

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**1<sup>st</sup> Organizational Meeting**  
**April 10, 2025, 3:00 – 3:30 pm**  
**Pacific Suite (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor), Union**

**Meeting Attendance**

- **Senators** will meet in-person. Participation via Zoom will be made available for those Senators who need accommodations.
- **Guests** are strongly encouraged to attend via Zoom, however, a small area for guests will be available in the meeting room on a first-come basis.

**Faculty Senate Open Forum:** The Faculty Senate Open Forum is used for items not on the agenda. It allows any campus community member to raise relevant concerns, ask questions, or present directly to the Faculty Senate.

- [Faculty Senate Standing Rules: Article III. A.3. Open Forum](#)

**Zoom:** <https://csus.zoom.us/j/84868382759>

- [Faculty Senate Meetings Zoom Housekeeping Reminders](#)

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**AGENDA****CALL TO ORDER****ROLL CALL**[\*\*READING OF THE INTERRUPTION STATEMENT\*\*](#)**OPEN FORUM****APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA****FS 25/26-01/Fir NOMINATION OF THE 2025-2026 SENATE OFFICERS**

- 1. Nominations for office of Chair**
- 2. Nominations for office of Vice Chair**
- 3. Nominations for office of Chairs of Standing Policy Committees**
  - **Academic Policies Committee (APC)**
  - **Curriculum Policies Committee (CPC)**
  - **Faculty Policies Committee (FPC)**
  - **General Education/Graduation Requirement Committee (GE/GRPC)**
  - **Graduate Studies Policies Committee (GSPC)**
- 4. Nominations for At-large Executive Committee Members – 4 positions**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Organizational meeting for the election of the 2025-2026 Senate Officers:** Thursday, April 24 from 3:00 – 3:45 pm in the Pacific Suite, Union.

## **Bylaws of the Faculty Senate**

### **Article II. Offices of the Faculty Senate**

#### **D. Nomination of Candidates for Elected Offices at the First Organizational Meeting**

1. **Qualifications to Nominate:** The right to nominate candidates for elected offices of the Faculty Senate shall be limited to voting representatives of electing units. In the case of the nomination of candidates for chair of a standing Policy Committee nominations may also be made by the current membership of the standing Policy Committee and by faculty petition, as described Section II-D-4 of these *By-Laws*.
2. **Order of Business:** As provided in Article III, Section A. of these *By-Laws*, the newly constituted Faculty Senate shall first meet to nominate its officers, that is, the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Chairs of the standing Policy Committees and the At-large voting members of the Executive Committee. At the meeting to nominate, the order of business shall be:
  1. nomination of candidates for office of Chair;
  2. nomination of candidates for office of Vice Chair;
  3. nomination of candidates for office of Chair of the standing Policy Committees;
  4. nomination of candidates for At-large elected members of the Executive Committee.
3. **Nomination of Candidates for the Offices of Chair and Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate:** Nominations of candidates for Chair and Vice Chair shall be made from the floor by representatives of electing units; nomination of oneself shall be permitted. Additional nominations for Chair and Vice Chair may be made at the subsequent organizational meeting to elect these and other officers of the Senate. If more than two nominations either to the office of Chair or the office of Vice Chair are made, the Senate shall immediately select from among the several nominees to the office, the two whose names shall be put to a vote in the subsequent election. The selection shall be made by secret ballot. Each representative shall have one vote in relation to each office. Each of the two candidates selected shall receive more votes than any candidate not selected. Nominees shall be invited to make a presentation on their qualifications at the election meeting.
4. **Nominations for Candidates for the Office of Chair of a Standing Policy Committee:** Nominations of candidates for Chair of each standing Policy Committee may be made by a voting representative from the floor; by the current membership of the standing Policy Committee; or by a petition signed by ten (10) or more full-time faculty members and filed with the Faculty Senate office before the first meeting of the new Faculty Senate. Additional nominations for standing Policy Committee Chairs may be made at the meeting to elect these and other officers of the Senate. Nominees shall be invited to make a presentation on their qualifications at the election meeting.
5. **Nominations of Candidates for the Office of At-large Members of the Executive Committee:** Nominations of the At-large elected members of the Executive Committee shall be made from the floor; nomination of oneself shall be permitted. Additional nominations to serve as the At-large elected members of the Executive Committee may be made at the meeting to elect these and other officers of the Senate. Nominees shall be invited to make a presentation on their qualifications at the election meeting.

## E. Election of Officers

1. **Voting Qualifications and Procedures:** The right to vote in the election of Senate officers shall be limited to the voting representatives of electing units. Voting shall take place by secret ballot as specified in Section II-E-7 of these *By-Laws*.
2. **Election Process and Order of Business:** As provided in Section III-A of these *By-Laws*, the newly constituted Faculty Senate shall elect its officers at a meeting called for the purpose. The order of business in each case shall be as follows:
  - a) Election Process for each office:
    1. Call for additional nominations;
    2. reduction of the number of nominees to twice the number of positions as described in Section II-E-3, if necessary;
    3. presentations, if any, by the nominees;
    4. election.
  - b) Order of Business: Elections, defined as the series of steps set forth in Section II-E-1 of these *By-Laws*, shall take place in the following order. No election for a subsequently listed office shall be held until the election to fill the previously listed office is concluded.
    - a. Chair
    - b. Vice Chair
    - c. Standing Policy Committee Chairs
    - d. At-large Members of the Executive Committee
3. **The Number of Candidates:** If the number of candidates nominated for any elected senate office is greater than twice the number of available positions, the Faculty Senate shall reduce the number to twice the number of available positions by selecting, by secret ballot, from among the several nominees, a number equal to twice the number of available positions for a vote in the subsequent election. When making this selection, each representative may vote for twice the number of available positions. In case of ties, the number of nominees shall be increased to include the tied candidates. Each candidate selected shall have received more votes than any candidate not selected.
4. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** The election of the Executive Officers of the Faculty Senate (Chair and Vice Chair) shall be by secret ballot. The candidate for each office who receives more votes than any other candidate for that office shall be elected.
5. **Election of Chairs of the Standing Policy Committees:** The election of the Chairs of the standing Policy Committees of the Faculty Senate shall be by secret ballot. The candidate for each office who receives more votes than any other candidate for that office shall be elected.
6. **Election of the At-large Elected Members of the Executive Committee:** The manner of electing the At-large voting members of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

When the candidates have been nominated and selected, the Senate shall immediately elect, by secret ballot, from among those candidates the At-large elected members of the Executive Committee. Each representative may vote for each of the available At-large positions. Each of the At-large candidates elected shall have received more votes than any candidate not elected. In case of ties, the Senate shall immediately vote by secret ballot to break the tie. Each representative shall have one vote. The candidate(s) elected shall have received more votes than any candidate not elected.
7. **Secret Ballot:** All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. In the case of a single nominee for an office a Yes-No ballot shall be required.