



FACULTY SENATE

Meeting: November 16, 2023, 3:00 pm

Minutes

Approved: November 30, 2023

CALL TO ORDER 3:03 pm

ROLL CALL

Arts and Letters: Choe-Smith, C; Clark Oates, A; Dym, J; Jones, S; Lindsay, B; Martinez, R; Miller, R; Perkins, S; Russell, B; Sledge, D (Alternate: Gibbs, C); Stark, H; Terry, A

Business Administration: Lee, J; Lin, X; Moore, D; Panggabean, T (absent); Sabbaghi, M (Alternate: Ye, Y);

Education: Chaplin, M; Gonzalez, A; Lilly, F; Madrigal-Garcia, Y, Pella, S; Rivas, B (absent)

Engineering and Computer Science: Abadi, M; Kumar, P; Mohammadpour, A, Zabihian, F

Health and Human Services: D'Angelo, L (Alternate: Motallebzadeh, H); Evans, E (absent); Green, E; Larsen, L; Matheus, C; Sardina, A (Alternate: Chism, K); Shirsat, A (Alternate: Sheppard, T), Shiner, K (Alternate: Hill, R)

Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Hamilton, T; Houston, J; Krauel, M; Lindgren, S; Margoniner, V; Oberle, P; Rechts, A; Skinner, S

Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies: Akutsu, P; Boston, M; Burghart, D; Jensen, D; Jones, C; Lascher, T; Luna, A; Popejoy, G; Stevens, N; Thompson, K; Tutschka, M

University Library: Cardenas-Dow, M

Intercollegiate Athletics: Vacant

Temporary Faculty: Pickrel, C, Strand, S

Student Services: Herrera-Tan, A; Wilder-Cardoza, A;

Associated Students, Inc.: Vegas Castellanos, B, Jimenez, I; Tarin, F

California State University, Sacramento Retiree Association: Wade, A (absent)

INFORMATION ITEMS

FROM THE CHAIR:

- **December 7 Senate Meeting:** *The Body decided to cancel the meeting. Carried.*
- **Health Science Program becoming an Academic Unit:**
The Faculty Senate was informed of the proposal per the Policy on Re-Organization or Moving of Academic Units and Programs, Section II. A. 2.
- **ASI Resolution:** Resolution in Support of Improved Faculty Pay and Working Conditions

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended as follows:

1. A Committee of the Whole “Discussion on what the Senate can do to better support students (and the greater campus community) during the Palestine/Israel conflict” was added and placed before the First Reading items.
2. FS 23/24-63 EX Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate was moved up on the agenda and placed as the first item under First Reading item.
3. The Committee of the Whole: “Student Evaluation of Teaching Questionnaire Viewed with an Anti-Racism Lens” was moved up on the agenda to follow FS 23/24-15/UARTPC/EX.

The agenda as amended was approved. *Carried.*

ACTION ITEMS

Program Proposals – Amended Programs

The Faculty Senate recommends approval of the following Program Proposals.

[FS 23/24-39/CS/EX](#) Master of Arts in Special Education Teaching (Early Childhood Special Education)

[FS 23/24-40/CS/EX](#) Master of Arts in Special Education Teaching (Extensive Support Needs)

[FS 23/24-41/CS/EX](#) Master of Arts in Special Education Teaching (Mild to Moderate Support Needs)

Carried

Program Reviews – College of Arts and Letters

The Faculty Senate recommends approval of the following program reviews and recommends that the next program review be scheduled for six years from Faculty Senate approval; or, should the College of Arts and Letters engage in college-wide program review, the next program review will occur at that time.

[FS 23/24-42/APC/EX](#) BA Communication Studies

[FS 23/24-43/APC/EX](#) BA English

[FS 23/24-44/APC/EX](#) BA Film

[FS 23/24-45/APC/EX](#) BA Journalism

FS 23/24-46/APC/EX	BA Public Relations
FS 23/24-47/APC/EX	MA Communication Studies
FS 23/24-48/APC/EX	MA Composition, Rhetoric, and Professional Writing
FS 23/24-49/APC/EX	MA English
FS 23/24-50/APC/EX	MS Teaching English to Speakers of other Language (A&L)
<i>Carried</i>	

Program Reviews: College of Engineering and Computer Science

The Faculty Senate recommends approval of the following program reviews and recommends that the next program review be scheduled for six years from Faculty Senate approval; or, should the College of Engineering and Computer Science engage in college-wide program review, the next program review will occur at that time.

FS 23/24-51/APC/EX	MS Civil Engineering
FS 23/24-52/APC/EX	MS Computer Engineering
FS 23/24-53/APC/EX	MS Electrical and Electronic Engineering
FS 23/24-54/APC/EX	MS Mechanical Engineering
FS 23/24-55/APC/EX	MS Software Engineering
<i>Carried</i>	

Program Reviews: College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

The Faculty Senate recommends approval of the following program reviews and recommends that the next program review be scheduled for six years from Faculty Senate approval; or, should the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies engage in college-wide program review, the next program review will occur at that time.

FS 23/24-56/APC/EX	BA Ethnic Studies
FS 23/24-57/APC/EX	BA Liberal Studies
<i>Carried</i>	

Faculty Senate Committee Appointment

**FS 23/24-58EX Senate Committee Appointment
General Education/Graduation Requirements Policy Committee**

The Faculty Senate approves the following committee appointment:

- Sheri Hembree, Undergraduate Studies – Term: Fall 2023 – Spring 2025

Carried

FS 23/24-65 Report from the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) Plenary, November 2-3, 2023, Acknowledgement of

The Faculty Senate acknowledges the ASCSU Plenary Report from the November 2-3, 2023 meeting.

Carried

Program Proposal – Non-Degree Program

The Faculty Senate recommends approval of the following program proposal.

- **FS 23/24-64/CS/EX Certificate in Teaching Cyber Security for High Schools – Graduates**

Carried

FS 23/24 66/FL ASI Resolution in Support of Improved Faculty Pay and Working Conditions (Legislation No: 2023/24-11-65), Receipt of and Thanks

The Faculty Senate receives the ASI Resolution in Support of Improved Faculty Pay and Working Conditions (Legislation No: 2023/24-11-65 and thanks ASI for their support of faculty.

Carried.

Minutes FS 23/24-59/FL November 2, 2023: The Faculty Senate approves the meeting minutes of November 2, 2023. *Carried*

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: Senators and guests engaged in a discussion on what the Senate can do to better support students (and the greater campus community) during the Palestine/Israel conflict. Some of the suggestions offered were:

- Hosting or promoting teach-ins/townhalls and/or providing safe spaces for conversations
- Asking the Administration to bring to the campus additional counselors on a short-term basis to deal with the added mental health challenges the conflict is creating in the campus community.
- Issuing a SacSend message to let the faculty know that they should be extra flexible and understanding with students in terms of late assignments, make-up work, etc.
- Consider implementing a grading structure (similar to when the campus was dealing with the effects of the COVID pandemic) that allows students to opt to have a letter grade converted to a CR/NC grade.
- Adopting a Senate resolution calling for a cease fire (or some other resolution).

FIRST READING: At the time of adjournment, the following items had not been heard. The items will be placed on First Reading on a future agenda of the Faculty Senate.

[FS 23/24-63/EX](#) **Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate, Amendment of**

[FS 23/24-15/UARTPC/EX](#) **UARTP Policy – Section 5.05 Criteria for Retention, Tenure, and Promotion, Amendment of**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: Student Evaluation of Teaching Questionnaire Viewed with an Anti-Racism Lens

[FS 23/24-60/CS/EX](#) **Master of Arts in Special Education Teaching (Extensive Support Needs) with Multiple Subject Program Proposal, Discontinued of**

[FS 23/24-61/CS/EX](#) **Master of Arts in Special Education Teaching (Mild to Moderate Support Needs) with Multiple Subject, Discontinued of**

[FS 23/24-62/FPC/EX](#) **Policy on Re-Organization or Moving of Academic Units and Programs, Amendment of**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- **Budget**
- **Becoming a R2 institution advantages and repercussions**

ADJOURN: 5:25 pm