



## 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

Helen Bailey; PJ Crocker; Rachel Fernflores; Daniel Grassian; Jen Haft; Carly Head; Cheryl May; Teshia Roby; Shannon Sullivan-Danser; John Walker

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## AGENDA

- 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 February 3, 2026, were approved.
- 3. Communications and Announcements:** Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, announced that caucus chairs should encourage their caucuses to vote for Academic Senate senators and speak with any faculty interested in becoming an officer.
- 4. Reports**
  - 4.1. Academic Senate Chair:** None.
  - 4.2. President's Office:** None.
  - 4.3. Provost:** Al Liddicoat, Provost, provided a [written report](#).
  - 4.4. Statewide Senate:** Steve Rein (STAT), SLO Statewide Senator, reported on notable pieces of upcoming legislation: AB 664, which decrees that Southwestern Community



College in El Cajon, CA shall be able to provide bachelor's degrees and will likely pass; SB 690 by Senator Christopher Caldabon Baldwin, which decrees that any community college can offer any bachelor's degree provided it is not duplicative of a degree at the nearest CSU (Senator Baldwin has also allowed for a broader direct admissions program); AB 1558 Lowenthal, which decrees that CSU students at Long Beach State who have effectively completed an associated degree should receive it; AB 1552 by Assemblymember Corey A. Jackson, which decrees that the CSU should be teaching civics as a GE and which the ASCSU is opposed to due to curricular interference; and SB 895, a 23.5 billion bond measure which will likely not pass. Furthermore, Assemblymember Marc Berman is intending to introduce a bill requiring common course numbering across the CSU and community colleges. Dustin Stegner (ENGL), SLO Statewide Senator, followed up on Senator Rein's report with insight from the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC), including a two-class cap for participation in CSU Online. Additionally, AAC Vice Chair Brent Foster mentioned the community college Bachelor of the Arts issue, in which the CSU has decided to write memos that allow for community colleges to pair with the media to spread their messaging. A Bachelor of Arts degree with less than 120 units, proposed by the CSU, is moving through shadow work groups at the Chancellor's Office. Samuel Frame (STAT), SLO Statewide Senator, reported that the Statewide Senate's Executive Committee's report to the Academic Preparation & Education Programs (APEP) Committee included the recently released draft of the CSU Strategic Enrollment Initiative. Senator Frame shared examples of "formalizing multiple instruction formats," such as year-round calendars and eight-week classes. The draft also indicated that the CSU Math Council has requested for mathjobs.org to be officially recognized as a resource for hiring mathematicians, and Chancellor's Office representatives participated in a discussion of the process used to review community college courses for lower division GE Areas Two and Six. Areas Two and Six differ from other GE Areas due to their requirements of additional faculty review. The review is not intended to function as a course-to-course articulation, but rather as an evaluation of accordance with Cal-GETC standards. In the following week, APEP will meet with the CSU Ethnic Studies Council to discuss the resolution mentioned in AS 3778 on the appointment of Area Six Ethnic Studies disciplinary faculty reviewers.

**4.5. CFA-SLO and Solano:** Lisa Kawamura, CFA SLO President, orated her report through Aparna Sinha, CFA Maritime President. She encouraged faculty to support the ongoing Teamsters Union strike. Aparna Sinha, CFA Solano President, reported that Solano Meet and Confers resulted in CFA's hope of reaching an agreement on MOU #2 on lecture rights, entitlement, travel, and service. In terms of the sabbatical discussion,



administration and CFA are considering separate sabbatical quotas for SLO and Solano for a set number of years before merging them. For MOU #3 on union leave, which is based on Article 6.13, administration has proposed limiting Maritime faculty's union representation and course release and proposed a 2026 merger. CFA has countered this offer. Administration continues to argue that Cal Poly Solano should not have its own six WTU's course release because the campus will be merged into Cal Poly SLO's and has also mentioned that the Solano pay calendar will merge with SLO's pay calendar in the fall, which could lead to disruption in faculty benefits and salaries.

- 4.6. ASI:** Marc Cabeliza, ASI President, reported that ASI recently hosted Engagement Day, which involved students speaking with a variety of attendees, including Mayor Erica Stewart, City Manager Whitney McDonald, and Deputy City Manager Greg Hermann, Chief Rick Scott of SLO Police Department, Chief Robert Plastino of Cal Poly Police Department, and Supervisor Bruce Gibson. In March, the Cal State Student Association (CCSA) will be attending the California Higher Education Summit in Sacramento to advocate for four bills under consideration: AB 713, public post-secondary education student employment; SB 961, CalFresh student eligibility; a bill about technologies facilitating sexual violence in higher education; and a bill surrounding student financial aid and Cal Grant Program cost of attendance.

## **5. Discussion Items**

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

Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Committee Chair, introduced a discussion item about a new draft of the meeting schedule for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. She posed questions about continuing with the pattern of not having meetings twice a term and maintaining consistency about the number of Academic Senate meetings versus Executive Committee meetings. Dustin Stegner, SLO Statewide Senator, asked a clarifying question about which weeks would be considered no-meet weeks. Sean Hurley, CAFES Caucus Chair, suggested having an extra Academic Senate meeting instead of an Executive Committee meeting to allow for more voting time. Thomas Gutierrez, Immediate Past Senate Chair, mentioned that he would prefer to have more scheduled Senate meetings instead of as-needed meetings. Shannon Sullivan-Danser, Academic Senate Analyst, pointed out a sizeable gap between Executive Committee meetings in the fall and spring. Thomas Gutierrez followed up on Hurley's point, advising having the first meeting of every term be an Executive Committee meeting. Steve Rein, Solano Statewide Senator, preferred to have the last two meetings of every term be Academic Senate meetings, hoping that the final meetings would not be



needed. He also recommended seven Executive Committee meetings and six Academic Senate meetings for fall and the inverse for spring to accommodate changing workload needs across the academic year. Gutierrez also inquired about the possibility of having an as-needed Executive Committee meeting during finals week. However, Chair Greenwood responded that due to shifting schedules during finals week, a set meeting time cannot be confirmed. Senator Stegner raised questions about service during the summer term in a year-round operations calendar and how that would impact the Executive Committee. Al Liddicoat, Provost, spoke of what operations would be on a case-by-case basis for departments but recognized that it would look different for the Executive Committees since they are not twelve-month employees. since the Executive Committee serves on behalf of the Senate during the summer, there may be other considerations. Chair Greenwood advocated for administration to guarantee that no faculty-related or curriculum-related decisions are made during the summer in order to eliminate the need for summer Senate meetings. Senator Stegner emphasized the challenge of regularizing summer service during Year-Round Operations (YRO). Andrew Schaffner, BCSM Caucus Chair, followed up on this point and mentioned the difficulties involved with staff working different terms (i.e. fall-summer versus fall-spring) during YRO. He also suggested changing the bylaws to extend the last two Senate meetings of the year to three hours, which would still provide committees with ample time for deliberation. Hurley dissented, instead proposing scheduling more meetings instead of longer meetings. Sullivan-Danser mentioned that the breaks in fall semester provide a natural, balanced break for meetings as opposed to not meeting during weeks two and five.

**5.2. Solano Caucus or At-Large Membership in the Academic Senate:** Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, introduced a discussion item about the format of Solano campus representation on the Executive Committee. Elizabeth McNie, Solano Campus Representative, mentioned that Solano's biggest challenge remains a lack of human capital to engage in service-related communities. Therefore, she stated that a caucus would be a promising idea but may lack adequate participation. She also mentioned issues with communication and understanding and emphasized the need for improving communication between campuses and making structural changes to facilitate this change. Taiyo Inoue, Solano Statewide Senator, also brought up issues about communication, referencing a frequent problem with inefficient information dissemination amongst Solano faculty. He stated that many rank-and-file faculty members are largely in the dark about ongoing, broadly impactful issues and that some of these problems must be resolved before implementing new measures for



representation. Aparna Sinha, CFA Solano President, echoed her Solano colleagues that a caucus would not solve Solano’s workload and communication issues, and posed course release as a solution. Sean Hurley, CAFES Caucus Chair, mentioned similar discussions occurring in the Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee surrounding workload issues and the need for providing representation without overextension. Andrew Schaffner, BCSM Caucus Chair, followed up with insight about current vacancies in caucuses at SLO, explaining that the existence of a caucus still provides the opportunity for increased representation, and wondered about the value of having a Solano caucus even if it cannot be initially filled. Steve Rein, SLO Statewide Senator, encouraged Executive Committee members to look at and potentially draw inspiration from the Stockton Campus Council’s use of the Sonoma State model. Dustin Stegner, SLO Statewide Senator, further emphasized the need for workload compensation.

## 6. Business Items

**6.1. Resolution on External Exam Credit:** John Walker, Curriculum Committee Chair, introduced a resolution which would update Cal Poly’s external exam policies in accordance with the upcoming transition to semesters and increase overall equitability. This resolution would replace AS-331-90/1C (Resolution on the International Baccalaureate Program) and AS-468-96/1C (Resolution on Credit for Advanced Placement Exams). M/S/P to agendize the Resolution on External Exam Credit.

**7. Adjournment:** Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, adjourned the meeting at 5:04 pm.

Minutes submitted by

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