Academic Senate Meeting



Tuesday, October 28, 2025 | 3:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

ACADEMIC SENATE MEMBERS

Aubrie Adams (proxy – Hocheol Yang); Benjamin N.B. Alexander OCOB Caucus Chair; Christian Anderson; Lisa Anderson; Jacques Belanger; Darin Bennett; Bret Betnar; Angela Bracco; Charles Camp; Sabrina Canady; John Clements; Matthew Cole; Nikhil Deb; Dennis Derickson; Shunping Ding; Robert Easton; Matthew Fairbanks; Samuel Frame Vice Chair & Statewide Senator; Scott Fraser; Lauren Garner; Christine Gray; Jerusha Greenwood Academic Senate Chair; Thomas Gutierrez Immediate Past Senate Chair; William Harrison; Brian Healy; Kara Hitchcock PCS Caucus Chair; Sean Hurley CAFES Caucus Chair; Eric Kantorowski; Sarah Lester; Heather Liwanag; Ulric Lund; Addison Maerz; Bwalya Malama; Casey McDonald-Liu; Elizabeth McNie; James Mealy; Ryan Miller; Keir Moorhead; Allison Myers; José Navarro; Phillip Nico; Brian Osborn; Erin Pearse; Nathan Perry; Steffen Peuker CENG Caucus Chair; Siroj Pokharel; Majid Poshtan; Steve Rein CSU Statewide Senator; Rebecca Richards (proxy – Sabrina Canady); Brian Salvatore; Jeanine Scaramozzino (proxy - Kara Hitchcock); Andrew Schaffner BCSM Caucus Chair; Tanner Schinderle ASI Chief of Staff; Dustin Stegner Statewide Senator; Taufik; Hiren Trada; William Tsai; Stamatis Vokos (proxy – Thomas Gutierrez); Ava Wright CLA Caucus Chair; Hocheol Yang

GUESTS

Simone Aloisio; Jeffery Armstrong Cal Poly President; Helen Bailey; Graham Benton; Susan Cheng; Bethany Conway; PJ Crocker; Jessica Darin; Rachel Fernflores; Jennifer Haft; Dawn Janke; Kris Jankovitz; Terrance Harris; Lisa Kawamura; Michele Kekaha; Maneesh Kumar; Amanda Lathrop; Meggan Levitt; Al Liddicoat; Cheryl May; Andrew Morris; Yukie Murphy; Patrick O'Sullivan; Daniel Parsons; Dinesh Pinisetty; Tracy Richmond; Kelly Sebastian; Aparna Sinha; Zora Sowinska; Shannon Sullivan-Danser; Cem Sunata; Marc Swackhamer; Jennifer Teramoto Pedrotti; Dean Wendt; Prema Windokun

MINUTES

- **1. Call to Order**: Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.
- 2. Approval of Minutes
 - **2.1.** The minutes from the Academic Senate Meeting on October 7th, 2025, were approved.
- 3. Communications and Announcements
 - 3.1. Letter of Support Veto of AB 1400, sent to Gov. Newsom on 9/25/2025.
- 4. Consent Agenda: No items
- 5. Reports
 - **5.1. Academic Senate Chair**: Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, provided the Senate Orientation, the packet for which can be read here. She also shared a summary

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of the Executive Committee summer business. On August 1st, the Executive Committee appointed Solano campus representatives to Senate committees. Chair Greenwood also provided a report on the decision by the Curriculum Appeals Committee to deny the appeal of Ethnic Studies to approve the NRES minor, Indigenous Studies in Natural Resources, provided that the name of the minor be changed to Indigenous Principles in Natural Resources. On September 4th, President Armstrong provided a special report before the Executive Committee, which included a preview of his remarks for convocation. In this meeting, President Armstrong consulted with the Executive Committee on the options for hiring a provost. On September 23, the Executive Committee reviewed a letter drafted by Jerusha Greenwood in support of vetoing AB 1400. Jerusha attended the CSU Graduation Initiative (GI) 2025 Symposium in Los Angeles, where the Chancellor's Office reported the results of the GI 2025 initiative. The Chancellor's Office rolled out the CSU Promise initiative.

- **5.2. President:** The Office of the President provided a written report that can be viewed here in addition to President Armstrong's report that is summarized below.
- **5.3. Provost:** The Office of the Provost provided a written report that can be viewed <a href="https://example.com/here
- 5.4. Statewide Senate: Steve Rein, Statewide Senator, the ASCSU supported the Governor's veto of AB 1400 and SB 640, which allowed direct admissions to CSU campuses for eligible California residents. Despite support for the zero-interest loan recently accepted by the CSU, there is concern of how it will be paid back. Rein reported that the ASCSU was not involved in discussions or asked to provided opinion regarding the loan. Dustin Stegner, Statewide Senator, shared that inter-plenary meetings were held prior to plenary. The Academic Affairs committee discussed 3-year bachelor's degrees and the failure to follow the CSU Master Plan.
- 5.5. CFA-SLO: Lisa Kawamura, CFA President, reported on the EEOC lawsuit filed by the CFA.
- 5.6. ASI: Tanner Schinderle, ASI Chief of Staff, reported that ASI approved funding for a shuttle that will take students directly to grocery stores and will launch in winter quarter and run twice a week. It will support student accessibility to food off campus. ASI will also be reviewing and approving tomorrow the model to integrate the Cal Poly and Cal Maritime student governments. ASI is also working to increase student voter registration; Cal Poly remains the highest in the CSU for voter registration. Lastly, ASI encourages students to apply for the SAGE scholarship; there is \$30,000 available, with a minimum of \$1,000 per award.
- **5.7. Strategic Enrollment Management & Student Affairs:** Terrance Harris, Vice President of Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, provided a written report that can be read here.



6. Quarterly Report

- 6.1. President's Report: President Armstrong reported that discussions about year-round operations continues. The integration of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly Solano continues, with focus on ensuring that appropriate requirements are met with the Department of Education, integration of the PeopleSoft systems, and the merging of the Academic Senates, alumni and student government groups. For continuing students at Cal Poly Solano, additional financial aid will be provided to cover the difference in educational expenses incurred following the integration. The Kennedy Library recently celebrated its grand reopening. At the November Board of Trustees meeting, approval will be granted for the naming of the Claire and Charles Jacobson Animal Health Center and the George Wurzel Plant Science Complex. President Armstrong reported that the CSU accepted the one-time, zero-interest loan to be applied as compensation for employees. A step schedule will be implemented for staff, and an equity program is being explored, similar to what was done with the college-based fee.
- 7. Business Items: None
- **8. Discussion Items:** None
- **9. Adjournment:** This meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Minutes submitted by

P.J. Crocker