

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 3:00 pm,

Approved: February 25, 2025

Roll Call: 3:09 pm

Martin Boston, Sharon Furtak, Hogan Hayes, Carolyn Gibbs, Amber Gonzalez, Sheree Meyer ,
Pat Oberle, Adam Rechs, Andrea Terry, Matthew Krauel, Raul Tadle

Open Forum:

Mendocino Hall Concerns: It was requested that all campus buildings be checked for defibrillators. Mendocino Hall did not have a defibrillator in the building and there were non-functional phones in several classrooms.

Graduate Student Advisory GSAC concerns: A member expressed that their voices are not adequately represented by ASI Directors/student leaders, leaving students in fear. The Chair of the Graduate Studies Policies Committee addressed these issues will be taking this up. The Senate Chair will also follow-up.

Senate Meeting Protocol: With the items before this Senate this semester and the highly attended budget conversation, are there protocols or actions that can be taken if there are meeting disruptions?

Sacramento State Retirees Association: The Association provides grants to Sacramento State programs that do not receive fiscal support from the general fund. Members of the Retirees Association are being asked to consider the program(s) they would like to nominate by April 30. Nominations: Include the program name, contact person, email address, phone number and a brief description of the program's mission and how the grant might be used. If faculty have questions, need more information, or would like to be nominated, please contact Sheree Meyer.

Approval of the Agenda: Approved as published

Approval of the minutes – January 28: Approved as published

From the Chair:

- **Senate meeting zoom accommodations:** With the help of VP Hendricks the Senate zoom meeting attendance capacity has been increased. Additional seating in the room will be provided.
- **ASI Food Pantry –** Chair Gibbs and ASI President provided a follow-up to Feb 4 Open Forum Item.
- **ASI Resolution in Celebration and Recognition of Dean Dianne Hyson:** The resolution will be placed on the February 13 Senate Agenda as an Information Item.

From the President:

- **Budget Hearings at the Capitol:** On Tuesday, Feb 18 a budget hearing will be held at the Capitol; everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the Legislative Swing Space, and those attending will have the opportunity to stay until the public comment period. This hearing is an important opportunity for individuals to make their voices heard and engage in the decision-making process surrounding the budget for the CSU.
- **Classroom upgrades to chairs and desks:** During the 2023 listening sessions, students shared that there is a great need for new, more accessible chairs and desks in many classrooms across campus. To address this need, the Budget Planning and Administration office has identified remaining Higher Education Emergency Reliefs Fund (HEERF) money – one-time funds that can be utilized in limited ways, will be used to purchase new classroom chairs and desks. ASI is gathering student recommendations and faculty and staff are encouraged to submit their suggestions through their ASI college representatives.

From the Provost: Faculty are encouraged to attend to all add/drop forms in their queue before Census.

Feb 13, 2025 Senate agenda: The agenda was amended to 1) move the E-Learning Policy to the March 6 Senate agenda at First Reading, and 2) place the ASI Resolution in Celebration and Recognition of Dean Dianne Hyson as an Information Item. Carried.

GE Course Proposal Moratorium for AY 2025-2026: The GE/GRPC Chair stated a request for a moratorium from March 21, 2025, through the end of the 2025/26 academic year on proposals asking to move from one subject area to another and proposals to enter GE moratorium. Otherwise, all other proposals in the curriculum workflow queue will be reviewed.

Motion: Place the item at First Reading on a future Senate agenda as the Senate Chair sees fit. Carried.

Livingston Lecture Update: Tom Krabacher, Livingston Lecture Committee Chair, shared that the Livingston Lecture Committee recommended postponing the Livingston Lecture for the 2025 academic year. He shared that the Committee has been working to revitalize the award for the past several years to combat low lecture attendance and a lack of enthusiasm and knowledge about the award.

Main Points of the Discussion:

- It was noted that the name recognition of Jack Livingston has waned over the years and that some faculty were unaware of the award/lecture.
- Various suggestions were shared (e.g., changing the name, having the lecture be at the end of Outstanding Faculty Awards, etc.).

- The Committee will seek additional feedback from other campus stakeholders.

ASCSU Support for the University of California Proposal to Create Area H – Ethnic Studies Within High School Admissions Criteria: Academic Senator Van Gaasbeck asked the Executive Committee whether the Faculty Senate would like to take a position on this proposal.

Main Points of the Discussion:

- It could be useful to have a moment in the Senate to discuss this resolution.
- Senator Van Gaasbeck stated that there is simply not very many teachers prepared to teach Ethnic Studies. There is a lack of staff and funding.
- There is concern about demographic shifts and our enrollment cliff. Adding this requirement may make it more difficult for out-of-state and international students to meet CSU admission requirements.
- Concern that the Faculty Senate would not support this ASCSU resolution. It was decided that a vote to not support the resolution would be helpful to our ASCSU representatives.
- The will of the committee was to have the item come forward at First Reading on the next Senate meeting.

Adjourned: 4:55 pm