

SSIS Faculty Council Minutes
Attachment A
Wednesday September 4, 2024

In Attendance: Dean Dianne Hyson, Associate Dean Marya Endriga, Brian DiSarro, Sharon Flicker, Julian Fulton, Ciobha McKeown, Megan Raschig, Sahar Razavi, Jenny Stevenson, and Jasmine Wade

Meeting Commenced at 1:30 pm by Associate Dean Endriga

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Julian Fulton (Environment Studies) and Jasmine Wade (Ethnic Studies) join Faculty Council for AY 2024-25.
- II. Review of SSIS Faculty Council Bylaws
 - a. Associate Dean Endriga reviewed the bylaws with Faculty Council.
- III. Election of AY 2024-25 Chair
 - a. Jasmine Wade was elected Faculty Council Chair!
- IV. Transitions and Planning, Discussion, and Input (unclear what the discussion was)
- V. Open Forum, Future Agenda Items, Priorities
 - a. SWANA Center Opening Event: Tuesday September 10th - all are welcome.
 - b. The first SWANA Graduation will be held Spring 2025.
 - c. Faculty encouraged to welcome two students from Gaza. It is their first semester attending classes at Sac State - faculty guidance and support are welcomed.
 - d. Winter Intersession courses have been reduced from 21 days to 16 days. CCE utilizes the university's calendar to set winter intersession dates. The high percentage of winter intersession courses that are online asynchronous may have informed the decision as well. Departments will have to consider which courses best fit this timeframe.
 - e. SSIS Master's Hooding Ceremony: re-consider the amount of time faculty have when honoring students. The time allotted at the previous ceremony did not seem equitable. Perhaps Faculty Council can talk through the format and suggest changes to the format where necessary.
- VI. Budget: Broad Overview, Potential Impact on FC Travel Funding, Other
 - a. SSIS did not receive its carryover from previous year severely impacting the AY 2024-25 budget. The university held 15% of CCE revenue. Current budget restraints does not affect new faculty travel funds. However, current budget restraints do not allow funds for general faculty travel. Faculty Council will help

to advise the Dean's Office on how (or if) to fund general faculty travel for AY 2024- 25. Dean Hyson will keep Faculty Council apprised on budget changes and considerations.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 pm by Dean Hyson

Minutes recorded by Jackie Brooks and Jasmine Wade