
To: Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) Board of Directors
Carolyn Gibbs, Chair, Faculty Senate
From: Kristin A. Van Gaasbeck, Faculty Senate Designee
Date: March 4, 2026
Subject: Report to ASI Board Meeting of Wednesday, March 4, 2026

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 (First Reading on March 5, 2026)

- 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.
 - FS 25/26-91 Resolution recommending the posthumous designation of Honorary Full Professor of Ethnic Studies for Dr. Martin L. Martin
 - Upcoming meetings in Spring 2026, Thursdays, 3-5pm:
 - o Confirmed: March 5, 19; April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7
 - o Tentative: May 14
 - o Outstanding Faculty Awards Ceremony: March 12, 3pm
 - [Action Items](#) (2024-25)
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University Budget

- 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.
- Upon learning that recent large financial commitments made by Sac. State through Athletics did not involve consultation with the University Budget Advisory Committee (that includes student and faculty representation), I requested that the president engage with UBAC, as is defined in the committee's charge. President Wood indicated that he would engage with UBAC. At a recent meeting with department chairs (February 9, 2026), President Wood assured university department chairs that no funding would be taken from Academic Affairs to fund these investments.
- 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](#). 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

Ongoing Searches:

- [Director for Academic Advising](#) (Student Affairs)
Finalists invited for campus visits scheduled in April 2026.
- [Associate Vice President for Financial Services](#) (Business Affairs)

- Dean of the College of Education (Interim Dean Greg Shaw)
Call for Search Committee members has been sent. One student representative (from the college) is typically included.
- Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Interim Dean Shannon Datwyler)
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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, 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.

Regards,



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