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**To:** Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) Board of Directors  
Carolyn Gibbs, Chair, Faculty Senate  
**From:** Kristin A. Van Gaasbeck, Faculty Senate Designee  
**Date:** April 7, 2026  
**Subject:** Report to ASI Board Meeting of Wednesday, April 8, 2026

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### **WASC Accreditation**

WASC accreditation is critical for our campus. WASC accreditation affects perceptions regarding a Sac. State degree and influences ongoing campus operations and priorities.

Student engagement will be a part of this process. I hope to work with the ASI Board to ensure students across campus participate the accreditation process.

### **Faculty Senate**

For the 2025-26 academic year, Faculty Senate meetings will be held in person.

#### General information

- All agenda and minutes for the current academic year are available on [Faculty Senate web site](#). Meetings are generally on Thursdays at 3pm.
- First Reading items: presented to the Faculty Senate for questions and feedback.  
Second Reading items: debated and acted upon by Faculty Senate (actions such as voting to support/not support, introduction of amendments, or referral)
- Next meeting on **March 5, 2026**: [Agenda](#).

#### Key Action Items Upcoming

- **ACTION: FS 25/26-86 Constitution of the Faculty of California State University**, Sacramento Article II. Faculty Senate, Section 5. Membership, A., Amendment of  
Seeks to include two non-voting representatives from (1) Athletics, and (2) University Staff Assembly.  
Currently, ASI selects three non-voting members to Faculty Senate and these are the ONLY non-voting members who are not faculty. This change would include an additional faculty member (from Athletics – the division has representation currently) and an additional staff member elected by University staff.
  - **ACTION: FS 25/26-95 General Education (GE) Policy**, Amendment of  
Proposes amendments to campus GE policy to align with CSU GE Breadth and possibly Cal-GETC (transfer GE).
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- **April 8: Committee of the Whole – Proposed Changes to Title V and 90-Unit Degrees**

A Committee of the Whole is an opportunity to discuss items without taking formal action. During this period, it is expected that the Faculty Senate may seek to offer a position on the proposed changes to Title V during the Public Comment period (which is currently open).

Notes on proposed changes:

- New bachelor degrees in addition to Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS)
- New bachelor degrees that require a minimum of 90 units, instead of the 120 units required in the BA and BS degrees.
- **Given the significant equity issues for prospective students, current students, and alumni, ASI may wish to take a position to the CSU Board of Trustees** in the form a written comment to the Board through submission of public comment:  
<https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/Pages/public-comment.aspx>
  
- Upcoming meetings in Spring 2026, Thursdays, 3-5pm:
  - o Confirmed: April 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7
  - o Tentative: May 14
  
- [Action Items](#) (2024-25)

## University Budget

- I am pleased to report that the President has resumed engaging with UBAC on University resource allocation. UBAC did not meet between June 2025 and January 2026. The last meeting was February 12, 2026, with ASI representation. The President submitted a budget call on March 18, 2026, which included a statement that proposals would be presented to UBAC in May 2026. Links to the last communications are available [UBAC web site](#).
- The University Budget published demonstrates negligible change in allocation of general operating funds allocated to the Division the President during 2024-25 (which had increased by \$5.7 million 2023-24). This fiscal year ends June 30, 2026.

## **Academic Affairs**

Provost Cameron has revitalized and reorganized the Academic Affairs Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee (SBAC). The current roster is available the [SBAC web site](#). The provost presented the current budget situation for Academic Affairs at the Faculty Senate meeting on Thursday, February 19. [Presentation](#).

ASI Vice President of Academic Affairs Jenn Galinato serves as the student representative on SBAC. This group is tasked with developing strategies to resolve the structural deficit that faces Academic Affairs, in addition to advising the provost on the allocation of funds allocated by the President to academics.

## **Leadership Updates**

Recently completed searches from my previous report:

- Associate Vice President for Financial Services (Business Affairs)  
[March 17, 2026 Melissa Roth was announced](#) as the incoming AVP for Financial Services to begin on April 1, 2026.

Ongoing Searches:

- [Director for Academic Advising](#) (Student Affairs)  
Finalists have/are having campus forums this week (week of April 6)
- [Dean of the College of Education](#) (Interim Dean Greg Shaw)  
Job has been posted (March 9, 2026). Job announcement was revised by the President, so review of applications cannot be initiated until April 6, 2026
- [Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics](#) (Interim Dean Shannon Datwyler)  
Job has been posted (March 9, 2026). Job announcement was revised by the President, so review of applications cannot be initiated until April 6, 2026
- [Associate Dean of Graduate Studies](#) (Associate Dean Stephanie Biagetti, retiring)  
Job has been posted as an internal search (April 6).

Vacancies in Academic Affairs (no searches announced)

- AVP Academic Excellence (vacant)
- Dean of Graduate Studies and Dean of Undergraduate Students (combined, Interim Dean Stephanie Storms)

## **Committee/Meetings**

A list of positions and committees is included in my February 4, 2026 Report to the ASI Board.

I look forward to a productive and engaging conclusion to the academic year 2025-26 with the ASI Board and Sac. State students. My goal is to elevate student voices in all spaces and keep Sac. State student informed through my reports to ASI. Please contact me directly at [kavan@csus.edu](mailto:kavan@csus.edu), or stop in to see me in Lassen 2008 to provide feedback, or if there are issues you wish for me to elevate in ASI Board meetings, or in any other spaces. Moreover, I thank those students seeking an elected position on the ASI Board for the 2026-27 academic year. Good luck!

Regards,



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