



## ATTENDEES

### Executive Committee Members

**Benjamin Alexander** 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; **Taiyo Inoue** CSU Statewide Senator; **Lisa Kawamura** CFA-SLO Chapter President; ~~**Al Liddicoat** 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; **Sarah Senk** CSU Statewide Senator; **Dustin Stegner** CSU Statewide Senator; **Ava Wright** CLA Caucus Chair; **Vacant**: CAED Caucus Chair

### Guests

Simone Aloisio; Kenneth Brown; Rachel Fernflores; Daniel Grassian; Cheryl May; Soma Roy; Aparna Sinha; Zora Sowinska; Shannon Sullivan-Danser; Matthew Weinstein

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## MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order:** Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** The Executive Committee meeting minutes from November 4, 2025, were approved.
- 3. Communications and Announcements:** Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, noted that a statement of interest for the Teaching Effectiveness Committee has been received, and the person who put their name forward should be considered as a lecturer. The Executive Committee participated in three e-votes across the winter break period, resulting in three appointments: Anastasia Telesetsky (CAFES) as the Sustainability Committee Chair, Allison Myers (CLA) as the faculty representative for the Library Dean search, and Erin Gorter (CAFES) as the CAFES committee representative on the Graduate Education Ad Hoc Curriculum Committee.
- 4. Reports**
  - 4.1. Academic Senate Chair:** None.



- 4.2. President's Office:** Jennifer Haft, President Armstrong's Chief of Staff, reported that the Cal Poly Rose Parade team's float won the Sweepstakes Award, an honor typically accorded to larger, commercially built floats, which is the first win across Cal Poly's 77 years of participation in the competition. The 125<sup>th</sup> Cal Poly Anniversary Celebration will begin with an event at the University Union on Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Concurrent celebrations will occur on the Cal Poly Solano Campus and in the Mustang Business Park, and further additions will be announced throughout the year. Mildred García, Chancellor, sent communications prior to the break surrounding CSU Forward for the strategic plan, the Economic Impact Study, and a new advocacy platform entitled CSU Voices. Lastly, Congressman Doug LaMalfa, Cal Poly alumni, passed away.
- 4.3. Provost:** Daniel Grassian, Senior Vice Provost, spoke in place of Al Liddicoat, Provost. He reported a summary of fall progress updates, including the reopening of the Kennedy Library, advancing transfer pathways to expand local access, welcoming new deans and academic leaders, and strengthening cross-college and cross-campus cooperation. The key principle underscoring this progress is a dual focus on academic equality and student success. Faculty and staff input shaped fall efforts such as the first AI Convening, which will return in the spring, and feedback from the research administration assessment, which will be used to inform improvement priorities and structural decisions. Cal Poly continues to advance through the first common student application cycle while being integrated with Cal Poly Solano. Academic alignment and cross-campus faculty collaboration remains central to the integration process. The 2026-2028 Semester Catalog was released, representing three years of sustained faculty work. Students were provided additional support for adjusting to the semester catalog, such as the recent Semester Conversion Resource Carnival. Academic Affairs continues to focus on learning from peer institutions and working to understand how a year-round model can support academic quality by expanding access, increasing flexibility, and strengthening student success. Their primary focus moving forward is to finalize the forthcoming academic calendars, preparing for the full Maritime integration which will occur this August, continuing year-round operations planning with broad faculty engagement, and launching the enhanced Teacher-Scholar Model assigned time program.
- 4.4. Statewide Senate:** Steve Rein (STAT), reported that the chairs of various committees will meet this week with Samuel Frame, Vice Chair, to debrief prior to the upcoming plenary session. Dustin Stegner (ENGL), reported that the possibility of forward movement with community colleges offering certain bachelor's degrees. An announcement may be released as early as mid-January; however, the CSU views this



idea as duplicative to CSU degree programs. Sarah Senk (CLA), Statewide Senator, reported that she has been appointed to the CSU Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee. Taiyo Inoue (BCSM), Statewide Senator, reported that he has been appointed to the CSU Faculty Affairs Committee.

- 4.5. CFA-SLO:** Lisa Kawamura, CFA SLO Chair, reported that CFA SLO has returned to the bargaining table and subsequently rejected the Chancellor's offer of a 3% base salary increase in lieu of larger salary asks. She encouraged the Executive Committee to review bargaining proposals, as these proposals will continuously be forward to management. The Teamsters notified CFA of an upcoming strike, and CFA intends to stand in solidarity with them. Aparna Sinha, CFA Solano Chair, reported that CFA Solano will be meeting about their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) #3 on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, they hope to reach an agreement on travel and related union topics. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Solano lecturers received a memo that their evaluations were due in January, and SLO administration failed to bring this to CFA's attention during any meet-and-confers. The administration is now issuing a memo that states, beginning in January, lecturers must adhere to SLO's process and procedures. These memos created confusion among lecturers, necessitating CFA negotiation in mid-December, which resulted in an agreement to extend the lecturer evaluation timeline if needed.
- 4.6. ASI:** Alyson Engel, ASI Board of Directors Chair, congratulated the Rose Parade team for their Sweepstakes Award win. A letter of intent outlining ASI's management of certain Solano campus recreational facilities was signed by the President's Office, ASI, and the Solano Campus. Finally, preparation for ASI elections has begun, and more information is forthcoming. Marc Cabeliza, ASI President, reported that Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, is the inaugural ride for ASI's student grocery shuttle, and ASI has partnered with Campus Health and Wellbeing to help students register for CalFresh and give away tote bags for collecting their groceries. Civic Engagement Day, which will occur on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, will encourage students to increase their community engagement by meeting local, state, and federal officials.

**5. Discussion Items:** None.

**6. Business Items**

**6.1. Faculty Appointments**



**6.1.1.** Approval of Faculty Appointments to Academic Senate and University Committees: M/S/P to approve the following faculty appointments to Academic Senate and University Committees.

Ben Ruttenberg (BCSM)	<i>Shared Governance Task Force</i>
Jermaine Washington (CAED)	<i>Ad Hoc Committee on Student Perceptions of Teaching Effectiveness Questionnaires/Student Opinion Surveys</i>
Lucy Bencharit (CLA)	<i>Shared Governance Task Force</i>
Sandy Shen (CAED)	<i>Commencement Policy Committee (2025-2027)</i>
John Oliver (CENG)	<i>Commencement Policy Committee (2025-2027)</i>
Jennifer Mott (CENG)	<i>Shared Governance Task Force</i>
Katherine Luce (PCS)	<i>Consultative Search Committee for the Dean of Library Services</i>
Christian Anderson (CLA)	<i>Curriculum Appeals Committee</i>
Gregory Bohr (CLA)	<i>Curriculum Appeals Committee</i>
Jane Lehr (CLA)	<i>Curriculum Appeals Committee</i>
Andrew Schaffner (BCSM)	<i>Curriculum Appeals Committee</i>
Dustin Stegner (CLA)	<i>Curriculum Appeals Committee</i>

**6.2.** Resolution on Modifications to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate regarding the Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee: Soma Roya, Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee Chair, introduced a resolution that would establish individual Distinguished Teaching Awards committees at each Cal Poly Campus in order to fit their unique needs. Each committee would prepare procedures and guidelines in accordance with these needs. M/S/P to agendize the Resolution on Modifications to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate regarding the Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee.

**6.3.** Resolution on UFPP 13.1 Administrative Memos: Kenneth Brown, Faculty Affairs Committee Chair, introduced a resolution that would change the procedure for adding administrative memos to the UPFF Appendix. This revision would allow additions to the UPFF Appendix as needed with notification to the Senate of any changes. M/S/P to agendize the Resolution on UFPP 13.1 Administrative Memos.

**6.4.** Resolution on UFPP Procedural Updates for Semester Conversion: Kenneth Brown, Faculty Affairs Committee Chair, introduced a resolution containing an ad hoc



exception to normal Academic Senate procedure for approving omnibus procedural revisions to the UFPP, specifically for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. The Faculty Affairs Committee would provide a written report detailing all such procedural revisions to the Academic Senate Executive Committee. M/S/P to agendize the Resolution on UFPP Procedural Updates for Semester Conversion.

**6.5. [CONFIDENTIAL]** Donor Recognition Naming Consideration: Matthew Weinstein, VP of University Development and Alumni Engagement, presented donor recognition to the Executive Committee. M/S/P to endorse the naming proposal.

**7. Adjournment:** Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

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