



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 13, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Draper, Gapa, Kaiser, Klobodu, Maday, Villani, Boura, Clyde.

Chair Trailer called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.

1. Approve Minutes of [06Mar2025](#)
 - **Approved.**
2. Approve Agenda
 - **Approved.**
3. Proposed [revision](#) of [EM 24-036](#) Alternative Transportation Committee Policy - FASP Action Item
 - (2:41 pm) FASP Chair Medic reminded us of the changes of this policy voted forward by FASP.
 - Motion (Peterson): to add the words "as appointed by Staff Council" to the staff membership line. **Approved (28 Yes, 0 No).**
 - **Approved (28 Yes, 0 No).**
4. Proposed [revision](#) of [EM 24-026](#) Policy on Student Organizations – FASP Action Item
 - (2:47 pm) This concerns the flexibility for first semester freshmen students to be part of the university sponsored Greek student community.
 - **Approved (27 Yes, 0 No).**
5. Proposed [new EM](#) Open Access Policy – FASP Action Item
 - (2:51 pm) Noted that this policy has been seen by a lot of eyes and is an opt-in policy.
 - **Approved (27 Yes, 0 No).**
6. Proposed [Resolution](#): Supporting the Establishment of a CSU Systemwide Staff Council - Staff Council Introduction Item - Chico State [Staff Council Resolution](#)
 - (3:00 pm) This is to support the Staff Council Resolution.
 - **Approved (27 Yes, 0 No).**
7. Announcements and Communications
 - [Hazing Laws](#) – Dr. Wilson, Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities: (3:13 pm) Powerpoint presentation and discussion led by Dr. Wilson, noting California's Hazing Laws as well as the new Federal Stop Campus Hazing Act of 2025.

- Senate Budget Update – President Perez: (3:30 pm) There is no new news since we talked about this last week. Still projecting a \$32M deficit for next year. President Perez then gave a short recap of the budget process timeline. Chair Trailer noted that the plan for the last UBC Forum of the year will be May 24, the Friday during Finals Week.
- Reimagining Chico State Academic Affairs [initiative](#) – Provost Cornick: (3:46 pm) The provost has been working with a group to put the feedback on the proposed structures into the new proposed structures. There is an updated timeline on the Reimagine webpage. Addressing a question from last time, Chair Trailer noted that EM 22-013, which prescribes the procedure to approve a change in academic organization, is being followed, and that as the process continues it will continue to be followed; he further explained some of the details. A question was given beforehand asking for all the feedback to be public; as this was collected with the idea of it being confidential information, there will be a thematic summary created that will be available on the webpage soon.
- ChatGPT EDU Rollout – VP Sendze: (3:56 pm) There was a Powerpoint presentation providing the details of this rollout. It is attached to the Agenda.
- Letter from faculty regarding the Tribal Consultation Policy: (3:09 pm) Catherine Lemmi introduced and this was discussed. Possible revisions/clarifications for this policy are in process.

8. University Reports

- Cabinet
 - Pres. Perez: (3:19 pm) In Redding earlier today for a meeting for the North State Together Conference, thinking about what it means to be from a rural area. Noted and appreciated the work done by our Staff Council.
 - VP Brundage: (4:24 pm) Please encourage students to have a safe Spring Break. We are moving in the right direction in terms of enrolment.
 - UDO Morales: (4:25 pm) Thanked Dr. McCarthy for her talk today about “Can we talk across the divide?” He also talked about how we engage with/through our community agreements. His office sent notice yesterday about the Spring 2025 diversity certificate program. Noted ongoing engagement with the Hillel Campus Climate Initiative on combating antisemitism.
 - Provost Cornick: (4:33 pm) Noted that the Academic Affairs budget council is on hold.
- Associated Students Report
 - AS President Sullivan: (4:29 pm) AS just finalized the consultation process for the AS Dining Services. Just came back from CSSA where they spent some time lobbying on behalf of all CSU students on several issues, but, in particular, toward rejecting the proposed budget cuts. Noted that AS elections are upcoming on April 2nd.
- Staff Council Report
 - Staff Council Chair Peterson: (4:35 pm) Staff Council voted to sign the Community Agreements, and Provost Cornick spoke to them about the Reimagining process. Tomorrow is the deadline for the staff art exhibition.
- Executive Committee Report
 - Academic Senate Secretary Coons: (4:37 pm) Summarized EC Meeting from March 7th.

9. Adjourn

- Adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Coons, Academic Senate Secretary