I. Welcome
Thomas Gutierrez, Chair of the Academic Senate, updated that everything will be held virtually in the Fall due to the worsening COVID-19 situation.

II. President’s Report
The president updated the Senate on the University’s measures regarding COVID19. Of the 10k students who had already uploaded their test results, there was only a .08 positivity rate. President Armstrong also shared that UU220 open for vaccines and that the campus vaccination rate was 96%. He also provided more information about the indoor mask mandate and the University goals to increase the community vaccination rate as well. After his report, the President answered Senator’s questions regarding the COVID-19 protocol in classroom, for sick days, testing, and PPE.

III. Provost’s Report
Provost Jackson-Elmoore shared her excitement for the new year and her joy at seeing parents and students at Week of Welcome. She updated the Senate on the start of a nationwide search for VP strategic enrollment management with the goal of ending the search at the end of the calendar year. She noted that a search firm will be used to conduct a nationwide search for the VP of R-EDGE and announced the new Interim Dean of Extended Education, Kevin Taylor, and her office’s plans to conduct a nationwide external search to find a permanent dean, also using a search firm. She also updated the Senate on changes to policy for on campus life including ending a supplemental essay requirement for transfer applicants and no longer requiring a safety plan for field trips and internships.

IV. Q&A
The President and Provost answered senators’ questions regarding mask policy for eating/drinking indoors, COVID-19 policy enforcement, updated dorm policy, and exposure policies.

V. WSCUC Thematic Pathway For Reaffirmation (TPR)
Bruno Giberti, Associate Vice Provost, and Andrew Morris, Faculty Fellow for Academic Programs and Planning, introduced the WSCUC Thematic Pathway for Reaffirmation and shared this year’s theme: promoting the success of all Cal Poly students while achieving the goals of CSU’s Graduation Initiative 2025. Various senators shared presentations regarding the three subthemes: Developing a campus culture that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive, Recruiting and retaining a more diverse community of student and faculty, and Teaching and learning how to live in more a diverse world.
VI. **WSCUC Discussion Groups.**

The senators broke out into breakout groups to discuss the questions regarding the three essays. After their discussions the WSCUC Co-Chairs, answered their questions and discussed senators’ suggestions.

VII. **Conclusion**

Senate Chair, Thomas Gutierrez, thanked the Senate for a productive retreat and wished everyone a phenomenal Fall quarter.

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