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TO: ACADEMIC SENATORS  
FROM: Michael Coons, Academic Senate Secretary  
SUBJ: **ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES**  
DATE: Thursday April 3, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

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

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

Chair Trailer called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm.

1. Approve Agenda
  - **Approved.**
2. Approve Minutes of 13Mar2025
  - **Approved.**
3. Proposed Resolution: Supporting the Establishment of a CSU Systemwide Staff Council - Staff Council Action Item
  - (2:35 pm) This resolution is for us to support the Staff Council Resolution.
  - **Approved (33 Yes, 0 No).**
4. *Consent Agenda* – EC Action Item
  - Proposed revision of EM 18-009 Alcohol Service: Post-Senate approved Edits
    - (2:39 pm) Chair Trailer recalled the idea of consent agenda for the meeting.
    - **Approved.**
5. Proposed revision of EM 12-025 Policy on Campus Behavior and Violence Prevention – FASP Intro Item
  - (2:45 pm) This revision removes the Campus Behavior part and keeps the Violence Prevention parts. The Campus Behavior parts are covered elsewhere.
  - **Approved (34 Yes, 0 No).**
6. Officer Elections – List of Nominees (2:51 pm)
  - Academic Senate Chair – Dr. Michael Coons Letter of Nomination
    - **Approved by unanimous ballot by FASP Chair Medic.**
  - Academic Senate Vice-Chair – Dr. Amy Magnus Letter of Nomination
    - **Approved by unanimous ballot by Secretary Coons.**
  - Academic Senate Secretary – Dr. Matthew O'Brien Letter of Nomination
    - **Approved by unanimous ballot by Secretary Coons.**

- EPPC Chair – Matthew Teague Miller Letter of Nomination
  - **Approved by unanimous ballot by Secretary Coons.**
- FASP Chair – Special Election
  - **To be resolved at the next Senate meeting after the College elections are complete.**

#### 7. Announcements and Communications

- Senate Budget Update – President Perez: (3:30 pm) The president used the powerpoint from the 24 March 2025 University Budget Forum to remind us of our current and upcoming budget issues. Noted that the projected \$32M deficit is over 10% of our annual budget. The president reminded everyone that there is a “suggestion box” on the President’s website for people to submit their suggestions for both saving money and making money---suggestions can be made with your name or anonymously.
- Reimagining Chico State Academic Affairs initiative – Provost Cornick: (3:45 pm) Noted that the round two Zoom meeting recording is now available on the website. PAC has been meeting and collaborating on some addition material for the expos next week. There will be zoom options for all the expos. After this set of expos there will be time for collaboration and conversations about the next part of the process. Some questions about section reduction and lecturer contracts were raised, and the provost noted that the CBA is continuing to be followed and that many of these issues are separate from the Reimagining process. There were some questions around the “Schools” model and where it originated. In answer to a question, the provost reaffirmed that departments would have a say on where they will be located. The provost agreed to have the research done by EAB to be available to the faculty through the Reimagining website.
- 2025 Kathy Kaiser Service Award Memo: (4:17 pm) Senator Boyd explained the history of this award, and that nominations are being solicited. Please send any nominations to the Academic Senate Office email [academicsenate@csuchico.edu](mailto:academicsenate@csuchico.edu).

#### 8. University Reports

- Cabinet
  - Pres. Perez: (2:58 pm) President Perez thanks the people who put their hands up for Senate leadership and is looking forward to working with them, and thank to all the senators, who have worked so hard this year. Noted that the Staff Art Show is on right now, and it’s fantastic, the president encourages us to go look (in Kendall Hall). There has been a lot of view of the Budget Town Hall recording (over 100!). Noted that we are in the midst of a multi-year slog in budget and enrolment issues---but the work we are doing is working. The percentage of students choosing Chico as a first choice is up, and there are a lot of positive things happen in general. We need to keep up this positivity.
  - VP Clyde: (3:04 pm) We are in the waiting time until May when the actual budget numbers come out. The CHRS is now out, and training is happening. Noted that AS elections are done and there is a new cohort of AS leaders.
  - UDO Morales: (3:06 pm) Save the date April 25 for the faculty/staff association mixer, as part of a broader effort to build community. Free speech office hours are on every week. Diversity certificate program this Spring is focused on open dialogue and mutual understand on pressing global issues.
- Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) – March Plenary Report

- Senator Boyd / Senator Underwood: (3:09 pm) A detailed report is attached, and people are urged to check it out. Chancellor Garcia is encouraging advocacy against budget cuts. There is new policy on applied doctoral program and some concerns about CAL-GETC mathematics requirements. CSU is advancing the OpenAI collaboration. Noted that the CSU is actively assessing the implications of the “Dear Colleague” letter from the Federal Government from 14 February 2025. There were several resolutions that were brought to introduction at the last plenary---please look through these are relay comments to Senators Boyd or Underwood. In the last month alone legislative specialists of the ASCSU have been advocating at the State Capitol and elsewhere for the CSU. There are many letters that have been signed by assembly members and senators urging the governor not to cut the CSU in the way that other state agencies might be cut.
- Associated Students Report
  - AS President Sullivan: (3:25 pm) Recently had our Board of Directors Meeting and have had a resolution from a student on Reimagining Academic Affairs. Also, a resolution on the Time, Place, and Manner policy. AS President Sullivan will join our coalition going to DC next week to advocate. There was some consultation about the dining process. Noted that there are student-only Reimagine Expos coming up. The AS elections have been completed and there is a new group of leaders coming in, including the new AS President Elect Tia Sanders.
- Staff Council Report
  - Staff Council Chair Peterson: (4:21 pm) The report is attached.
- Standing Committee Reports
  - Educational Policies and Programs Report – EPPC Chair Miller: (4:21 pm) Noted the attached report for the one meeting last week since the last senate meeting. There is an interesting question being discussed about how forward facing our class schedule is in this socially and politically charged current climate; this will be a standing item for the remainder of the EPPC meetings this year with the hope of providing a recommendation to Senate by the end of the year.
  - Faculty and Student Policies Committee Report – FASP Chair Medic: (4:24 pm) Summary is attached. One of the items that was finalized was the EM above on Campus Behavior and Violence Prevention. Additionally, we are currently processing some changes to the Policy on Student Academic Integrity and looking at the possible decommission of the constitution of the faculty.
- Executive Committee Report
  - Academic Senate Secretary Coons: (4:27 pm) Noted that we approved a nominee for the Noon Chico Rotary Honoring Educators.

9. Other

- (4:27 pm) Some comments from the newly (re)elected Senate Officers.

10. Adjourn

- Adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Coons, Academic Senate Secretary