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TO: ACADEMIC SENATORS  
FROM: Sarah Smith, Academic Senate Secretary  
SUBJ: **ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES**  
DATE: Thursday October 23, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

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

Chair Coons called the meeting to order at 2:37 pm.

1. Reminder of our Community Agreements.
2. Approve Agenda.
3. **Approved agenda with minor change to order of New Business (move up Curriculum Approvals and Bylaws Amendment on Resolutions—Senate Introduction Item (UNCC Chair Miller to present)**
  - **Amendment to Senate Agenda to postpone Bylaws Amendment (2:48).**
    - Motion (Paiva) to Return to Bylaws Amendment next meeting with title and proposed language and original document connected to amendment. **Approved.**
4. Approve Academic Senate Minutes of 25Sept2025
  - **Approved (2:50)**

**New Business**

5. **Curriculum Approvals-UNCC Information Item.**
  - 5.1 Discontinue, Forensic Science Certificate
  - 5.2. New Minor, Forensic Science
  - 5.3. New Minor, Human Computer Interaction Design
  - 5.4. Name Change, Communication Design Minor
    - **Informed.**
6. Academic Senate Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Faculty of the California State University Chico\_FASP Introduction Item.
  - Article 3, section 3 discussed at length, similar issues to those discussed in FASP. Senator Kamp-Whitaker presented workshopped language, senators would like to continue to adjust the language to align the intent with the wording.
  - Article 3, section 1 responsibility of faculty to approve “all” policies discussed as possibly conflicting with President responsibilities.
  - Article 4 discussed regarding ensuring as much inclusion and participation as possible.
  - Discussion regarding process to allow more time to identify best wording and consultation with constituents.
  - **Approved (31 Yes, 0 No) as Introduction Item (3:32).**

7. Charge for Academic Senate to Appeal Lecturer Voting Eligibility regarding Faculty Constitution—  
Senate Introduction Item
  - This Amendment appeals to the Senate, by way of a vote, to include all Unit 3 faculty as full voting members.
  - (Senator Paiva) Clarification that, if this passes, the Academic Senate has redefined what voting faculty are in the faculty constitution.
  - (Chair Coons) Concur and asks this clarification to be included in minutes (3:39).
  - Further discussion clarifying application of voting rights. CBA supersedes FPPP, but voting rights apply to issues in constitution, not those in FPPP. This change would not override Department standards and constitutions.
  - **Approved (32 Yes, 2 No) as Introduction Item (3:48).**
8. Resolution “Call for shared governance in policies and procedures related to the use of artificial intelligence in teaching and learning”—Senate Introduction Item (Senator Nice to present).
  - Purpose is not to call for an overriding policy on artificial intelligence, but rather, to consider and discuss with each other the ethical ways in which it is used and to appreciate how it is differently across disciplines and instructors
  - Consultation about this has been broad, and has led to clarification that this is regarding teaching and learning, not the university’s use of AI overall.
  - Meeting to discuss further on Monday in Arts 228.
  - Suggestion to remove “Procurement” from language.
  - Concerns about individuals using and relying on AI to do tasks that faculty, students and administrators should be doing and inputting others’ work into AI engines without permission.
  - Question regarding whether there will be something to address use of AI in the university setting in the context of what is appropriate, how we can devise a community agreement.
  - Some do not consider use of AI ethical in any context.
  - Departments should discuss AI and RTP.
  - **Approved (31 Yes, 0 No) (4:44).**

### Communications

9. Announcements and Communications
  - 9.1. SEM Plan Presentation (AVP Desir and Kate McCarthy, time-certain 4pm) No further Announcements and Communications.
    - Enrollment is on an upward trajectory but we must ensure our efforts are intentional, strategic and collaborative.
    - Presentation of top five challenges, three-year enrollment goal, 16 objectives which lead to 37 initiatives.
    - (Pres. Perez) Projections are dire for high school students, so this plan is forward-thinking.
    - (Senator Underwood) question on investment in bringing forward new classes.
    - (Provost Cornick) Carved out \$100,000 for strategic investment, a mini RFP will be coming out.
    - (Senator Kaiser) Clarification requested on how the initiatives address dual enrollment.
    - (AVP Desir) We are considering dual enrollment but we need to ensure that we are careful not to cannibalize community college pipeline.
    - (Senator Paiva) Clarification requested on direct admissions in the context of Newsom Senate Bill 640.

- (AVP Desir) Direct admissions will drive applications to all CSUs but we typically gain students regardless of increase in choices.

10. University Reports (Questions may be asked at the end of each report)

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- 10.1. Cabinet – Pres. Perez/Prov. Cornick/VP Brundage/VP Clyde/UDO Morales/VP Sendze/Interim VP Harrington
- (Pres. Perez): Budget education meeting went well, next one is November 17. Casillas family dedicated building (auditorium) on campus. Legislative staff toured campus to see how well we use our resources and where we need more. Wildcat weekend was also a success. There will be a gathering at Pres Perez’s house Wednesday, October 30.
- (Provost Cornick): VP Brundage and I will be consulting over the next AY regarding how to improve student experience and advisor workload, discussion will be ongoing.
- (VP Brundage): Hmong New Year approaches. We will be tabling during Halloween festivities to keep students engaged positively.

11. Adjourn

- **Adjourned at 4:58 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Smith, Academic Senate Secretary