



**Student Academic Senate
November 18, 2022
12pm-1pm
University Union, 2nd floor, Orchard Suite**

AGENDA

The Student Academic Senate shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors pertaining to matters within the Faculty Senate and Academic Affairs that directly affects students.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting was called to order at 12:03pm.

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Quorum was established.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of 11.04.2022

- a. Member Jenn moved to approve the minutes from November 4, 2022, seconded, there were no objections, the minutes were adopted unanimously.

V. PRESENTATION ON ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE Director of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies – Veronica Boulos

Veronica Boulos, Director of SSIS serves as the Vice President of Academic Affairs Designee on Academic Policies committee. She will present about what policies the committee is working on.

- a. Director of SSIS Veronica discussed grading policy at Sacramento State and within the CSU system. Mentioned a vote on the A+ system which the majority voted no. Cited the reasons as no differences to grade weight.

VI. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- a. Creating finalized document/timeline

- a. Reviewed committees established from the previous meeting on 11/4/22.
- b. Member Jenn, along with Chair Nataly, discussed increased withdrawal rates and the confusing language for drop and withdrawal policies.
 - i. Mentioned a new policy from the Provost for professors with large withdrawal rates. Professors will be required to take a course relook at course material.
- c. Chair Nataly reviewed last Faculty Senate meeting, and how they have filled the appointments to sit on committee to select a new University President.
 - i. Reported 64 new faculty members and 85% are people of color.
 - ii. Chair Nataly recommended members to bring questions to the next Faculty Senate meeting.

b. Work in sub-committees

- a. Grading Policy Committee
 - i. Chair Nataly suggested members research the CSU's that have implemented an A+ system.
 - ii. Suggested looking into grade appeal policy.
- b. Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - i. Member Nikita, along with Chair Nataly, recommended looking at archives and presenting research to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.
 - 1. Chair Nataly has already scheduled a meeting and encouraged members to attend.
 - ii. Members discussed making classes more accessible such as including ASL interpreters.
 - iii. Secretary Ellen mentioned the difficulty of obtaining disability accommodation and limited access to certain accommodations.
- c. Attendance Policy Committee
 - i. Member Jenn discussed the effects of providing personal information to have an excused absence.
 - 1. Mentioned the vague language for missing class policies. Member Jenn cited what would be considered "extreme circumstances".
 - ii. Discussed including resources on how to add and drop courses. Committees should encourage Professors to include where to access forms in the syllabus.
 - iii. Chair Nataly suggested the committee look into policies already established for missing class.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Inviting faculty to Student Academic Senate

- a. Chair Nataly mentioned the possibility of inviting the faculty from Faculty Senate to attend future meetings.
- b. Recruiting students for Student Academic Senate
 - a. Chair Nataly encouraged members to continue recruiting members for Spring semester.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Nataly announced that the Student Academic Senate will meet at the same time Spring Semester. Members should complete the grade authorization form to be a continuing member.
- b. Chair Nataly mentioned the Provost will attend the next meeting and come prepared with questions.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm.

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