



Executive Committee Minutes

*Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 3:00 pm,
Approved: December 3, 2024*

Roll Call:

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

Call to Order: 3:00 pm

Open Forum:

- **Request for Faculty Senate to express support:** It was shared that a recent Chair Council meeting many of the undocumented staff/students are feeling insecure in this environment. As a Faculty Senate it might be worthwhile to put out a statement of support.
- **ASI update:** The ASI Board, at their next meeting, will take up:
 - Fall State of Academic Affairs will be presented by the Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - Resolution in Support of 456
 - Resolution in Support of Undocumented, Dreamer, and DACA students and Implementation of Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW)

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended to add Item #12: Discussion on support of undocumented students and staff at Sacramento State. The amended agenda was approved.

- The Chair will share the ASCSU DACA Resolution sent to her by Academic Senator Van Gaasbeck.

From the Chair:

- **Minutes:** The November minutes will be completed for the committee to review by the last meeting of Fall semester.
- **Middle Class Scholarship Students:** All students who had delays around MCS were reviewed and their holds due date were manually adjusted to 12/21/2024. Approximately 138 students were adjusted.
- **Program Proposals:** The last two Exec meetings will focus on program proposals and will take priority in setting the agenda.
- **Commencement:** A commencement update was provided. The Chair will make a presentation at the Nov. 21 Senate meeting. It was shared that Trustees Ghilarducci and Vargas, former President Nelsen and Provost Perez will be attendance at commencement.

From the Provost: Academic Affairs personnel transitions: Searches are on-going for the Director of Academic Affairs Resources and the Provost's Assistant position.

November 21 draft Senate agenda:

Motion: To remove from the agenda FS 24/25-61/EX Policy on Academic Freedom and Faculty User of Artificial Intelligence in Research and Teaching from the agenda. The agenda as amended was approved.

Main Points from the Discussion:

- What happens to the item if removed? It was requested that the Executive Committee have further discussions regarding the item.
- GSPC has a working group to explore AI impacts and graduate education to determine if there is a need for a policy or guidelines. The group is also checking if there is anything covered by another policy. The Office of Graduate Studies has expressed interest in guidelines and exploring this further.
- The Provost shared that it would be good to have Chief artificial Intelligence Officer Sidorkin speak to this item. The campus should come up with guidelines instead of a policy.

Committee Appointments:

- **GE 2025 Area C Work Group:**
The names of Rachel Miller, Maria Mayberry, Matt Schmidlein will be placed on Consent Action on the November 21 Senate agenda. *Carried.* Professor Schmidlein will serve as the At-large member.
- **GE 2025 First Year Seminar Work Group:** A motion was made to add the names of Jas Pannu, Anna Zelenz, Troy Nichols and Joel Dubois will be placed on Consent Action on the November 21 Senate agenda. *Carried.* Professor Pannu will serve as the At-large member.

Discussion: Reviewing the current status and activity of University Non-Senate Committee:

Main Points from the Discussion:

- Question raised: How do we know whether or not non-senate committees are actually meeting and what their meeting schedule looks like. The Senate Chair spoke with the Chief of Staff who agreed to do an audit of those committees regarding being active.
- It was noted: Some committees' standing rules are not available.
- Question raised: A cohesive list of non-senate university committee appointments was created for the President's Office. Is that information still available?
- The Chief of Staff responded that she is in agreement that an audit of the non-senate university committees is needed. Forming a workgroup is not needed. The President's Office can complete the audit.
- Question raised: What kind of reporting mechanism is in place for those committees? Something should be created for responsibilities for senate or non-senate. It would not be practical to have faculty members of all the non-senate committees reporting back to us e.g., Grade Appeals Panels, Sustainability Committee, etc. The administration can let us know. If there are specific updates wanted, it can be arranged in a different way.

Credit for Prior Learning (Prior Learning Assessment) Policy (Interim) Referral:

Motion: The policy was referred to APC followed by GSPC with consultation with the appropriate stakeholders. Carried.

Discussion on support of undocumented students and staff at Sacramento State

Main Points from the Discussion:

- It was noted: The President sent out a SacSend in support of our undocumented students and staff to faculty and staff and one will be going out to students.
- A request was made for the Senate to endorse the CSUAS resolution.
- Question raised: Are there best practices of what faculty should do if ICE shows up on campus? The Senate Chair shared that messaging on this topic was sent out in the past when there were concerns then.
- Question raised: Are there guidelines for supporting families of students? The Chair responded that perhaps a recommendation can be made.
- It was noted that there is a policy on the books, but the policy is still interim. The policy, **Protecting Undocumented Individuals and Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Campus (Interim)** was created in 2016.

Motion: Add to the November 21 Senate agenda as a First Reading item, the interim policy to recommend to the President the removal of the interim status and make the policy permanent. *Carried.*

Motion: Add to the November 21 Senate agenda, at First Reading, an endorsement of the ASCSU Resolution: Fortifying and Supporting CSU Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Through Employment by Advancing Their Inclusion and Equity in the CSU. The item will be placed as the third First Reading item. *Carried.*

Adjourned: 4:35 pm