
To: Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) Board of Directors
CC: Carolyn Gibbs, Chair, Faculty Senate
Andrea Terry, Chair-Elect, Faculty Senate
From: Kristin A. Van Gaasbeck, Faculty Senate Designee
Date: May 5, 2026
Subject: Report to ASI Board Meeting of Wednesday, May 6, 2026

General Announcements

Hello Hornets! We're in the home stretch. I look forward to seeing you at Commencement! I will be attending the College of Social Science and Interdisciplinary Studies Commencement Ceremony, as the Director of Liberal Studies and Social Science Programs.

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 **May 7, 2026**: [Agenda](#).

Elected Officers of the 2026-27 Faculty Senate

- Chair: Andrea Terry (Communication Studies)
 - Vice-Chair: Brittany Young (Psychology)
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Key Action Items Upcoming

- **ACTION: FS 25/26-116 Resolution on Proposed Changes to Title 5 Undergraduate Degree Requirements**

This resolution expresses concern and opposition to proposed CSU changes that would allow new bachelor's degree types and reduce required units to as few as 90, citing risks to academic quality, equity, and the value of a four-year degree. It reaffirms faculty authority over curriculum and emphasizes maintaining 120-unit standards to preserve educational rigor, student development, and institutional integrity. ASI recently passed a resolution on these same changes – ASI may wish for that document to be referenced in the Faculty Senate resolution.

- **ACTION: FS 25/26-119 Undergraduate Requirement for Graduation Application**

This policy formalizes the process for applying for graduation and ensures that students who have completed or are nearing completion of degree requirements are properly identified and evaluated. It also assigns responsibilities across Registrar, departments, and advisors, and establishes eligibility criteria such as minimum units, declared major, and continuous enrollment.

- **ACTION FS 25/26-120 Student Complaint and Resolution Policy**

This policy outlines structured procedures for students to report and resolve grievances related to university policies, academic rights, or misconduct, directing them to the appropriate offices based on issue type. It emphasizes transparency, fairness, and accountability while defining roles for university leadership in reviewing and resolving complaints.

- Upcoming meetings in Spring 2026, Thursdays, 3-5pm:

- o Confirmed: 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](#).

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 campus forums were held the week of April 6, 2026. No announcement on who was selected.
- [Dean of the College of Education](#) (Interim Dean Greg Shaw)
Job posted (March 9, 2026). Job announcement was revised by the President, so review of applications to be initiated no earlier than April 6, 2026.
- [Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics](#) (Interim Dean Shannon Datwyler)
Job posted (March 9, 2026). Job announcement was revised by the President, so review of applications to be initiated no earlier than April 6, 2026.
- [Associate Dean of Graduate Studies](#) (Associate Dean Stephanie Biagetti, retiring)
Job had been posted as an internal search (April 6). Job posing revised multiple times. Review of applications to be initiated no earlier than May 6, 2026.
- [Associate Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies](#) (vacant)
Job posted April 6. Applications were due April 15, 2026. Appointment scheduled to begin in Summer 2026.
- [Interim Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs and Graduate Studies](#), College of Arts and Letters (vacant, Interim Associate Dean of Budget and Operations Shawna Malvini)

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Job posted April, Applications were due April 20, 2026. Appointment scheduled to begin in Summer 2026.

- [Associate Dean for Faculty Support, College of Business](#) (Associate Dean Jaydeep Balakrishnan returning to faculty)

Job posted April 17, 2026. Applications were due May 2, 2026. Appointment scheduled to begin Summer 2026.

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 Report to the ASI Board from February 4, 2026.

I've enjoyed working with students, staff, and leadership on the ASI Board during the 2025-26 academic year. I've heard powerful student voices, seen students navigate a myriad of personal, professional, and campus challenges. I feel honored to have been chosen to serve as the Faculty Senate Designee in this role. I hope that those engaged in student government felt they were heard and had opportunities to learn from classmates, campus stakeholders, and friends.

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, Faculty Senate, or in any other spaces. In the meantime, I look forward to celebrating with everyone at commencement!

Regards,



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