

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 3:00 pm

Approved: April 8, 2025

Call to Order: 3:00 pm

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

Open Forum:

- **Budget Advocacy Took Kit:** A small group of faculty are working on a budget advocacy tool kit. A request was made to give a short presentation at a Senate meeting. The Chair asked that the presentation be made during a Senate Open Forum.
- **Federal Administration Attacks on Specific Disciplines:** A concern was raised regarding the escalating attacks on specific disciplines in education. A recent [NY Times article](#) was cited in summarizing the concern. The attacks on fields that incorporate topics (cultural psychology, ethnic studies, etc...anything that focuses on diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as anything that focuses on transgender, biological sex, etc....) have had their funding slashed or removed and research from HHS has been scrubbed from websites. There are students that are debating whether to change majors because they don't see a future career in that field. faculty who have spent their careers in these fields are being asked to guide and advise these students who come to them while at the same time trying to navigate their own survival in their field while funding is being pulled (both current funding as well as future funding opportunities). The faculty don't know how to respond and need guidance and more support.
- **Campus Event:** The Iranian Faculty and Staff Association (IFSA) Persian New year event will be held Wed, March 19, 10 am – 12 noon, University Union, Pacific Suite I.
- **CSU New Professional Doctoral Policy:** The Graduate Studies Policies Committee chair shared the committee is beginning discussions to request a referral to the committee.
- **Students applying to Sac State through Cal State Apply:** Interim Sr. AVP for Enrollment, Brian Henley, is responsible for the portal. If departments/faculty want to make an alteration in the drop-down box they can either talk to AVP Henley or bring any portal changes to the Senate. The Chair replied that AVP Henley can be invited to a meeting to provide more information. The item was added to the agenda.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended as follows:

- Add at the end of the agenda: Policy discussion on Cal State Apply Changes and for the Senate Chair to determine when the item will be taken up to allow for AVP Henley to attend.
- Item 9: Policy Proposals were moved after item #12: BS in Health Sciences course proposals.

The amended agenda was approved.

Minutes: March 4, 2025 – The minutes were amended to place the following feedback at the end of the Resolution to Ensure Interpreter Services at Sacramento State Faculty Senate Events: Main points of the Discussion:

Feedback provided: It was voiced that blaming an individual is not productive and can be harmful, especially where power differentials are present.

The amended minutes were approved.

From the Chair:

- The committee members introduced themselves to the Provost.
- Open Forum follow-up - Tahoe Hall elevator issue: Per consultation with Facilities the campus is waiting on the Fire Marshall to sign off on the project. The campus has no control over the Fire Marshall's schedule.
- On Saturday, March 15, 2025, ASCSU will host the ASCSU Faculty Experiences and Perspectives in the CSU – A Call to Action Conference. All Senators are welcome to attend.

From the President: Dr. Wood introduced the Provost and welcomed her to Sacramento State.

From the Provost: Dr. Cameron thanked everyone for the warm welcome and shared that she is very excited to be here and to work with the Executive Committee.

Referral: Credit for Prior Learning: The policy needs to be aligned with the CSU Policy and be ready for the Senate at the beginning of Fall 2025.

Main Points of the Discussion

- A discussion around whether to refer the policy to one committee with consultation with other standing policy committee or refer to all standing policies committees at once, or refer to two standing policies committees at one time.
- Various standing policy committee chairs noted there are only a few committee meetings left for spring semester. It was suggested that the item be referred to GSPC to begin the process since the committee is free to attend to the policy immediately.
- The policy will need its interim status extended.

Motion: Before the item is referred to a committee, delete lines 131 and 132 and correct line 124 to read: "...graduate certificate may apply one (1) credit maximum toward a graduate certificate..."
Carried.

Motion: The item will be referred to the Graduate Studies Policies Committee. *Carried.*

- It was suggested that a Senate retreat be held to discuss the policy and then provide feedback to the standing policy committee to review. The Chair will take the suggestion into consideration. The current referral stands in place.

Motion: A request will be sent to the President to extend the interim status to the end of the 2025-2026 academic year. *Carried.*

Discussion: Resolution to Stand in Solidary with the Sonoma State Community:

Chair Gibbs volunteered to draft a resolution for the Senate to take up. FPC Chair Terry will support Chair Gibbs in authoring the resolution.

Motion: A resolution will be drafted in support of Sonoma State to bring to the Senate. *Carried.*

BS in Health Sciences course proposals:

The Curriculum Policy Committee (CPC) chair explained why the proposals would necessitate a reorganization of the academic unit. She noted that a new category had been introduced, requiring students to take three new electives exclusively from Health Sciences courses. While these changes alone might not typically justify creating a new department, the number of majors involved does. Therefore, the changes would require placement within either a new or existing department. As presented, the chair concluded that the proposal appears to bypass the campus Reorganizational Policy.

Main Points of the Discussion:

- Suggestion: Have the reorganization proposal and the Form A and Form B come forward together.
- Suggestion: There needs to be a mechanism for a way the group can put it forward.

Motion: The Executive Committee reviewed the Health Sciences program course proposals currently under the Curriculum Subcommittee's review. Given the nature and scope of the proposed changes, it was determined that the Health Sciences program should submit a reorganization proposal for the academic unit. As a result, the committee voted to roll back the Form As to the program until the Form B and the reorganization proposal can all be presented together as a complete package. *Carried.*

Program Proposals:

The following proposals will be placed on the April 10 Faculty Senate agenda on Consent Action. Carried

New Program

<u>EX 24/25-149</u>	Doctor of Nursing Practice:
<u>EX 24/25-150</u>	Minor in Leadership in Aging and Health
<u>EX 24/25-151</u>	Minor in Religious Studies

Discontinued Programs

<u>EX 24/25-152</u>	BA in Art (Art Education)
<u>EX 24/25-153</u>	BA in Asian Studies (Japanese Studies)
<u>EX 24/25-154</u>	BA in Asian Studies (Korean Studies)

Discussion: Open Forum Suggestions for Combatting Recent Racist Action Against Black Administrators

Main Points of the Discussion

- Specific feedback from faculty that this kind of speech on our campus impacts the safety of our students on campus.
- Question: The online forum listed a student organization. It's not known if it was a student organization or people outside the the campus community.

- Part of the Anti-Racism and Inclusion Campus Action Plan is to instruct the Advisory Council and part of the work is to provide annual audits on campus. Suggestion: Have them report to Senate again since they have an advisory council.
- Question: Can the Hornet Honor Code be enforceable for all SacState members?
- Question: Are there Sac State policies that are enforceable for these kinds of actions?
- Students generally fear reporting this type of behavior. What steps can we take to make this process safer for them? Include the ASI in the discussion.

Motion: Invite VP Mitchell and ask Interim Chief Diversity Officer for Inclusive Excellence Nguyen to speak about the Student Conduct code. *Carried.*

Motion: The discussion will continue at the next meeting and the speakers list will be maintained.
Carried

The following items were not taken up and will be placed on the next Executive Committee agenda:

- Continued Discussion: Facilitating Change, Faculty Senate Leadership in Initiating and Navigating Academic College Reorganization
- Policy Amendments Recommendations to CSUS ADM-0140 to Include Broader Student Representation in the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) Composition
- Online Senate Meeting Protocols to Deter Unwanted Disruptions and Zoom Bombing

Adjourned: 4:55 pm.