



Student Academic Senate

April 15th, 2022

University Union Canyon Room, 3rd floor

12pm-1pm

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 affect students.

- I. CALL TO ORDER 12:01**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT N/A**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 4/1/2022 5 Yes 0 No**
- IV. COMMITTEE PURPOSE**

V. FACULTY SENATE AGENDA REVIEW

- April 7, 2022 Faculty Senate Agenda <https://www.csus.edu/academic-affairs/senate/senate-info/21-22.senate/21-22fs-am/04-07-22/21-22fsa-4-7-f.pdf>

VI. DISCUSSION ITEM

- ***Course workload***
 - The main things we discussed was is the workload for our classes too much?
 - We talked about the transition from covid to in-person and how that might be affecting course workload.
 - Some committee members also mentioned how students are also stressing over the amount of reading and assignments they have for each class. Some members felt that most of the coursework is busy work, and it is becoming mentally draining.
- ***DFW coursework rates***
 - Students mentioned that professors are discouraging students from proceeding in major course classes such as computer science classes and many professors are referencing the classes as “weed out classes.”

- Our guest, Emily Wicklegreen who oversees the grade appeals process spoke crucially on the term “weed out classes” and raised concerns that phrases like this are being utilized by faculty.
- Other committee members also mentioned that professors are not being sensitive or accommodating for students who work, extracurriculars, and much more.
- It was also mentioned that professors should evaluate their courses and pay more attention to what the students are needing and how we can work together to accommodate.
- Emily Wicklegreen mentioned that students should focus on course evaluations and treat them seriously as these evaluations have an impact on all faculty and especially those in tenure.

VII. NEXT MEETING ACTION ITEMS.

- Committee members were tasked to come to the next meeting with some ideas on what to tackle next

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Celebrating 65 years of ASI on April 21st

IX. ADJOURNMENT 12:58

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