

## **Executive Committee Minutes**

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 3:00 pm,*

*Approved: October 8, 2024*

### **Roll Call:**

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

**Call to Order:** 3:01 pm

### **Open Forum:**

**October 3 Senate Meeting cancellation:** Concern was expressed by a member that the October 3 meeting was canceled due to a religious holiday. Noting the number of religious holidays. A request to discuss a policy for the Executive Committee and holding the meeting on October 3 after all. This discussion will be part of item #13.

**Seal of Excelencia Institutions Serving Latinos:** Three additional CSUs received the Seal of Excelencia, awarded by Excelencia in Education, a national organization.

**Air Condition in buildings for evening classes:** Why is the air conditioning being turned off in buildings after 5 pm when evening classes are being held. It was shared that faculty and students have complained about the heat in the classrooms. The Chair will follow-up.

**ASI participates in [Ballot Bowl](#) (website provided by Chair):** There was a request to help market the event to students. The Chair requested additional materials to send to Senators.

**Experiential Courses:** There was a question regarding the amount of experiential course offerings on campus. How can you find them? The Chair will follow up.

**Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was amended to add the following at the end of the agenda: Policy on Academic Freedom and Faculty use the Artificial Intelligence in Research and Teaching.  
*Approved as amended.*

**Minutes: September 24, 2024:** *Approved as published.*

### **From the Chair:**

Follow-up on the September 24 Open Forum items:

- **Would the administration allow faculty to recommend changes to the policy addendum?** The Chair shared VP Mitchell's response: For the Campus Addendum, I am always open to receiving feedback. For context, we were provided with a template from the Chancellor's Office to input information specific to Sac State. With the exception of the use of amplified sound needing to be requested and approved at the time of space reservations, the standards in the addendum are pretty much consistent with prior years requirements. I was informed by the Chancellor's Office that if it is updated, then a meet and confer will likely need to occur at the campus level. I welcome all recommendations, yet I cannot guarantee that I will be in a position to incorporate it.
- **AI usage for cheating:** The Chair shared VP Mitchell's is personally unaware of any potential policies or guidelines

A member shared the Writing Program faculty have been discussing individual approaches and programmatic strategies for dealing with the inappropriate use of AI in composition classrooms. Some experiences shared include faculty reporting suspected use of AI that breaks the code of conduct to Student Conduct. Some faculty have received feedback from Student Conduct that the lack of proof means that there is little to be done about cases. Writing Program faculty have also shared strategies for assessing the use of AI in student work, including but not limited to using multiple AI detection services to crosscheck texts. This is an approach that the Program Coordinator (me) has discouraged because it creates a "instructor as adversary" environment that runs contrary to the Writing Program's mission.

### **From the President:**

- **Senate Bill 1348:** The bill, signed by Governor Newsome, designates the CSU Statewide Central Office for the Advancement of Black Excellence and will be housed at Sacramento State.
- **US Senator Padilla** read into the Federal Registry Congressional Record acknowledging Sacramento State as the first Black Serving Institution.
- **CA Native American Day:** Information was shared about the campus participation in the event. Dr. Wood also acknowledged and thanked Dr. Reed for coordinating Sacramento State's volunteers for the event.
- **Cultural Centers update:** An external search will begin for hiring the directors for the centers for CERNA, APIDA, MLK, and the Dreamer Resource Center. External national searches will be done for the positions.

**Discussion: Conversation on Shared Governance:** Executive members and President Wood shared their thoughts.

### **Discussion: Shared Governance Working Group Charge and Membership:**

Main Points from the Discussion

- The Parliamentarian explained the process that took place in 2008: A facilitator was brought in. Each group, Senate and administrative, held separate closed meetings over a semester and then came together as one group to have an additional discussion which took place over another semester.
- In favor of: A workgroup of faculty and administrators to review the policy on Shared Governance making sure that both groups understand the goals and outcomes.

- The two faculty present, that were members of the Senate's 2008 group, were asked if they felt the committee seemed too large. Their reply was yes.
- What does the President want to get out of this? The President responded that he hopes to have shared definitions that all understand and to have everyone working together to make sure that we are all saying the same thing when we use the same words. To have senior leaders be involved in the conversation.
- The President shared that there are times when he would like to have confidential conversations with the Executive Committee. It was noted that Senate's Bylaws state meetings of the Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate are public meetings, except for conversations regarding personnel matters.
- Suggestion provided: The item be placed on an upcoming Exec agenda to revisit how and when closed Executive Sessions occur.
- Suggestion provided: Create a mechanism for meeting with the President on time-sensitive confidential matters that are non-personnel matters.

The following items had not been taken up and will be placed on the next meeting agenda:

- Commendation and Thanks Motion
- Discussion: AI and Academic Freedom Policy and Referral to GSPC
- 2024-25 Faculty Senate and Executive Committee meeting calendar
- Policy on Academic Freedom and Faculty use of Artificial Intelligence in Research and Teaching

**Adjourned:** 5:05 pm