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Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 4, 2025

11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Zoom)

ATTENDEES

Executive Committee Members

Brian Ayash OCOB Caucus Chair; **Marc Cabeliza** ASI President; **Alyson Engel** ASI Board of Directors Chair; **Samuel Frame** Vice Chair & CSU Statewide Senator; **Jerusha Greenwood** Academic Senate Chair; **Thomas Gutierrez** Immediate Past Senate Chair; **Kara Hitchcock** PCS Caucus Chair; **Sean Hurley** CAFES Caucus Chair; **Lisa Kawamura** CFA-SLO Chapter President; **~~Al Liddicoat~~** Interim Provost and Executive Vice President; **Elizabeth McNie** Solano Campus Representative; **Steffen Peuker** CENG Caucus Chair; **~~Steve Rein~~** CSU Statewide Senator; **Andrew Schaffner** BCSM Caucus Chair; **Dustin Stegner** CSU Statewide Senator; **Ava Wright** CLA Caucus Chair; **Vacant** CAED Caucus Chair

Guests

Benjamin Alexander; President Jeffrey D. Armstrong; Jennifer Haft; Aparna Sinha; Shannon Sullivan-Danser

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - 2.1. The minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting on August 1, 2025, were approved.
3. **Communications and Announcements:**
 - 3.1. Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, announced that Shannon Sullivan-Danser, Academic Senate Analyst, has continued to revise the Academic Senate website with additional information about submission deadlines for agenda items, such as resolutions, presentation attachments, and for consent agenda items. These deadlines should be adhered to as closely as possible moving forward. The purpose of these deadlines is to provide Shannon Sullivan-Danser the time to ensure the agenda is ADA



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compliant. Additionally, Chair Greenwood reminded everyone to check their email for an important email from Parking Services about parking during the beginning of the academic year.

4. Special Report:

- 4.1. Jeffrey D. Armstrong, President, reported that Cal Maritime is expecting significant growth in enrollment in future years, which in turn will increase Cal Poly's overall enrollment – while maintaining the appropriate number of students on each campus in a given semester. The multi-year budget plan aligns with multi-year enrollment growth, and President Armstrong mentioned that conversations with Mildred Garcia, Chancellor, and the board have yielded support for moving forward with year-round operations. Furthermore, tenure-track faculty will have access to a 4:3 workload model on semesters, and Cal Poly will continue efforts to implement the teacher-scholar model, while the STEPS program is implemented by the CSU for staff. Cal Poly has increased financial aid by approximately \$100 million through Cal Poly Opportunity Fee and the College-based Fee. The incoming class is 30% or greater Hispanic/Latino, more accurately representing state demographics. Current Maritime students will remain on the Maritime fee through graduation, and integration funds provided by the Chancellor's Office will cover the Cal Poly fees they would otherwise be charged. Opportunities for internships and other high-impact opportunities, and efficient growth are expected during year-round operations. Jessica Darin, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Advocacy; Corey Cook, Vice President; Eric Jones, Superintendent; Dinesh Pinisetty, Executive Dean of Academic Affairs; and Rachel Fernflores, Director and Project Manager of Semester Conversion, are either independently or collaboratively evaluating integration and semester conversion. Currently, Maritime is in conversation with the Waterfront Coalition, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), community colleges, Northrop Grumman, and the Navy about the possibility of constructing a training center. Additionally, donors and partners of the San Luis Obispo airport are being consulted with about building an additional hanger for Cal Poly's Aerospace Engineering program and Cuesta College's Aviation Mechanics program. Through the Regional Economic Action Coalition (REACH), GO-Biz gave Cal Poly almost \$10 million to encourage commercial space launch at Vandenberg Space Force Base. In year-round operations calendar deliberations, the inclusivity and support of low-income students remain a priority. The President's Office



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is also aware of the cost of living in San Luis Obispo when building faculty housing. In order to accommodate more incoming students in relation to resident and non-resident FTEs, the ability to create parallel self-support majors for high demand areas is being considered as early as the 2027-2028 Academic Year. Finally, President Armstrong noted that his salary may be a topic of conversation at the upcoming CSU Board of Trustees meeting.

4.2. [Closed session] Provost Search Consultation.

5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm.