

## ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES JULY 14, 2026

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MH-141

Present: Brusckke, Childers, Dabirian, Gradilla, Graewingholt, Jarvis, Kleinjans, Mallicoat, Milligan, Valdez, Walsh (for Swarat)

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Dabirian called the meeting to order at 11:12 am.

### II. URGENT BUSINESS

- The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.

Q: Do you know the status of PLN-130?

A: Yes, with the revamping, the ceiling will be painted black, they put a video wall in there, and they are trying to get it ready by the end of the month.

Q: Is there a chair or a bench that is going on the side where that seal is, and would that potentially change the way the room is configured?

A: I asked them not to do that because it will have an impact on Senate.

- The Executive Committee had an extensive discussion on this matter.
- I wanted to bring up Josh Grisetti. There should be a CSUF news article about any faculty member that passes away. They are a member of our community. If there is nothing sent out by the end of our meeting, the Senate will send out a message. I am very appreciative about the things we do in Senate, but I would like more communication across campus.

#### Suggestion:

- For Chair Dabirian to bring this topic up to Strategic Communications and Brand Management.
- The Senate staff to create an Instagram account for this communication to go out directly on there.

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No announcements.

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- M/S/P (Jarvis/Valdez) Motion to approve the June 16<sup>th</sup> EC Minutes. Motion passed.

4.1 EC Minutes 6-16-26 (draft)

### V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- I met with a handful of the VP's and discussed topics such as our Emeriti policy, UPS 210.007, shared governance, Concur/travel, and Information Technology updates with the appropriate VP.
- The Executive Committee had an extensive discussion on these items.
- I have asked the Director of Travel to come to Exec to discuss with us any problems we are having with Concur and travel reimbursements until our problems are resolved.
- (Mallicoat) It's less of a lack of clarity on travel reimbursements, but more of a need for clarity on what each stage needs.

Suggestion:

- For Exec to send their Concur comments to Senate staff ahead of time so they can be sent to the Director of Travel prior to our discussion.
- I spoke with Katie McGill about the Scottish Rite memo, and we will wait for feedback before sending it out.

## **VI. PROVOST REPORT – 12:30 PM**

➤ New Climate Survey:

Folks are working on it. They will probably do it in the same way that they have previously. I will follow-up with folks on this.

➤ Intercession:

We do not yet have guidance from the Chancellor's Office about what they want us to do. The intercession term would be within spring, so instead of a term, it would be a session. Right now, we do not have anything on how to pull this off. If we can set it up correctly, then it lets students be eligible for all of their title 4A, instead of just only some of them. It does make things better, but there's a bunch of different pathways to get there. We have been told we don't have to change the academic calendar, so the intercession is not changing at all.

One thing that we would want to be most aware of, which I think we should talk about anyway, is with regard to academic calendar, is the grades due for the Fall semester, because right now, they're due in January. We are pretty much the only campus that does them that late. So, I would say considering moving that earlier might be a good thing.

In part, structurally, for a lot of the work that folks have to do for closing end of term, not for all the grading that faculty have to do, if we can get started at the very end of the Fall semester and be wrapping up and finishing January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we're able to do things like get the prerequisite and reports stuff out to people in three weeks or two and a half weeks before the semester starts, so people are able to do things and work with students as opposed to the week before classes start where they kind of have to rush.

Exec had an extensive discussion on intercession.

➤ Adjunct-to-Tenure Track Reclassification at CSUF:

First, I want to say reclassification is the wrong word. When we think of reclassification, what we're thinking of is we are taking a staff member and moving them from like an Analyst I position to an Analyst II position. This implies we're kind of taking a lecturer faculty member and we're moving them into a tenure track slot. While that does happen, it is not done in that way.

I spoke with Karyn Scissum Gunn and what they worked through was a process that's basically like an internal search process for the lecturer faculty. It involves deans and chairs, and it's like a search process. Karyn will send me more information, but it does sound like an internal search. One thing I wanted conveyed to you all was that one of the things that was important to them was to make sure that they're not moving someone from a lecturer track to the tenure track only to fail.

➤ The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.

➤ IRA Funding:

(Bruschke): I wanted to share that one viable option is a referendum. It appears to me there's not a real clear process for how a referendum happens. But I'm just hoping that if we do get to a point where we're thinking about doing that referendum, this next referendum effort would enjoy the same support from the administration than the last two referenda.

(Walker): What I will say is that the task force has got maybe one or two more meetings, and then that task force is going to generate recommendations that will go to the President. I think I can safely say that raising the fee or referendum and all sorts of other things are still on the table because we generated a list of items to talk about. The committee's working through that. There will be recommendations that will go to the President, and then we'll find out what the president wants to do from there.

Q: (Bruschke) Is there an opportunity to address that task force other than sending an e-mail?

A: (Walker) At this point, that's how we've been taking community feedback.

Exec had an extensive discussion on IRA funding.

➤ CSU Student Success Framework:

Q: (Kleinjans) A couple years ago, we changed the time between final exams to only 10 minutes, and I have had colleagues complain to me it is harming the students and faculty when there is more than one exam. Why did we cut it? Or is there a way to increase that?

A: (Walker) I think what has happened is we need so many exam slots and there is not a whole lot of time.

So right now, we are at about 44% 4-year graduation rate. We have not gotten a when we're measuring the target. We do not know if that is for the Fall of '27 cohort or if it's going to end up being Fall of '28. We do know that for 4-year graduation, they've jumped 15% to around 55%.

Q: (Mallicoat) So in two years, they want 50%?

A: (Walker) Yes. There's a lot of stuff that needs to be unpacked with these goals. One of the things that's going to be a little bit different than GI 2025 is that there's going to be discussion of instead of just looking at the graduation rates, they're going to start looking at these intermediate steps or retention between years and then transition between how many units are you completing in your first year, and all of that sort of stuff. So, the initial signals that they're going to be looking at are not going to be graduation rate, they are going to be looking at our retention and our movement from Year 1 to Year 4.

The other metrics that are going to come in are going to be things about job and graduate school placement, experiential learning, participation rates, alumni engagement, student access and socioeconomic mobility, career earnings, and net cost of attendance.

Over the course of the Fall, there's going to be some additional discussions and some stuff that happens because the October Student Success convening will be the first time that the big groups of folks get together for this.

Q: (Walsh) Don't we already do some measurement of social mobility?

A: (Walker) Yes, we do some. It's not measured; it's system wide.

Q: (Jarvis) Do they care about grad school admissions or grad school attendance?

A: (Walker) I'm going to say it says grad school placement within 6 and 12 months of graduation, so I would say that's admitted.

Q: (Bruschke) Part of the conversation needs to be, how do we get these less prepared students more individualized help that they need?

A: (Walker) It's focused on retention because right now, to meet the goals that we have set, we're not retaining enough students.

Q: (Gradilla) Are we doing anything for first year experience then?

A: (Walker) First year experience was delegated down to the colleges, so the colleges have been doing the first year experiences that they choose to.

➤ Enrollment Update:

We are in pretty good shape. We are looking at about 75-80% of target. The colleges range between 70% all the way up to 102% of their targets. So, FTES wise, we're in a good spot for the first-time incoming students for the first years, but 57% of them are not enrolled. That's about 4000 students. There's still quite a bit on the first-time freshman side and that's where you see the really big up in FTE and normally, remember these are flipped because the transfer students started in June, and then the first-time first-year students started in July.

Of our continuing students, we have about 8,000 students who are not currently enrolled. That is only 22% of the students who are term activated. The place where we have significant opportunity is really with admits from Fall 2025 to 2024, where there's 2,000+ of each of those groups that are not currently enrolled.

Q: (Dabirian) How are we doing with graduate students?

A: (Walker) We are down.

## **VII. STAFF REPORT**

- Our new ASC starts on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and will come to our next meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> to introduce herself.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 AA/AS Annual Retreat, Fall 2026 - Date TBD / Topic: TBD

8.2 UPS Documents for Review AY 2026-27

1. UPS Documents for Review AY 2026-27 – Summary

- Exec continued working on reviewing the UPS documents that need to be reviewed and identified which committee they need to be assigned to. Exec decided to place the UPS documents that Senate did not discuss in time during the Marathon meeting on the agenda for the 1<sup>st</sup> AS meeting on 8/27.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Annual Reports for Review from AY 2025-26

1. Annual Reports for Review from AY 2025-26 – Summary

9.2 Revisions to UPS 100.300 - Policy and Procedures for Naming of Facilities, Properties, Colleges, Schools, and Academic Entities

- (Dabirian) I want to suspend this until I talk to VP George.

9.3 Search Committee

➤ Vice President for Administration and Finance

- (Dabirian) We need names for 3 faculty members to serve on this search committee.
- (Jarvis) Our recent practice has been the Senate office sends out a Google Form to solicit volunteers for search committees. We could do the same for this search.
- (Dabirian) Yes, we can send out a survey to see who is interested.
- Exec agreed. Senate staff to send out email to solicit volunteers for the VP search and give a deadline of six weeks.

9.4 CO Student Success Framework – (Discussion item)

9.5 Revisions to UPS 210.000 - Tenure and Promotion Personnel Procedures

- This document will be placed on the agenda for the 1<sup>st</sup> AS meeting on 8/27.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.