



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ACADEMIC SENATORS
FROM: Michael Coons, Academic Senate Secretary
SUBJ: **ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES**
DATE: Thursday March 6, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

Senators Present: Ahern, Attarwala, Boyd, Cline, Coons, Feng, Geier, Gibson, He, Johnson, Jones, Kachiwala, Kaiser, Kamp-Whitaker, Kralj, Lemmi, Ma, Maday, Magnus, McBride-Praetorius, Medic (proxy Boyd), Miller, Morales, Newell, Nichols, O'Brien, Peterson, Sistrunk, Smith, Sullivan, Tian, Trailer, Traver, Underwood, Weingartner, White, Zeichick. Ex-Officio: Clyde, Cornick, Morales, Perez.

Absent: Draper, Gapa, Klobodu, Villani, Boura, Brundage, Sendze.

Chair Trailer called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.

1. Approve Minutes of 06Feb2025
 - **Approved.**
2. Approve Agenda
 - **Approved.**
3. Community Agreements - President Perez (*Senate vote*)
 - (2:40 pm) Perez brought forth the "Community Agreements" to the Senate, discussed them, and asked us to vote to agree with these.
 - Vote to authorize Chair Trailer to sign these agreements on behalf of the Senate.
 - **Approved (33 Yes, 0 No)**
4. Proposed revision of EM 24-036 Alternative Transportation Committee Policy - FASP Intro Item
 - (2:49 pm) Chair Medic introduced this item, noting that it was an interim policy, that, now with small changes, we are considering making permanent.
 - **Approved (33 Yes, 0 No).**
5. Proposed revision of EM 24-026 Policy on Student Organizations – FASP Intro Item
 - (2:54 pm) Chair Medic introduced this item. This policy concerns the deferred rush for fraternities and sororities—no first semester first year student can rush. The revision gives flexibility for these decisions based on the health of the "Greek" community, that can support students better.
 - **Approved (33 yes, 0 No).**
6. Proposed new EM Open Access Policy – FASP Intro Item
 - (2:59 pm) Chair Medic introduced this item. This is a new proposed EM, which has been through a thorough consultation process. This policy is an "opt in" policy.
 - **Approved (33 Yes, 0 No).**
7. Constitution of the Faculty – Vice Chair Magnus & Vice Provost Allen – Discussion Item
 - (3:04 pm) We discussed that this document has no real "teeth", with seemingly no history as well. It does exist, but with no date. It is dated, using old language. This document seems to

predate the FPPP and the CBA and lists things that are protected by the US and California Constitutions and HEERA. It seems like this was a template that was sent around to CSUs to have for the Faculty Constitution, but most have an Academic Senate Constitution, which takes the place of the Faculty Constitution. The question is: do we decommission this document? This would be our recommendation. The point is that it is highly in conflict with the CBA, and all the rights it provides are already provided by other documents.

- **To be moved forward to go through the Senate process, with a view toward decommissioning.**

8. *Curriculum Approvals* – EPPC Information Item

- New Minor in Sports Nutrition
- New Minor in Sports Media
- Suspension of MS in Nursing
- Plant and Soil Science BS option name change
 - (3:17 pm) Informed. The Sports Nutrition did see some minor changes. Here the name is not correct.

9. Announcements and Communications

- Senate Budget Update – President Perez
 - (3:28 pm) Pres. Perez gave us a small presentation mostly taken from the “State of the University” containing the ‘nuts and bolts’ of our budget.
- Reimagining Chico State Academic Affairs initiative – Provost Cornick
 - (3:44 pm) Provost Cornick gave an update on where we are in the “Reimagining” process. She showed the website and gave us some information on some of the updates to that, and discussed how some of the feedback has informed how the process is continuing. Provost Cornick fielded questions about what the next phase of the process will look like and some of the reasons underlying why we are interested in changing some things and the timing of these changes, as well as what a successful reorganization for us will look like.
 - (4:12 pm) Chair Trailer explained the role of the senate in any reorganization process as outline in EM 22-013 “Changes in Academic Organization Policy”.
- A letter in response to the restructuring models – SAT Members
 - (4:23 pm) Writers of the letter wanted this noted and included. They were offered a time to speak to this but declined.
- 2026-2027 Faculty/Staff Academic Calendar and Student Academic Calendars – Robin Yant, Charlene Paulsen, Mahalley Allen
 - (4:25 pm) Vice Provost Allen presented of the draft of the Faculty/Staff Academic Calendar and Paulsen presented a draft of the Student Academic Calendar.

10. University Reports

- Cabinet
 - Pres. Perez: (3:22 pm) We had a great choose Chico with nearly 5000 people visiting campus. This is good news! People want to join this community. We need to transition these students who want to come here, to students that do come here. Well over \$700,000 from giving day! Choose Chico this year was a month early than last year. Maybe the timing made a difference for the numbers.
 - UDO Morales: (4:33 pm) Spoke about a few items concerning meeting the needs of our students. Encouraged us to participate in the Faculty/Staff associations.
- Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) – Senators Boyd and Underwood

- (4:39 pm) Senator Underwood attached a summary. There are few additions to this summary compared to that presented at the last senate meeting. Noted that resolutions that were approved at first reading are in the summary, and she welcomes any comments concerning those.
 - Associated Students Report
 - AS President Sullivan: (4:42 pm) Report uploaded into the chat in Zoom. Includes dates of Government Affairs Committee and Board of Directors meeting, for Meet and Greet candidates for the upcoming elections. Starting to have meetings going toward the closing of their budget for the year. Haven't going discussions about the "Reimagining" process. Minutes and information are available on the Associate Students website.
 - Staff Council Report
 - Staff Council Chair Peterson: (4:47 pm) Explained their "Wildcat Sponsorship", the winner was Women in Construction, who will get \$5000! Pres. Perez is coming to talk about Community Agreements and Provost Cornick is coming to talk about the Reimagining process. Faculty/Staff Art Exhibition in the first floor of Kendall Hall is coming up.
 - Standing Committee Reports
 - Educational Policies and Programs Report – EPPC Chair Miller: (4:49 pm) Senator Moss noted that this information was covered in the information above.
 - Faculty and Student Policies Committee Report – FASP Chair Medic: (4:50 pm) Three items came up that were covered in this meeting. Some proposed changes will come forward soon about the Policy on Campus Violence and Behavior.
 - Executive Committee Report
 - Academic Senate Secretary Coons: (4:51 pm) Discussed the attached summary.
11. Other (*Any other Motions or questions?*)
- (3:27 pm) Chair Trailer, the at large senators have been elected! They are April Kamp-Whittaker, Kensuke Yamada and Sarah Smith.
 - (4:56 pm) Chair Trailer noted that we are currently in the college election phase for Senators and after that our officer elections will occur.
 - (4:57 pm) Senator Underwood noted that the Lecturer Council has started to look for the representatives for the State Lecturer Senator position.
12. Adjourn
- Adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Michael Coons, Academic Senate Secretary