Cal State Fullerton

ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2026

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM **MH-141**

Present: Bruschke, Childers, Dabirian, Gradilla, Graewingholt, Jarvis, Kleinjans, Mallicoat, Milligan, Swarat
Absent: Valdez

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Dabirian called the meeting to order at 11:31am.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

- Q: If UPS 210.070 will not make it back to Senate in time for the end of the semester, should we advise departments to revise the personnel standards?

  A: Yes.

  Q: At the state level, Long Beach is getting accommodations, basically. They have 21 adjuncts that are now tenure track, or tenured. My question is, is that something that Cal State Fullerton should be looking at, especially after the conversation about our ratio of tenure track to students and our increasing enrollment of students?

  A: This was brought up to the Provost, but there was no appetite to move this forward at the moment.

- The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (Gradilla) I have a talk tomorrow from 12PM – 2PM in PLN-130. There will be food. Feel free to come to my talk, it will be with the author talking about her book on alternative or non-corporal punishment on children.
- (Swarat) First, there is a Student Success Symposium this Thursday-Friday. That's what the Chancellor holds together every year. It used to be called the GI 2025 Symposium. So, each campus has 10 people they can invite. I will report back next week on what is discussed.

  I thought that this body should know some of the strategies that we're going to tell the Chancellor or Chancellor's Office that we're going to do this year to improve retention and student success. The first bucket of things is to focus on this new cultural opportunity students to support underrepresented, first-generation students.

  The second bucket of things is to look into the 1A and 1C enrollment of students, making sure they finish in the first year. That's the thing that we're doing with Yuying [Tsong] to make sure that we will try to maximize the number of students who finish this in the first year.

  Then there's a few things on math, because math is the biggest area where our students are not doing well. One is to really look into expanding Aleks. It's a module that students do pre-matriculation to prepare them for taking calculus classes. It's a program that has shown some positive impact.

- The Executive Committee had an extensive discussion on this matter.

- (Swarat) The IRA Taskforce report is now ready. The President's Office will have Exec join the cabinet meeting to reveal the findings first before the November 5th Senate meeting on November 4th. A calendar invite will be sent out to you all for November 4th from 9-10AM.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 EC Minutes 10-6-26 (draft) – *forthcoming*

4.2 EC Minutes 10-13-26 (draft) - *forthcoming*

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- I discussed with the President our concerns with e-scooters. On November 19th, we will have transportation [Kristin Jasko] come to the Senate to discuss their findings on e-scooters and the transportation study. She will have 20 minutes for this discussion.
- For IRA, I had a meeting with VP Doss and Dave Edwards, and the IRA will present their findings at the November 5th Senate meeting.
  - The Executive Committee had an extensive discussion on this matter.
  - Jon Bruschke will present on the IRA at the 10/27 Exec meeting for 10 minutes.
- I discussed UPS 210.070 with the President, and I will talk to Sean Walker and Mark Carrier to come back to Senate to present on it.
  - The Executive Committee had an extensive discussion on this matter.
- I have invited R.A.C.E. to come to an Exec meeting for the Shared Governance Resolution and will let you all know what date they will be coming.

VI. PROVOST REPORT – 12:30PM

- IRA Taskforce Report

  Q: (Bruschke) The IRA committee report's coming out on November 5th and then there's going to be a shared governance process that begins. What is that?

  A: (Walker) There will be a meeting invite coming to you all to meet with the extended cabinet on November 4th, so there will be previews about this that we will discuss, and then we will have our discussion with the Senate. There are a number of items on the IRA Task Force's radar that will explain why this is a complicated question to answer. Some of them involve purview and tasks associated with just the IRA. Some of them involve SFAC. SFAC is the Student Fee Advisory Committee.

  Q: (Dabirian) What are the next steps of us getting involved in a shared governance process? What does this look like from the decision makers?

  A: (Walker) So this fits in with SFAC and the process that's laid out for students, so your representatives on those committees.

  - The Executive Committee had an extensive discussion on this matter.
- PRBC Documents

  (Walker) There are two PRBC documents that came up [UPS 100.600 and UPS 100.900]. We discussed why do we have two separate documents that are both dealing with establishing departments, like entities, not academic units. The subcommittee that I'm on mentioned combining these two documents as opposed to having two separate documents, one for schools and one for departments.

  - The Executive Committee had an extensive discussion on this matter.
- Student Success Symposium

  (Bruschke) Two thoughts that we expressed in this room are (1) the student preparedness component does not seem to be prominently featured in plans yet. we aren't having a lot of success getting students from the first semester to the second semester. A large part of that is probably the skills that they come in with, you know, doing something that can address that in a way that supports instructors instead of being well-off or outside the classroom is probably important. The second one is regarding online, or the lived experience of the faculty are the people who are taking the online classes are not coming out with the same skill set that people are getting from face-to-face. The Student Success Framework just seems to be "standardize everything". If it falls in the category and somebody has approved it, then we accept it.

(Walker) I would say preparedness is only one component of the issues that we have with students starting. I just want us to acknowledge that it's more than one thing.

(Swarat) Can I clarify something? Jon said earlier he heard the Chancellor's Office is pushing for 30% online. I have not heard that. I just want to clarify, is there a push from the university or the system?

(Walker) It's news to me. I would need to go look at the numbers, but I'd be really surprised if the departments and the colleges made some decisions that really moved that needle.

VII. STAFF REPORT

- The fiscal state will be moved to December 10th. This has been confirmed with VP Graylee's office and the President's Office.

VIII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

8.1 University Advancement Board [Gradilla], W 10-14-26, 9:00 – 10:00AM, Zoom

- The meeting focused on reviewing and discussing updates to the university naming policy (UPS 100.300), with the new VP of University Advancement, Steven George
- The committee discussed definitions of major and minor facilities, the distinction between philanthropic and non-philanthropic naming processes, and the need for clearer language around timing and initiation procedures
- VP emphasized the importance of maintaining consistent processes across philanthropic and non-philanthropic naming and ensuring alignment with CSU system guidelines
- The group agreed that more specific language to differentiate between philanthropic and non-philanthropic naming would be beneficial, and discussed the need to add timelines and improve the structure of the policy document
- Christine proposed forming a smaller subgroup to revise the policy document, adding clearer structure, including timelines and headings, with the goal of delivering suggested revisions before the next committee meeting

8.2 University Writing Proficiency Committee [Mallicoat], F 10-16-26, 9:00 – 11:00AM, Zoom

- Meeting called to order at 9:03
- There was not a quorum of voting members until the student rep joined at 9:30, so there was some discussion on issues, but no decisions for the first 30 minutes.
- During the conversations, Shelly raised the issue with Public Administration's certification/decertification courses. PA does not intend to use POSC 421 and 422 moving forward to meet the GWAR, but was concerned that if they decertified it, this would impact those students in older catalog years. So, the preference is that this group would just not re-certify these classes. Shelly will reach out to Greg about how this needs to be reflected for TDA purposes, etc.
- Shelly is unable to be present for November 20th, so there was conversation about whether to cancel the meeting. (Note: Stacy will also not be able to be present due to a conference, so if they decide to hold a meeting, someone from Exec would need to attend and chair the meeting). The decision was made to note it as "as needed" in case additional work was received.
- The committee reviewed ASAM/AFAM/CHIC 307. Moved to approve by Teeanna and 2nd by Emily. I'll note that the student did not vote when prompted and did not reply, so the committee took that as an abstention.
- The committee also reviewed ANTH 480. This was not officially up for review last year or this year, so it's unclear when this was submitted. The committee raised several concerns with this course. The committee will provide feedback to the department for their revision.
- Meetings for 9/18 approved (Teeanna motion, Emily 2nd).
- Meeting adjourned at 9:56

8.3 Faculty Affairs Committee [Jarvis], F 10-16-26, 10:00 – 12:00PM, MH-141

- UPS 291.000: Rescinding—nobody cares much about this policy, and only about 1.5 colleges are following it.

- Began discussion of UPS 300.011 (selection of course materials). Want to get Risk Management to look at the legal portions on this, consider taking those out of this document.
- Lecturers came from 11-12 to discuss UPS 210.070. It now seems very unlikely that FAC and Senate can pass changes to this in time for this cycle.

8.4 Academic Standards Committee [Swarat], F 10-16-26, 12:30 – 2:00PM, Zoom

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:32. Quorum met.
- Minutes from the last meeting approved.
- The committee approved UPS 300.021 – Academic Dishonesty, which will be submitted to the Senate Exec.
- The committee began review of UPS 300.017 – Incomplete Authorized (I) and Incomplete Charged (IC). Extensive discussion and revision took place. The revised UPS was approved by the committee and will be submitted to the Senate Exec.
- Meeting adjourned 13:51.

8.5 Planning, Resource, and Budget Committee [Bruschke], F 10-16-26, 1:00 – 2:30PM, PLS-299

- Scheduled divisional presentations; much interest in a template. Concern was that past presentations have been heavy on PR and light on time to ask difficult questions.
- Started discussion of UPS 100.900, and there was concern about the value of what a "school" was.

8.6 General Education Committee [Kleinjans for Childers], F 10-16-26, 2:00 – 4:00PM, Zoom

- I'm subbing for Greg.
- Quorum reached. Minutes passed.
- UPS 411.200: There was quite a bit of discussion, including but not limited to, about this new process and the need for it, that courses would change if they are offered as an honor's course and thus might need to go through review process, and a lot of other questions. Kevin will send questions to Stacy and Greg.
- GE By the numbers: Planned for 3/4/2027 at 11:30am. Space to celebrate the faculty who are involved in assessment and look back at the 10 years of assessment and consider future plans. Flyer to be provided.
- GE Challenges and Procedures:
    - COUNS 252 (4A) – challenged by Sociology. Will be discussed at the (tentative) meeting on 11/13, to take place in person and with affected parties invited. The meeting will be moved to Zoom if one of the affected parties cannot attend in person. There was some discussion about the procedures at the meeting, which will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.
    - HUSR 201 – may come back with revisions. The question is whether Sociology is able to challenge the proposed GE inclusion again; will ask Greg.
- 5 GE Classes to review
    - AGNG 391 (5U) - approved with friendly recommendations about syllabus organization
    - CAS 365 (4U) – coming back from last semester. Will be discussed on 10/30.
    - HCOM 305 (4U) – will ask proposer for clarification on a couple of things.
    - PHIL 399 (2U) – approved with friendly suggestions.
    - READ 201 (3B) – not discussed (ran out of time)
- Will try to invite someone from Michigan Tech to the next meeting (Garrett Struckhoff)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 New Policy on Department's Establishing Bylaws – (Discussion item)

- (Jarvis) I took a quick run at writing bylaws. It does put its thumb on the scale, like quorum takes a third. It clarifies a lot of things, and it's a lot easier for the chair to go by. So, the questions would be where do we send it?

Q: (Swarat) Should we ask the chairs and deans their feedback on it?

A: (Dabirian) Why don't I bring it up to the Provost Council? That way, the deans are there and the deans can share it with their department chairs. Matt can go to the Council of Chairs meeting with it, and I will bring it to the Provost Council. We can do the deans first and then bring it to the Council of Chairs in January.

9.2 UPS 100.015 Review and Revision of University Policy Statements – (Discussion item)

- The Executive Committee will modify/discuss revisions to the document regarding the revision process and bring it back for review for the Senate, with explanations, by the Spring semester.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.