



ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

OCTOBER 14, 2025

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

MH-141

Present: Bono, Childers, Gradilla, Graewingholt, Jarvis, Kanel, Kleinjans, Swarat, Wood, Valdez (for Milligan)

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Jarvis called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

- I just want to mention that Governor Newsom vetoed the community colleges to get their Bachelor of Nursing; that's a huge victory. Statewide pressed and the legislative committee pressed, they went to the Board of Trustees, they pressed the Governor, and he denied it.

At the same time, he also signed AB 715, which we also advocated against, the union advocated against, and the California Teachers Union advocated against and he's still signed it.

Q: What was the reason that people gave to do that?

A: They were claiming antisemitism.

Q: Did we hear back about anything permanent for that little parking lot?

A: What I heard back was that they are aware, and they are working on it, it's a work in progress. That lot is apparently going to go away for the Landmark Hall rebuild.

The other thing I've heard, VP Porter said the city is doing something with Nutwood that may be improving Nutwood's ability to be a drop-off location by possibly adding a pullout lane.

Q: Did we hear back about waivers for weekend parking?

A: I haven't heard anything on waivers for weekend parking.

- We were told it was tabled.
- Well, they need to roll out whatever the decision is, because right now there is a lot of confusion.
- It's causing some problems for campus events on the weekends and it's affecting decisions about those events and programs and activities that support the mission.

- The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.

- An update on the policy on graduate instruction. Undergraduate students can now include a graduate class by exception as part of the major officially. They've done that before but now can officially do it.

- WASC lifted their 25% cap on credit for prior learning in the degree. That is being worked on now, the update of the credit to allow more than 25%. So, that Executive Order will come and the campus will need to decide whether we want to lift our past limit.

Q: Have you looked at veteran service or military service in particular regarding that?

A: No, it's mentioned in the Credit for Prior Learning, but not particularly.

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III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No announcements.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- M/S/P (Kleinjans/Kanel) Motion to approve September 9th minutes. Motion passed.
- 4.1 EC Minutes 9-9-25 (draft)
- M/S/P (Kleinjans/Swarat) Motion to approve September 23rd minutes. Motion passed.
- 4.2 EC Minutes 9-23-25 (draft)
- M/S/P (Kanel/Jarvis) Motion to approve September 30th minutes. Motion passed.
- 4.3 EC Minutes 9-30-25 (draft)
- 4.4 EC Minutes 10-7-25 (draft) - *forthcoming*

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- I'm going to the GI 2025 Conference by LAX.

VI. PROVOST REPORT - 12:30 PM

- The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.
Computer science is looking at Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence. This will be a pilot.
Q: (Swarat) They're elevating that concentration?
A: (Provost) Yes.
Q: (Jarvis) Separate major?
A: (Provost) Yes, separate major.
Q: (Kleinjans) Do they have faculty to teach those courses?
A: (Provost) We brought new faculty members in, and the last one had machine learning as part of their emphasis. So, I think that's what they're pushing.
- We are going to, me, Matt, and Su are going to the GI 2025 Conference for the next two days to find out what the Chancellor's office has in store for us. I will bring back the results.
- The Provost search is on; we will have on-campus interviews the first week of December.
- The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.

VII. STAFF REPORT

- The Trustees bios have been added to the meeting makers.
- HR will be sending out meeting makers for Exec to meet with candidates.

VIII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

- 8.1 ASI Board [Jarvis], T-10-7-25, 1:15 - 3:45 PM, TSU Legislative Chambers
 - Presentations from Athletics, Su on strategic plan, HRIE on searches and updates from Cecil Chik (NAIRC to open soon).
- 8.2 University Advancement Board [Gradilla], W, 10-8-25, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, CP-810
 - Review UPS 100.300 Policy and Procedures for Naming of Facilities, Properties, Colleges, Schools, and Academic Entities
 - The committee reviewed President Rochon's memo as to why he didn't sign the memo. We were uncomfortable with the President's request to completely eliminate all faculty consultation. We recommended including the Senate Chair and designated Deans, Chairs, or Unit directors, and then developing a confidentiality process and protocol to align with CSU EO and state laws.

- I recommended that faculty participation is important to the campus and President's Andon Cord (allegory used by the President in the Convocation). Faculty will play the role of dispassionate observers and play the role of a "Greek chorus." California has a more advanced shared governance than other parts of the country, and it is not good to cede any authority in shared governance (even the CO and President make the final call). We need a role in this process, and the claim that confidentiality could be breached if not cabinet members are involved seems to be an unfair characterization of faculty integrity.
 - Review UPS 103.500 World Wide Web Policy
 - We will be recommending that other committees chime in on this UPS as well, such as PRBC and the new IT/Library committee. There are implications for academic freedom, personal freedom, and free speech. I recommend holding a town hall on this matter to solicit feedback.
- 8.3 Academic Advising Committee [Bono], F, 10-10-25, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, PLS-299
- Quorum met, called to order at 9:05. Most committee members were present in-person, three were on Zoom.
 - Approved minutes from 9/12 meeting.
 - No urgent business or announcements.
 - Committee continued to work on revisions to UPS 300.002. Subcommittee was formed to draft revisions to the section on College and Department Responsibilities. They will bring those revisions to our next meeting. I would anticipate that we will finish edits to this UPS at the next meeting.
- 8.4 Faculty Development Center Committee [Graewingholt], F, 10-10-25, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, Zoom
- Met with quorum. Approved 9/5 meeting minutes.
 - Announcements: Question asked about discontinuation of programs linked to HSI funds. Sean Walker suggested to reach out to Binod Tiwari for the latest on what programs are currently at risk.
 - 2025-2026 FEID Award Theme Discussion: Chair noted that there is no real guidelines on whether the theme has to change every year, but continued support for campus accessibility efforts was suggested. Discussed broadening the intent to support student success by increasing engagement and accessibility for diverse learners. Voted on the theme, all in favor of "Increasing engagement and accessibility for diverse learners."
 - FEID Grant timeline discussion: Trying to move the schedule for the FEID applications so that it gives Chairs more time to plan. At this point in the semester, we are too late to make big changes, but the goal is to have Jr./Sr. Grants in spring and FEID grants in fall. Considering reverse design for scheduling workshops and reviewer training, it was decided that additional spring semester planning in needed to arrange an early fall call in 2026.
 - Reviewed application instructions for updates. Discussed adding a question about whether applicants have applied for other Intramural Jr./Sr. or RSCA grants on the application (similar to other campus applications) and which they would prefer if awarded. Similar to asking if they are actively receiving funding from outside sources or if they have received an award for this work previously. This can help inform reviewers of those who have more funding support and dissuade faculty from recycling applications. It was noted that the application instructions should also include clear language that the requirements for intramural and RSCA grants are different than FEID awards and faculty should speak to the criteria they are applying in their proposals. Committee reviewed rubric for FEID proposals. Changes were made last year (moving from 1-3 options rather than 4, etc.) that made it much more useful/effective for reviewers. Tentatively set an additional meeting for calibration December 5th on Zoom. Added language to new rubric regarding engagement as well as accessibility.
 - Kathleen Preston was absent due to sickness, so no report from her. Committee adjourned at 10:17am.
- 8.5 General Education Review Committee [Childers], F, 10-10-25, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Zoom
- Started with introductions
 - Overview of reflections from previous recertification efforts
 - Overview of relevant UPS documents on GE
 - Extensive discussion of course selection models and recertification process, likely converging on a model centered on GE goal mapping

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Search Committees

- Dean of Communications
- Dean of Engineering and Computer Science
- The Executive Committee went into Executive Session.

X. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Annual Reports for Review from AY 2024-25

10.2 AA/AS Retreat Update

1. Agenda

- The retreat committee gave an overview of the outline of the structure of the retreat and reviewed the agenda.

10.3 UPS 103.005 - World Wide Web Policy - (Discussion Item)

10.4 Revisions to UPS 210.001 - Recruitment and Appointment of Tenure-Line Faculty

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.