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TO: ACADEMIC SENATORS
FROM: Sarah Smith, Academic Senate Secretary
SUBJ: **ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES**
DATE: Thursday September 25, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

Senators Present: Ahern, Attarwala, Boyd, Brookes, Burk, Cline, Coons, Dizard, Duran, Elkins, Geier, He (proxy Lemmi), Jaxon, Johnson, Kaiser, Kamp-Whitaker, Korber, Kredon, Li, Ma, Magnus, Nice, Nichols, Paiva (proxy Magnus), Pouncy, Sargent, Smith, Teague Miller, Tian, Trailer, Underwood, Weaver, Yamada, Weiland (proxy Saunders), Weingartner. Ex-Officio: Brundage, Clyde, Cornick, Perez, Sendze,
Absent: Dutta, Morales, Sueki, Takayama, Whitlatch.

Chair Coons called the meeting to order at 2:38 pm.

1. Approve Agenda.
 - **Approved agenda with minor change to order regarding Announcements (2:43).**
2. Approve Minutes of 5May2025
 - **Approved (2:44).**
3. Announcement
 - VP Clyde noted a last-minute deadline for funding. First round of financial deadlines is upon us, and we plan to meet them.
 - Implementation, re-mapping classifications, open enrollment and audits are occurring.
4. Academic Senate Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Faculty of the California State University, Chico—FASP Discussion Item.
 - Return to next Senate after conferring with Mahalley Allen, potentially as action item.
5. Curriculum approvals –UNCC Information item.
 - 4.1. New Degree, BS in Wildland Stewardship –Letter of support from Mechoopda Chairman.
 - Clarifies option for students
 - 4.2. Option Name Change, BS in Microbiology (Option in Medical Microbiology).
 - Name change makes commensurate with sister CSUs. Requested from Chancellors office.
 - 4.3. Degree Designation Change, BSW in Social Work.
 - Innovation brought forward from faculty in multiple different colleges.
6. Announcements and Communications
 - No further Announcements and Communications.
7. University Reports (Questions may be asked at the end of each report)
 - 6.1. Cabinet – Pres. Perez/Prov. Cornick/VP Brundage/VP Clyde/UDO Morales/VP Sendze/VP Whitlatch
 - Pres. Perez: Met with Tribal Council. Budget cuts were less severe than projected. Enrollment improvements. Building closures in the summer to ensure safe campus

community. “Wildcat guarantee” for instant admissions in process. Transfer numbers are up.

- Morales rep: Highlighted conflict resolution guidance and community agreements for meeting best practices.
- Provost Cornick: Academic Affairs town hall was well attended. Website will be refreshed. Provost office identifying areas for strategic investment. May launch Dean search for library, as staff are currently reporting to Provost. Online programs directors meeting working on potential suite of remote programs.
- VP Sendze: Please complete the AI survey so that feedback can be utilized to inform policy, use in research and grants.
- VP Brundage: Chico State has a spirit day every Friday, providing for discounts when Chico State gear is worn. October 11 is Chico Preview. October 6 is banned book night.
- 6.2. Academic Senate of the CSU—May 2025 Plenary, September 2025 Plenary
 - Senator Underwood/Boyd: Discussed common course numbering.
 - Sonoma State University struggles serve as reminder for careful planning. A few resolutions passed. Second reading of the General Standards for Ethnic Studies in November. Women in Game Development will be coming in Announcements.
- 6.3. Associated Students Report – AS President Weiland (proxy for Saunders)
 - Focusing on mental health resource awareness and growth of cultural identity center.
 - CSSA 18 month agreement.
 - Some students are opting out of the student fee.
- 6.4. Staff Council Report – Staff Council Chair Elkins
 - Faculty recognition and support nominations close October 10.
- 6.5. Standing Committee Reports
 - 6.5.1. University Curriculum Committee Report – UNCC Chair Miller
 - 7...1. Minor curriculum approvals. Academic Senate Bylaws Amendment.
 - 6.5.2. Faculty and Student Policies Committee Report – FASP Chair Geier
 - 7...1. Jason Nice introduced the faculty constitution revision for the next meeting. Jason will send to EC for discussion.
- 6.6. Executive Committee Report – Academic Senate Secretary Smith
 - EC discussed faculty constitution revision and addressed several perfunctory and housekeeping items.

8. Other.

9. Adjourn

- **Adjourned at 4:25 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Smith, Academic Senate Secretary