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

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**Senators Present:** Ahern, Attarwala, Boyd, Brookes (proxy for Thapa), Burk, Cline, Clyde, Coons, Dizard (proxy for Weingartner), Duran, Dutta, Elkins, 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 for Saunders), White, Yamada. Ex-Officio: Brundage, Cornick, Perez, Sendze, Morales.

**Absent:** Mazzei, Sendze, Sueki, Tian, Takayama

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

1. Reminder of our Community Agreements.
2. Approve Agenda
  - **Approved. (2:41)**
3. Approve Academic Senate Meeting Minutes from 23Oct2025
  - Change faculty constitution revision introduction to Kim Jaxon (instead of Jason Nice).
  - **Approved (2:42).**

Old Business

4. Academic Senate Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Faculty of the California State University, Chico—FASP Action Item. Faculty Constitution.
  - Motion (Senator Nice) for new language. **Motion passed (34 yes, 0 no) (3:34)**
  - Motion to add to Article 9, section 4 that the university president approves amendments. **Motion passed (31 yes, 0 no).**
  - Motion (Senator Kredo): Remove dates or references from CBA that signal dates (In Article IV, for example)  
Pres. Perez: We may want to refer back to collective bargaining agreements from the past because the CBA may change after new agreements.
  - **Motion failed (7 yes, 26 no)**
  - **Committee of the Whole** initiated to contemplate further language changes.
  - Senator Kamp-Whitaker proposes language on Article III, section III to reflect the importance of academic freedom and the role of the practice of tenure without inadvertently suggesting that non-tenure track instruction is less important.

- Further discussion of appropriate language regarding academic freedom and ethos of tenure statements.
- Committee of Whole ends (3:27).
- Motion (Senator Kamp-Whitaker). Replace current text with “It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Faculty to defend academic freedom of all faculty regardless of tenured status as an indispensable element of a successful campus. Further, Faculty shall work to protect and promote the ethos and institution of tenure in recognition of the increased freedoms and protections that such status provides.”
- Motion (Senator Paiva) regarding opposition to “regardless of tenured status” language. Amend the amendment to remove “regardless of tenured status.”
- Call to Question. No opposition to Call to Question.
- Kamp-Whitaker **motion passed (33 yes, 0 no)**.
- Motion (Senator Nice) to Call to Question the whole amendment given issues have been addressed besides judgments about using “Academic Year” or other timeframe “when the vote is conducted” or “when the petition is submitted,” as any decision will be subjective.
- **Motion passed (30 yes, 0 no)**.
- Motion to bring Amendment to the entire faculty for a vote.
- **Motion passed (33 yes, 0 no) (3:42)**.

Bio-break (time certain 3:45pm)

5. Charge for Academic Senate to Appeal Lecturer Voting Eligibility regarding Faculty Constitution—  
Senate Action Item. Faculty Constitution.

- Chair Coons clarified that the appeal asserts that all Unit 3 faculty are given faculty voting rights; this would allow all unit 3 faculty to vote on the collection of proposed amendments like the ones we passed today.
- Any amendment or change to any part of the constitution have to go before all faculty for a vote.
- Discussion regarding the different applications, whether or not voting applies to department meetings or just Senate meetings.
- Chair Coons clarifies that it applies to everything in the faculty constitution. In current constitution, anything that faculty can vote for, this will allow all to vote. If approved, all may vote on the proposal that the Senate sends to the entire faculty, on all the duties and responsibilities in the current constitution.
- Chair Coons clarifies that faculty can call for a review of Senate actions. Lecturers don’t currently have right to vote on that. The change would give them that vote.
- **Motion passed (28 yes, 0 no) (4:33)**.

6. Resolution “Call for shared governance related to the use of artificial intelligence in teaching and learning”

- Senator Jaxon presented draft with a few suggested changes after consulting with directors of IT and others with Senator Nice.
- Senator Jaxon clarified that we should we consider them as a collection, as everything was already discussed in introduction during the last meeting. Tasking faculty committees to be very intentional in making policies, specifically with regard to teaching.
- 600 students, 191 faculty, about 20% responded to the survey.
- Motion (Senator Underwood) to add in some of the statistics.
- **Motion passed (30 yes, 0) 4:37**.

- **Resolution passed (30 yes, 0 no) 4:42**

#### New Business

##### 7. Academic Senate Bylaws Amendment on Resolutions—Senate Introduction Item

- UNCC Chair Miller presented the purpose of the amendment is to give more time for officers to thoroughly read, prepare. Reading a resolution while in a meeting is very difficult for some, not providing sufficient time reduces accessibility.
- In addition, proposal to lift the threshold of passing a resolution from 50% plus 1 to 2/3 vote.
- Senator Boyd clarifies that there are other ways we could allow for time such as recesses, referendums, and other options afforded by Robert's Rules.
- Senator Paiva suggests that, as stated in Article II, we could have two readings in one meeting, one at introduction, one at action.
- Discussion whether the language should include two readings at two different meetings, or whether senators could request an extra reading to avoid a lag in Senate time.
- Pres. Perez suggests that the language be changed to "at least 2/3 vote" for clarity, consistency.
- Senator Underwood cautions the elimination of potentiality of suspensions, ability to table an item, which Robert's Rules allows.
- Call to question, seconded. (24 yes, 0 no)
- **Motion Passed at Introduction (19 yes, 5 no).**

#### Communications

##### 8. Announcements and Communications

###### 8.1. WASCUC Presentation (Kate McCarthy, time-certain 4pm)

- WASCUC is Wasc senior college and university commission. Students cannot receive federal financial aid if we're not accredited. We are up for reaccreditation next year, the process has already started. We have put together a committee formed with representatives from all divisions, hoping to complete institutional self-report in March. Due to them in August. On-site visit will be in February 2027. Each essay team has a lead (institutional report essay teams).
- Please fill out the survey to suggest items for what has changed since 2019, including success stories, improvements that you think should be part of the narrative, most important areas for improvement. This is an opportunity to contribute your voice.

##### 9. Adjourn.

**Adjourned at 5:05 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Smith, Academic Senate Secretary