



## ACADEMIC SENATE

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### Meeting Minutes Academic Senate

Del Norte 1500

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

2:30-4:30pm

This meeting offers a virtual option through Zoom:

<https://csuci.zoom.us/j/81836938613>

Present: Alison Perchuk, Amy Denton, Annie White, Antonio Jiménez, Billy Munroe, Cameron Harris, Chris Scholl, Chuck Weis, Maria Ballesteros-Sola (also proxy for Cindy Sherman), Cindy Wyels, Jaime Matera, Colleen Forest, Cynthia County, E. Nicole Vines, Gareth Harris, Georgina Guzman, Heather Castillo, Janet Pinkley, Jared Barton, Jose Alamillo, Jose Luis Callazo, Weldon Smith (also proxy for Kimmy Kee-Rose), Kristen Dobson, Lance Nolde, Tiina Itkonen (also proxy for Manuel Correia), Marianne McGrath, Mary Adler, Matt Campbell, Monica Pereira, Monica Rivas, Kevin Hayakawa, Nancy Deans, Lily Tamai, Peter Krause, Ron Berkowsky, Sean Kramer, Tabitha Swan-Wood, Taryn Hakala, Tom Clobes, Ivona Grzegorzcyk, Christina Smith, Andrea Grove, Greg Wood, Richard Yao, Jessica Lavariega Monforti, Sanchez Gibau, Michelle Hassendonckx, Veronica Guerrero, Phil Hampton, Mary Adler, Mari Estrada-Gonzalez

1. Opening the Meeting
  - a. Meeting called to order at 2:39pm, after determining quorum.
2. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Motion – Tabitha
  - b. Second – Greg
  - c. No objections and motion accepted by unanimous consent. Agenda approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from December 3, 2024 (attached)
  - a. Motion – Greg
  - b. Second – Mary
  - c. No objections and motion accepted by unanimous consent. Minutes approved.
4. Report from the Chair – posted on [Canvas](#)
  - a. Hope families are safe & healthy – school closures, fires, outages. Campus evacuation – grateful for firefighters, first responders. Make yourself available to resources. Practice empathy for students.
  - b. Sonoma layoffs – time to pull together and support each other. Senators – lead effort in department and constituency. Be aware of what is happening at sister campuses. Focus efforts on recruiting and retention.

- c. Senate Exec. - sent two memos to President around hiring two deans. President acknowledged receiving.
- 5. No Returning Business
- 6. New Business
  - a. Resolution on CSU Staff Council (see attached) - Rebecca Slocum presenting
    - i. Motion to accept – Greg
    - ii. Second – Monica
    - iii. Rebecca – we are asking our faculty colleagues for support for a systemwide staff council. We currently do not have a systemwide staff council. All other campuses that have brought this resolution to their senate have passed so unanimously.
    - iv. Discussion
      - 1. No comments.
    - v. Christina – this will come back as a second reading item.
  - b. Resolution on Staff Trustee (see attached)
    - i. Motion to accept
      - 1. Motion – Greg
      - 2. Second – Tabitha
    - ii. Rebecca - this is a similar document with a similar justification. We have never had a staff seat on the board of trustees. Staff makes up a third of the workforce in the CSU. These 2 resolutions go together; to have a seat, we need to have a body that can provide council.
    - iii. Discussion:
      - 1. No comments.
    - iv. Christina – this will come back as a second reading item.
  - c. [B.A. Spanish-English Translation Degree Program Proposal \(link to materials\)](#) - Javier Gonzalez and Antonio Jiménez presenting
    - i. Brown Bag Monday, February 3, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm via Zoom: <https://csuci.zoom.us/j/2285228522>
    - ii. Motion to accept
      - 1. Motion – Chris
      - 2. Second – Greg
    - iii. PowerPoint – Antonio presenting
      - 1. Key points: hybrid (all major courses online), stateside, only B.A. of its type in CA, and only a few in country.
      - 2. Next step: develop a degree completion program. Target pop: Spanish heritage students and Spanish Lang. learner with intermediate level of Spanish, living in CA.
      - 3. Existing resources: faculty expertise, existing curriculum.
      - 4. Two pathways for first year students, low cost of implementation (no new hires), service-learning opportunities, responds to new uses of technology. Small major with possibilities for double major.
    - iv. Discussion:

1. Theresa – are there one-unit courses in this degree?
  - a. Antonio – no one-unit courses. Two are 4 units. All others are three units.
2. Tiina – IFSA supports this proposal. Question from professor side, is there a way to also offer a minor on this? Thinking specifically of teacher candidates.
  - a. Antonio – we have two certificates, one in Spanish general translation and one healthcare interpretation. Those are available to any CSUCI student and can be added to any major. Lots of nurses and health science students enroll in certificate courses. Also open to community members. When implemented, we will change existing certificates. Current certificates would include more options in the future – more freedom with optional choices. Also, there are courses through open university. There are former students serving as professional translators.
3. Ivona – really like this proposal, good pathway for many students. Concern – for our STEM students, could they finish this on top of their major? Would there be a pathway for them?
  - a. Antonio – yes, this is open to any student who have an intermediate level in Spanish. Many translators specialize in STEM areas.
  - b. Javier – we planned scheduling with late afternoon courses. This helps attract community members, as well as health science/nursing students. Doesn't conflict with most majors. Once the major is implemented, it will be online - attracting students not only in our community but outside Ventura County.
4. Monica R. – is SPAN 211/212 part of this degree? How will credit for prior learning be factored in?
  - a. Antonio – in formal proposal, pathway for heritage speakers has SPAN 211, 212. Many students come with language skills already. In many cases, we accept them at 300-level. With getting units for that, we recommend taking CLEP exam where they can get units. If they take a Spanish class in community college, it gets transferred directly.
    - v. Christina – we will have this back as a second reading item.
7. Intent to Raise Questions – on [Canvas](#)
  - a. Two in progress (Toni DeBoni is actively seeking information).
  - b. Answers provided to SBC 12.3.24, Barton 12.3.24.

- c. New questions:
  - i. Theresa – Could a 5 year report for Direct Cost Grants allocations be provided. Additionally can we consider creating criteria for internal funding such as this grant that limit application to those not receiving funds in other capacities or that better ensure equitable funding to the campus community.
  - ii. Monica – Could Research & Sponsored Programs provide an update on the status of federal grants awarded to CI?
  - iii. Ivana – Missing on our webpages: provide high quality education, examples of student success, quality faculty. Can they fix this on the webpages?
- 8. Reports (full reports available via Canvas)
  - a. Report from President Yao – provided on [Canvas](#). Kaia presenting.
  - b. Included in Yao’s report:
    - i. Questions –
      1. Christina – can there be an asynchronous way to provide feedback/questions on enrollment management forums?
        - a. Alison – echoing this. Also, I registered to the online session and have not received directions.
      2. Ivana – messages regarding the Laguna Fire were not signed by anybody and used names of mountains/streets that people may not be familiar with. We needed to know how to get off campus without a car.
      3. Monica – how many degree programs in 2012/13, versus now?
      4. Theresa – I am seeing CSUN grow and provide grants. Everything about recruitment is put on us, the faculty. High schools/community colleges are telling students not to come to our school. This is our image. Infrastructural, institutional support – needs to happen this spring.
      5. Annie – also registered to the enrollment management forum with no notification. Please add links to resources on how to discuss immigration issues for students – undocumented parents are scared to drive students to campus.
        - a. Kaia – on Jan 14<sup>th</sup> DSA led a workshop with information. Also scheduled with office of president. How do we get presentations in front of our people? Jessica is working on scheduling more.
      6. Megan – Echoing sense of urgency on enrollment, recruitment. Plea to think about different ways to come together. Toxic dynamic with discourse/compromise/collaboration. Getting us on same

page with same goals, big picture. Also think about external messaging- there are negative articles in VC star.

7. Ernesto Guerrero (AVP Student Success) – noting that CSU Maritime requested the merger with Cal Poly SLO.
  - a. Kaia – no community pushback to the best of my knowledge.
- c. Report from Interim Provost Lavariega Monforti – provided on [Canvas](#). Provost reporting.
  - i. Questions:
    1. Christina – the Senate Officers meet regularly with the Interim Provost – next meeting is tomorrow. Jessica – regarding gallery tours. Can we consider one-two more days to preview the gallery to provide feedback?
      - a. Jessica – yes, that was done. If anyone needs more time, please reach out.
    2. Annie – there is a grant funded trip (through the Chancellor’s office) to New Zealand for UNIV 392. Wondering if that is in pool of money, can the office follow up with it?
      - a. Jessica – believe it is underway; I will double check.
    3. Ivana – can we find a way to improve messaging to students. Specifically, to advertise quality of education, quality of professors, and examples of successes on our CI Webpages?
    4. Monica – re: hiring of Dean of library. Faculty/staff offered only one instance to interact over zoom, it seemed as if interviewee was on campus. Did they have a chance to walk through buildings and meet with people?
      - a. Christina – Senate Exec. passed this info along to Interim Provost.
      - b. Jessica – campus tour was given; they walked through the library. The second candidate is coming this week.
- d. Report from Statewide Senators – provided on [Canvas](#). Greg and Monica reporting.
  - i. Questions:
    1. Kaia – undocumented ally training is out of date. Cal State LA invited us to their trainings: Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 10-11a, Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm.
  - ii. Tina – are legal services on campus?
    1. Michelle - ISS is still available.
    2. Monica - Even in December, they were booked through March. We are looking to offset with help from the community.
    3. Kaia - Webinar being planned with local immigration lawyer.
- e. Report from CFA President – provided on [Canvas](#). Greg reporting.
- f. Report from Staff Council – Rebecca reporting.

- i. Ventura corporate games – 10<sup>th</sup> year CI is participating. Series of competitions and sports events. Great opportunity to get to know CI folks, represent ourselves in county to our students’ future employers. March 22<sup>nd</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - g. Report from NTTF Council – Tabitha reporting.
      - i. Ran a survey at the end of fall semester around awareness of low enrolled course closures. We are running a follow-up survey.
      - ii. Working with FASE for a NTTF orientation. Hold evening session for all faculty members.
      - iii. Preparing policy and resolution to bring to this body in the next few weeks.
      - iv. Scheduling meetings with the Deans.
    - h. Report from ASI – no report.
    - i. Reports from Senate Committees
      - i. Appointments, Elections, and Bylaws (AEBC) - Alison reporting.
        - 1. URPTC elections open. Tenure track faculty received this yesterday.
        - 2. Senate webpage – get involved link, volunteer to fill current vacancies. Due this Friday.
        - 3. Ongoing changes to bylaws and constitutions, info forthcoming.
      - ii. Academic Policy and Planning (APPC)
      - iii. Senate Budget (SBC)
      - iv. Equity and Anti-Racism (CEAR)
      - v. Faculty Affairs (FAC)
      - vi. Student Academic Policies and Procedures (SAPP)
      - vii. Others
9. Adjourn
  - a. Motion – Greg
  - b. Second – Tabitha
  - c. Meeting adjourned at 4:32pm.