
To: Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) Board of Directors

From: Kristin A. Van Gaasbeck, Faculty Senate Designee

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Subject: Report to ASI Board Meeting of Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Upcoming ASI-Sponsored Advising Event

February 9-11, 11am-2pm and February 16-18, 11am-2pm

University Union, main staircase (across from the Ballroom and Food Court)

I've been engaged with Vice President for Academic Affairs Jenn Galinato and Director of HHS Ana Gonzalez in organizing an ASI-sponsored advising event in the University Union. Professional advisors, students, staff from the Registrar/Student Affairs, and faculty will be there to address student questions on the spot. We've recruited advisors from the student success centers in the colleges, first-year advising experience, and many others from across campus to be available for questions.

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.
 - o First meeting of the spring 2026 semester is on February 5, 2026: [Agenda](#).
 - 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)
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Key Action Items Upcoming

- [FS 26/27-47](#) Faculty Senate Work Group on Evaluating the Process and Policies of Standardized Student Evaluation Questions in UARTP Processes, Establishment of
 - o Second Reading: February 5, 2026
 - o Item forms a workgroup to review student teaching evaluations questionnaires and create a bank of questions for use by departments.
- Upcoming meetings in Spring 2026, Thursdays, 3-5pm:
 - o Confirmed: February 5, 19; March 5, 19; April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7
 - o Tentative: February 12; May 14
 - o Outstanding Faculty Awards Ceremony: March 12, 3pm
- [Action Items](#) (2024-25)

Distinguished Faculty Award (John C. Livingston Faculty Lecture) Recipient

[Announcement](#) (1/21/2026)

Dr. Ronald Coleman, Professor of Biological Sciences

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026; 3pm (University Union, Pacific Suite)

This event is the faculty convocation for the academic year, therefore professors should grant students permission to attend without penalty based on university policy.

University Budget

- The University Budget Advisory Committee has not met this academic year. Links to the last communications are available [UBAC web site](#). If UBAC meets and makes recommendations, this information will be referenced in my report to ASI Board.
- UBAC's [charge](#) and membership and last meeting in June 2025 are available on the web page. There are two student representatives on UBAC. The ASI Board may wish to ensure that there are student representatives for future UBAC meetings, should a meeting be called.

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](#). A summary of activities will be provided at the end of the academic year. ASI Vice President of Academic Affairs Jenn Galinato serves as the student representative on SBAC.

Leadership Updates

Appointments since the final report of the fall 2025 semester (November 5, 2025):

- Director of New Student Orientations: Director Amy Saldaña
[Announcement](#) from Office of the Provost 1/26/2026
- Dean of College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies: Dean David M. Lang
[Announcement](#) from Provost Cameron 1/23/2026
- Vice Provost for Faculty Success: Vice Provost Lorri J. Santamaría
[Announcement](#) from Provost Cameron 1/6/2026
- Vice President for Strategic Enrollment/CEO: Vice President Matthew Ward
[Announcement](#) from President Wood 11/10/2025

Ongoing Searches:

- [Director for Academic Advising](#) (Student Affairs)
- [Associate Vice President for Financial Services](#) (Business Affairs)

Vacancies in Academic Affairs (no searches announced)

- AVP Academic Excellence
- Dean of Graduate Studies and Dean of Undergraduate Students (combined, Interim Dean Stephanie Storms)
- Dean of the College of Education (Interim Dean Greg Shaw)
- Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Interim Dean Shannon Datwyler)

Committee/Meetings

I serve in different roles as a faculty member on campus. I invite questions/comments on any of items and will incorporate updates on these into my reports, if desired. I welcome questions and comments from the students. My goal is to elevate student voices in all spaces and keep Sac. State student informed through my reports to ASI. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

Plenary meetings scheduled for this semester:

January 14-16, 2026

March 4-6, 2026

April 29-May 1, 2026

- Selected Sac. State and CSU Committees/Meetings
 - o Advisory Council on Student Advising, CSU Chancellor's Office
This group collaborated on developing an advising framework for the CSU system.
 - o Admissions Advisory Council, CSU
Reviews systemwide high school admissions requirements in collaboration with UC BOARS, as well as transfer student admissions requirements.
 - o Intersegmental Curriculum Council, CSU
Reviews Transfer Model Curriculum for community colleges and the CSU.
 - o Academic Preparation and Education Programs Committee (APEP), ASCSU
Makes recommendations regarding policies that guide transfer students, academic preparation of high school students, subject matter preparation for future teachers, and postbaccalaureate teaching preparation programs.
 - o University Chairs and Program Directors, Sac. State
 - o College Council of Chairs and Program Directors, College of SSIS
 - o Council on Preparation of School Personnel, Faculty Senate

I look forward to a productive and engaging Spring 2026 semester with the ASI Board and Sac. State students.

Regards,



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