to keep questions to 3 minutes or less or you may be cut off

Questions that are not addressed could be something that the faculty council could look at later.

Julian: Can put in our names (FC) in the Zoom so that denotes the organizers.

Ciobha: We can spotlight ourselves at the beginning with Marya and Provost, and show a list of us instead on a slide that include our names and our departments

Jasmine: We have a slide that explains how the town hall came to be; on another slide have our names as members of FC

Diann: Prediction of questions: Will Dean Endriga continue? Associate Deans? Budget and budget priorities? Student success fee? Lecturer positions? Potential further cuts in Spring? Staff?

Brian: Stadium? Downtown campus? I think there will be a lot of questions. Hard to know ahead of time. Suspect that faculty who come will have questions that they want to ask.

Megan: We should also offer to have people direct message questions to either Megan or Ciobha directly if they don't want to ask themselves.

Diann: Should we decide on some top 3 questions to get the ball rolling just in case. What are the top three questions that we want to ask as a group? We have no graduate dean or undergraduate dean.

Brian: Just in general, not just grad and undergrad deans, but just in general: deans. How do we get staff back up with permanent folks in this crisis time?

Diann: Is there a plan to combine colleges or streamline programs?

Jasmine: Where are we right now at this point in May? Overview of this is where we are at.

Brian: At the last chair's meeting, we got a similar question. Thorough answer provided. How did we get here? There was an assumption of temporary operational control, and now there is not. Can you explain where we are right now at this point in May?

Megan: Someone needs to introduce Provost and Dean.

Jasmine: I can do that.

Julian: What can be done to regain the trust of faculty? This is an underlying thing that is motivating this town hall in the first place. The whiplash. How can we trust the leadership to make decisions that are in our best interest. What are you doing to build trust in the next steps moving forward?

Sahar: Want to make sure that she feels OK and that the town hall doesn't feel battering to her. Can send questions to Provost ahead of time just in case.

Diann: Important that things don't get nonproductive so it doesn't feel attacking. Diann can ask Rodrigo to send reminder Friday morning.

Jasmine: Will manage Zoom room, making co-host, other permissions, etc.

Diann: Back-up plan if Marya is not here. Things are a little uncertain right now.

Student success fee discussion: not super positive. Response to president's video on Instagram. Some misinformation. Discourse is interesting and muddled.

Thank you Jasmine for being chair!

Diann: Signed FERP paperwork. Thank you and appreciations.

VI. Adjournment at 2:27PM

SCHEDULE

Jasmine and Jenny will provide opening introduction

Megan and Ciobha will facilitate questions and open forum

Jasmine will introduce Dean and Provost

1-1:10: Jasmine and Jenny: Faculty Council Intro and Housekeeping/Rules of Engagement, explanation of speakers list [Jenny will create PPT for the Town Hall]

1. Slide introducing ideas of why the Town Hall came to be
2. Slide introducing FC and membership
3. Slide introducing rules of engagement and speaker's list, etc
4. Slide introducing itinerary of the event
5. At the end, bring up slide w/ our names again and can contact us if there are any questions or issues

1:10-1:15: Dean Endriga's introduction

1:15-1:45: Open Forum Questions for Dean

1:45-2:15: Open Forum for Provost Cameron

2:15-2:30: Closing Comments and/or Questions

Question for the Provost:

1. How did we get here? There was an assumption of temporary operational control, and now there is not. Can you explain where we are right now at this point in May?
2. You are coming in during a turbulent time. The decision-making process in the past year has eroded trust among faculty and staff, and has been a motivating reason for this town hall in the first place. Can you speak to your values as the provost and what can be done to regain the trust of faculty? How can we trust the leadership to make decisions that are in our best interest? What are you doing to build trust from staff and faculty in the next steps moving forward?

Question for Dean:

1. Student success fee: update: what will happen if we get it, what will happen if we do not?