

Executive Committee Minutes

*Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 3:00 pm,
Approved: March 11, 2025*

Roll Call: 3:09 pm

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

Open Forum:

Faculty Senate – Future Budget Conversations: Should conversations about the budget be during Faculty Senate meetings? The item was added to the agenda.

Faculty and Staff Trainings: A request for training was made regarding policies governing law enforcement on campus. The Senate Chair recommended bringing the item to the Senate.

Faculty Concern Regarding Correspondence with Dean on Meeting Participation: Concern was expressed by a guest regarding a dean’s correspondence about faculty participation in college meetings.

Operational Control and Reorganization: It was requested that the administration communicates what and how the oversight of a college looks like. The Chair shared that she thought an email was forthcoming, but she would make the request.

United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights letter: The Chair of the Committee on Diversity and Equity (CODE) shared that this letter brought a lot of confusion and asked for further clarification on its impact for Sac State.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended to add at the end of the agenda: 1) The Faculty Senate and future budget conversations and 2) a discussion for strategies the Faculty Senate can use to come up with for a plan to address college mergers that is unified. The amended agenda was approved. Carried.

From the Chair:

- The minutes for Feb 4 and 11 will be on the next agenda.
- Standing Policy Committee chairs were reminded to forward the status of their committee's items that will come forward this spring by Wed, Feb. 19. Chairs were asked to also check with their subcommittees on any items they wish to move forward through the Senate. An Executive Committee / Senate workload list will be provided to Exec at the first meeting in March.
- Follow-up on a Faculty Senate Open Forum Item regarding demands by three students. Information has been shared with the President and VP Mitchell regarding a student's feedback about demands regarding ICE from a previous Senate meeting. Administration has scheduled meetings with the students.
- A discussion regarding the Senate Open Forum suggestions for combatting recent racist actions against Black administrators will be on the next Executive Committee agenda.
- The Chair shared with the President a letter she received regarding concerns about the process for operational control.

From the President: It was shared that the Chancellor presented at the Legislature; It was shared that Chris McAlary will serve as the interim CFO/VP for ABA beginning on Feb. 24; It was shared that the start of operational control of colleges will be paused until after RTP is done; It was shared that and the CSU, UC and CCs are coming together to discuss the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights letter.

From the Provost: Acknowledgement to the departments, faculty and staff for taking action on the add/drop forms.

February 20 Senate Preliminary Agenda: The ASCSU Support for the University of California Proposal to Create Area H Ethnic Studies Within High School Admissions Criteria Resolution will be moved to First Reading.

Program Proposal: The BS in Public Health (Occupational Health and Safety) will be placed on the February 20 Senate agenda on Consent Action.

Section I The General Education Program: The Chair of GE/GR shared that the first phase (this document) is to get the policy in alignment with the law by this Fall. The GE committee along with two working groups will then begin creating a proposal that re-imagines what the next GE program will look like.

Motion: Place the policy and rationale on the March 6 Senate agenda at First Reading. *Carried.*

Protection of CSU Women's & Gender Studies Program: Professor Moni requested the item be placed on a Senate agenda as an endorsement. It was suggested the Women's & Gender Studies Council send the letter to the Academic Senate for endorsement.

Motion: A motion was made to place the letter on the March 6 Senate agenda at First Reading as an endorsement. *Carried.*

CSU ChatGPT EDU: The Chair shared information from the statewide Senate Chair meeting about concerns over CSU ChatGPT EDU memo from the Chancellor's Office.

Main Points of the Discussion:

- Concern raised that the Governor's Office has two offices treating AI differently.
- It was encouraged to ask the AS CSU Senators about this.
- Concern raised over the memo's possible curricular overreach.
- Question raised on whether a resolution regarding the Senate's concerns should be authored in Exec or Senate. What is the best way to identify people to pursue this? What actions are feasible when writing a resolution?

Motion: The Chair will ask the Faculty Senate about their interest in this and drafting a resolution at the February 20 Senate meeting. Carried.

The following items were not taken up and will be placed on the next Executive Committee agenda:

1) Faculty Senate and future budget conversations. 2) Discussion for Strategies the Faculty Senate can use to come up with for a plan to address college mergers that is unified.

Adjourned: 5:00 pm