

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 3:00 pm

Approved: March 5, 2024

Call to Order: 3:00 pm

Roll Call:

Adam Rechs, Aleta Baldwin, Amber Gonzalez, Andera Terry, Bertha Vegas Castellanos (absent), David Moore, Jeff Wilson, Matthew Krauel, Monicka Tutschka, Raul Tadle, Tracy Dawn Hamilton

Open Forum:

Classrooms Reservations: When is a classroom released for an instructor to reserve it if it isn't being used? The Chair will follow-up with the appropriate person.

Health Sciences Department Proposal: How is consultation provided during the review process from programs effected by the proposal? The Chair stated that all input is to be sent to the author of the proposal and incorporated into the document.

Sacramento State Administrative Organization Chart: When will the org chart be available from the President's Office? Chief of Staff Wheeler stated the President Office is working on it.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended to add two items to the end of the agenda. The agenda as amended was approved.

1. Resolution Calling for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza.
2. Review of March 7 Senate agenda

Approval of the Minutes – February 13, 2024: Approved.

From the Chair: An election will be held for the vacant Curriculum Policies Committee Chair position at the March 7 Senate meeting. The State of California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans will be shared with Senators this week to allow time for review before the March 7 Senate meeting.

From the Provost: Members were encouraged to attend the Outstanding Faculty Awards on February 29.

Faculty Representatives Nominations for the Provost Search Committee: The Executive Committee acting on behalf of the Faculty Senate. approved the following faculty members to serve on the Provost Search Committee: Elvia Ramirez (Ethnic Studies), Carolyn Gibbs (Design), Joseph Richards (Marketing and Supply Chain Management), and Antonia Peigahi (Library). The nominations will be placed on Action Information on the March 7 Senate agenda.

Resolution of Support for Expanding Resources or Native American Studies and Establishing a Partnership with the California Tribal College:

- There are financial implications in the resolutions. Would resource information be shared with the Executive Committee? The Chair stated it would be good to have this information before the item is taken up by the Senate.
- Chief of Staff Wheeler clarified what “elevated to the President’s Office” meant in the context of the resolution. Some Department of Anthropology employees working on CalNAGPRA compliance will report to the Chief of Staff.
- Academic Senator Van Gaasbeck stated the Senate does not normally speak to the President about how the President’s Office is organized. Why is the Senate speaking about this (resolved clauses, lines 29-33) when the Senate does not speak out about other positions?
 - It was suggested lines 29-33 be removed from the resolution. The Chair replied that the document is currently owned by Senator Boston, not the Senate, and that recommendations can be made to Senator Boston for amendments.
 - The Chair stated it seems like the most important piece is the last resolve clause: support for a partnership between the CA Tribal College (CTC) and Sac State.
 - It was expressed that even though support for a change in the how the President’s Office is organized is not typical, this could be an embarking on a new way to work with the administration – shared governance.
 - Chief of Staff Wheeler stated that he and the President have been working with the tribal nations since joining Sac State and have been looking for ways to include the Faculty Senate, students, staff, and the larger community. He hopes the endeavor is seen as an important use of funds to support our Native American Students and the CTC.

The Chair provided options to Exec for action: 1) accept the resolution as-is and put on Senate agenda, 2) work with Senator Boston to wordsmith in order address concerns about all but the last resolved clause, and 3) not place it on a Senate agenda (Senator Boston would have to make a motion to add it to a Senate agenda from the floor of the Senate).

Motion: Send the resolution back to the author, Senator Boston, to see if he is open to revising the resolution to address concerns about the first four resolved clauses, which will be communicated by the Chair. Carried.

Resolution Against Imposition of the CA GE Transfer Curriculum Pattern on CSU Students

The item will be placed on the March 7 Senate agenda at First Reading as the first item on the agenda and a seconded motion from the Executive Committee. Carried.

Resolution Calling for an Immediate and Permanente Ceasefire in Gaza: The item was presented by Senators Stark and Margoniner. Senator Stark stated that the resolution is a complement to the resolution the Senate already passed and is addressing the current situation in Gaza. It was noted that there is not a consistent reference to CSU Sacramento throughout the document. It was also noted that the distribution list in the final resolved clause has some issues (redundant recipients, etc.). The Senate Chair will work with Senators Stark and Margoniner on the editorial fixes. The item will be placed on the March 7 Senate agenda as the 2nd action item under First Reading. Carried.

March 7 Senate agenda: The Chair reviewed the agenda items with members.

Adjourned: 4:50 pm.