
To: Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) Board of Directors

From: Kristin A. Van Gaasbeck, Faculty Senate Designee

Subject: October 8, 2025, Board Report

Faculty Senate

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

- [Action Items](#) (2024-25)

In 2024-25, key policy revisions included:

- Revisions to general education alignment with the California General Education Transfer Pathway (Cal-GETC),
- Revisions to policy on how student teaching evaluations are used in the review of faculty (in the Retention, Tenure, and Promotion process),
- Adoption of interim policy to protect undocumented individuals,
- Changes to blended baccalaureate/masters' programs which allow undergraduates to complete more coursework toward graduate work.

- Upcoming Items

- Faculty Endowment for Student Scholarships Awards ceremony and reception, Thursday, October 16, 3:30pm.
- [Faculty Senate Agenda \(next meeting\)](#)

Upcoming meetings in Fall 2025, Thursdays, 3-5pm:

- Scheduled/Confirmed: October 16, October 30, November 6, November 20, December 4
 - Tentative: October 23, November 13, December 11
 - The Faculty Senate is requesting an exception to the GE moratorium with respect to second-semester English Composition (ENGL 20/20M) because of a recent call to the faculty to develop courses which combine GE/graduation requirements. The GE moratorium was adopted while the campus aligns curriculum to Cal-GETC and reviews compliances with systemwide requirements.
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General

- Budget

○ **State of California**

[Budget Summary - Higher Education](#), May 2025 revision

The May revise of the budget restored significant funding to higher education that was cut in the original 2025-26 budget.

○ **University Budget**

Sac. State continues to have a structural deficit and is unable to maintain expenditures at current levels. A significant portion of the University budget, especially in Academic Affairs (courses/faculty), is mandatory. Therefore, reductions in discretionary spending are required, while maintaining enrollment targets set by the Chancellor's Office of the CSU.

- [University Budget Advisory Committee \(UBAC\) recommendations to the President](#), June 30, 2025
- [President's Memorandum to UBAC](#), September 12, 2025

- Leadership Updates

- Provost Erika Cameron, March 2025
- Dean Gladys Francis (College of Arts and Letters), July 2025
- Vacancies in Academic Affairs
 - AVP Academic Excellence
 - Dean of Graduate Studies and Dean of Undergraduate Students (combined into Interim Dean Stephanie Storms)
 - Dean of the College of Education (Interim: Dean Greg Shaw)
- Ongoing searches
 - [Vice President for Strategic Enrollment/Chief Enrollment Officer](#)
 - [Dean of College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies](#)
 - [Vice Provost for Faculty Success](#)
 - [AVP for Financial Services//Chief Financial Officer](#)

Committee/Meetings

I serve in different roles as a faculty member on campus. I invite questions/comments on any of items, and will gladly incorporate updates on these, if desired.

- Positions
 - Director, Liberal Studies and Social Science Programs
 - Professor, Department of Economics
 - Academic Senator, [Academic Senate of the California State University \(ASCSU\)](#)

- Committees/Meetings
 - University Chairs and Program Directors, Sac. State
 - Council of Chairs and Program Directors, College of SSIS
 - Council on Preparation of School Personnel, Faculty Senate
 - Academic Preparation and Education Programs Committee (APEP), ASCSU
 - Advisory Council on Student Advising, CSU Chancellor's Office
 - Admissions Advisory Council, CSU
 - Intersegmental Curriculum Council, CSU