



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

Matthew Fairbanks; Rachel Fernflores; Daniel Grassian; Cheryl May; Alexander Parker; Teshia Roby; Zora Sowinska; Shannon Sullivan-Danser

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 January 6, 2026, were approved.
- 3. Communications and Announcements:** Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, announced that Samuel Frame (STAT), Statewide Senator, is nearing completion of his ASCSU term, meaning there will be an open ASCSU seat for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. Additionally, the Executive Committee must elect a lecturer to serve as an ASCSU lecturer senator elector. Chair Greenwood welcomed Benjamin Alexander, OCOB Caucus Chair, back to the Executive Committee (EC). Informed by her participation in the 125th Cal Poly Anniversary Committee, she invited the EC to create a resolution recognizing Cal Poly milestones. Senate elections are ongoing, including two nominees from PCS, two from CAFES, one from CENG, and one from CLA. She advised Executive Committee members to encourage fellow faculty and PCS to submit their nomination forms.



4. Reports

- 4.1. Academic Senate Chair:** Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, reported that the Legislative Liaison position remains open and must be filled soon. As of now, Steve Rein (STAT), Statewide Senator, is the only statement of interest.
- 4.2. President's Office:** Jennifer Haft, President Armstrong's Chief of Staff, reported that President Armstrong recently completed the Champions Tour, an event which recognizes academically outstanding and highly involved Cal Poly students, and stated that legislators and students had ample time to converse during the tour. The Vice President for University Personnel Search has begun, and candidates are currently being recruited. The naming for this position will likely take place towards the end of the 2025-2026 Academic Year.
- 4.3. Provost:** Al Liddicoat, provided a [written report](#).
- 4.4. Statewide Senate:** Samuel Frame (STAT), Statewide Senator provided a [written report](#). Dustin Stegner (ENGL), Statewide Senator, reported that the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) is drafting a white paper entitled "The Framework of the Future of the CSU," which will aim to articulate a faculty perspective on widescale CSU initiatives. AAC is also discussing multiple resolutions, including the credit by examination issue. Senator Stegner was recently invited by Cambridge University to lobby for advocates of this policy. The UCs remain stalwart in their sole acceptance of AP and IB credits, and the Statewide Senate has mixed perspectives on the issue. Furthermore, three-years bachelor's degree programs remain a prominent topic of conversation for the ACC. Mildred García, CSU Chancellor, was not present at the Statewide Senate plenary and CFA was also not represented; both absences led to consternation among senators. Steve Rein (STAT), Statewide Senator, reported that the chancellor's absence was likely due to a scheduling error, but he suspects that repeated absences could lead to a no-faith vote against Chancellor García. Cal Poly will have four ASCSU senators for the 2026-2027 Academic Year; however, two Cal Poly senators and one Maritime Senator will likely continue in their positions; therefore, there will also be one election for a new ASCSU senator from Cal Poly. The ASCSU will confirm these procedures in a bylaw vote if need be. Senator Stein reported three important bills: AB 664, a two-year carryover bill focused on Southwestern Community College's advocacy for four additional bachelor's degrees despite AB 927 preventing this duplicity; AB 1552 by Assemblymember Corey Jackson, which would mandate that CSUs include Civics courses in their General Education (GE) package and will likely be opposed or heavily



edited by ASCSU; and AB 958, a CFA-sponsored and ASCSU-supported bill imposing the need for two faculty trustees.

- 4.5. CFA-SLO:** Lisa Kawamura, CFA SLO President, reported concern from CFA that the CSU is refusing to provide assigned time for Maritime faculty to complete CFA work. She described this as a union-busting tactic which eliminates the possibility of fair representation for the Cal Maritime campus. Kawamura emphasized the varying needs of the campuses and the importance of intentional and equitable representation during the integration. She plans to discuss this issue with CFA chapter presidents at the fall kickoff event. The Teamsters strike will begin on February 17th and faculty are encouraged to support the strike and fill out a Teamsters solidarity card, the latter of which will be distributed by CFA. Additionally, CFA's most recent session with management will be debriefed at the Bargaining Town Hall at five pm on Tuesday, February 3rd. Kawamura recommended that Executive Committee members read CFA's new bargaining proposals, as they include pressing budget issues created by the chancellor, including retirement, FERP, healthcare, and broader funding concerns. Tad Walters, CFA Lecturer Representative, has created an order for work assignment. Lastly, Kawamura reported that CFA has a positive outlook on the governor's budget but remains aware of faculty cuts being made at other campuses across the CSU system. Aparna Sinha, CFA Maritime President, reported that progress was made on several points for MOU #2 (Lecturer Rights, Travel, and Service), but major disagreement remains on travel. CFA insists travel to a non-home campus must be without reprisal, counted as workload, reimbursed at least at IRS rate, and optional. Administration has rejected these terms; but some pushbacks were made surrounding travel and entitlements during the most recent meeting and CFA is close to agreement. In terms of sabbatical discussions, administration refused to negotiate sabbatical policy with CFA, stating Solano should follow SLO's procedures and share its quota. CFA was alarmed, reminding them that prior commitments were made to discuss this with the union; in response, CFA authored MOU #4, proposing Solano retain an independent 12% sabbatical quota while adopting SLO's processes to ensure equity and reduce friction. The administration rejected it and has agreed to separate quotas for next year; however, CFA has countered for separate sabbatical quotas for next three years. Finally, pertaining to MOU #3 (Union Leave), administration proposed limiting Maritime faculty's union representation course release until 2026, citing that since we are one campus the article doesn't apply anymore. CFA countered, proposing the six WTU per semester allotment continue indefinitely, citing Maritime's geographic



separation (250 miles away) and unique needs (e.g., cruise-specific issues). Thus, CFA is re-starting negotiations on this MOU.

- 4.6. ASI:** Marc Cabeliza, ASI President, reported that conversations will be taking place between ASI, Transportation & Parking Services, and Campus Health & Wellbeing surrounding future partnerships to ensure the continuance of the grocery shuttle system. Alyson Engel, ASI Board of Directors Chair, reported that she and ASI President Cabeliza recently returned from the President’s Champions Tour. Filing for ASI elections is open and will remain as such until the end of February. Over the first two weekends of the quarter, 734 students used the newly launched grocery shuttle system, with an average use rate of 40% including PCV and 85% excluding PCV. The usage for the Target shuttle on Sunday was 93%, and approximately 50 students had to be turned away. Positive responses were indicated in the survey as well, with 100% of students stating they were inclined to use the shuttle again and that using it improved their access to affordable and healthy food. Student feedback will be integrated for adapting the program in the future, such as changing which days the shuttles run for increased accessibility.

5. Discussion Items

5.1. Semester Meeting Schedules for the Academic Senate and Executive Committee:

Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, introduced a discussion item surrounding points of consideration about the Academic Senate meeting schedule prior to the introduction of an official schedule draft this spring. She mentioned that Senate meetings traditionally do not occur during the second and fifth week of the quarter. However, Chair Greenwood posed the question of maintaining or adding “break weeks” for the following year as Cal Poly transitions to semesters. Steve Rein (STAT), Statewide Senator, recommended one extra meeting in spring term and one less meeting in fall term due to past workload patterns. Thomas Gutierrez, Immediate Past Senate Chair, echoed Senator Rein and added that having “break weeks” during the third and seventh weeks would make more sense for the semester system. Dustin Stegner (ENGL), Statewide Senator, advised removing meetings if they are not needed but not adding any more due to widespread initiative fatigue. Gutierrez agreed about the initiative fatigue but mentioned that the “optional” meeting format often ends up being ineffective. Sean Hurley, CAFES Caucus Chair, brought up the idea of scheduling meetings at different times or on different days to increase faculty accessibility. Senator Rein proposed that having a workshop on key topics at a different time could



also address this issue, drawing inspiration from the ASI Board of Directors workshop meeting format. Alyson Engel, ASI Board of Directors Chair, concurred that this format is useful for increasing discussion about key ASI agenda items and resolutions. Shannon Sullivan-Danser, Academic Senate Analyst, noted that the bylaws state the Senate must meet at three pm on Tuesdays, excepting the months of July or August, and bylaw changes would need to be made if the time/date of meetings was changed. Jerusha Greenwood echoed this statement by indicating the bylaws would have to be suspended at the end of the year to account for these changes in moving to a semester calendar. Gutierrez dissented to Senator Rein’s idea of discussion workshops, mentioning that having a finite amount of time for meetings is conducive to efficient parliamentary work. Ava Wright, CLA Caucus Chair, contributed that faculty in her department must choose between a Monday/Wednesday/Friday schedule and a Tuesday/Thursday schedule, and faculty often opt for the latter, which could impact faculty availability for Senate meetings. Andrew Schaffner, BCSM Caucus Chair, referenced potential equity issues involved in implementing a workshop format. Finally, Hurley communicated the urgency of the situation as faculty scheduling for next year is already taking place.

6. Business Items

6.1. Faculty Appointment

- 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.

Joseph Cleary (CAED)

Academic Assessment Council (2024-2027)

- 6.2.** Resolution on the Renaming of the Department of Sciences and Mathematics to the Department of Oceanography and Natural Sciences: Alexander Parker, Department Chair, introduced a resolution to update the departmental name for the purpose of reflecting current faculty composition and academic programs following the integration of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Maritime. M/S/P to approve the Resolution on the Renaming of the Department of Sciences and Mathematics to the Department of Oceanography and Natural Sciences for the Consent Agenda.



- 7. Adjournment:** Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:48 pm.

Minutes submitted by

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