

2024-2025 Academic Senate Minutes
May 6, 2024

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m., and 52 Senators were present.

Ex Officio: Present: Curry, Lacson, Sasikumar, Van Selst, Rodan Absent:	HHS Representatives: Present: Baur, Chang Absent: Sen
Administrative Representatives: Present: Del Casino, Faas, Teniente-Matson, Fuentes-Martin, Dukes Absent:	COB Representatives: Present: Chen, Jenson, Vogel Absent: None
Deans / AVPs: Present: d'Alarcao, Kaufman, Meth, Shillington Absent: None	EDUC Representatives: Present: Mathur, Munoz-Munoz Absent: None
Students: Present: Brown, Gambarin, Joshi, Khehra, Nwokolo Absent: None	ENGR Representatives: Present: Elahi, Kao, Sullivan-Green, Wong Absent: None
Alumni Representative: Absent: Vacant	H&A Representatives: Present: Han, Frazier, Kataoka, Lee, Shojaei Absent: Riley
Emeritus Representative: Present: Jochim Absent: None	SCI Representatives: Present: Heindl, Shaffer, Madura, Muller Absent: None
Honorary Representative: Present: Buzanski, Peter, Lessow-Hurley Absent: None	SOS Representatives: Present: Buyco, Hart, Raman, Pinnell, Meniketti Absent: None
General Unit Representatives: Present: Flandez, Johnson, Masegian, Pendyala, Velarde Absent: None	

II. Land Acknowledgement:

Senator Cristina Velarde read the land acknowledgment.

III. Approval of Academic Senate Minutes:

A. No Minutes to Approve

IV. Communications and Questions

A. From the Chair of the Senate:

Chair Sasikumar's update featured the following:

- The chair recognized the new senators: Alessandro Bellofiore, Behin Elahi, Scott Jensen, Raha Shojaei, Ray Buyco, and Thomas Madura. The new student senators are Anushka Joshi, Sehtej Khehra, and Chima Nwokolo.

B. From the President: No Report

Executive Committee Report:

A. Minutes of the Executive Committee:

There were no minutes for approval

B. Consent Calendar: Consent Calendar for May 6, 2024 - approved

C. Executive Committee Action Items: None

V. Unfinished Business: None

VI. Policy Committee and University Library Board Action Items (In rotation)

A. University Library Board (ULB): No Report

B. Professional Standards Committee (PS): No Report

C. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA): No Report

D. Organization and Government Committee (O&G): No Report

E. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R): No Report

VII. Special Committee Reports: None

VIII. New Business: Election of Senate Officers for 2024-2025.

A. Election of the Associate Vice Chair:

The chair called for any nominations from the floor, but there were none. Senator Ranko Heindl made a brief statement and was elected unanimously.

B. CSU Statewide Representative to the Executive Committee:

The chair called for any nominations from the floor, but there were none. Senator Julia

Curry made a brief statement and was elected unanimously.

C. Election of Chair of Curriculum and Research Committee

The chair called for any nominations from the floor, but there were none. Senator Hiu Yung Wong made a brief statement and was elected unanimously.

D. Election of Chair of Professional Standards Committee

The chair called for any nominations from the floor, but there were none. Senator Shannon Rose Riley could not be in attendance, but a video of her statement was played, and she was elected unanimously.

E. Election of the Chair of the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee

The chair called for any nominations from the floor, but there were none. Senator Laura Sullivan-Green made a brief statement and was elected unanimously.

F. Election of the Chair of the Organization and Government Committee

The chair called for any nominations from the floor, but there were none. Senator Joshua Baur made a brief statement and was elected unanimously.

G. Election for Faculty-at-Large

The chair called for any nominations from the floor, but there were none. Senator Colleen Johnson and Senator Eduardo Muñoz-Muñoz both made brief statements. There was then a ballot election, and Senator Johnson was elected.

IX. State of the University Announcements:

a. Chief Diversity Officer

An inclusive framework and strategic action are being continuously developed, and the new campus climate assessment will launch in the fall of 2025. Additionally, we're planning an Inclusive Excellence summit for the beginning of next semester. We're excited about the opportunity to showcase when initiatives are happening across campus and some person fellowship and talk about where shared values are.

Questions:

Q: Would you be willing to come to the departments to share and help us envision our initiatives within those frameworks?

A: The inclusive excellence framework will serve as our foundation for the diversity strategic plan. Once the plan is built out, each unit in the area is expected to take its own action. At that point, yes, I will be available to help you.

b. Vice President for Student Affairs

I have been in this position for about four months. This budget crisis has given me a chance to dive deeply into some of our departments and organizations, to examine our staff and their responsibilities. It has also given me time to get to know our students. I've had the chance to attend A.S. meetings, join the Student Union board, and work with student leaders. I've also attended many events throughout campus. What I love about this campus is the diversity of our students, the diversity of leadership programs, and how we engage students. I am so pleased with how our staff works together to bring as much meaningful programming and the richness of celebrating our diverse backgrounds on campus as possible.

c. Provost:

One of the things that one of the priorities that the division decided in January when I started there was a series of input sessions was working in partnership with the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on programming and support for our students. So, with this budget crisis, we had to look at positions that are generally funded. The Director of MOSAIC position is open. We are exploring the question of how the cultural centers should be aligned. It's definitely my intention to have the position filled by the fall semester, but I will take some time to plan for the future.

We had candidates for the Dean of Undergraduate Education this week and next. Through the Senate Exec, a naming committee was put together to look at the name of what was the College of Professional and Global Education. That new name is going to be the College of Information Data and Society. An announcement will come out shortly, and then the search for a permanent dean for that college will happen in the fall.

As for enrollment, by some accounts, we are down, but by others, we are up. So we'll see how things land. We will communicate with the students. It's not clear that the federal government has this nailed. We're going to go on May 15. If we feel like we haven't gotten everybody we should, we will give them more time.

C: I've heard faculty hiring is very AI-focused, which I guess is a trend.

A: We're looking at hiring plans. To be really honest, every day, I'm working on budget numbers in a new way. And trying to find millions of dollars. It's not just AI in a narrow sense but the intersections of artificial intelligence, machine learning, science, and technology studies. And that last category for people like me who worked in that space for a long time is the big ethical bucket. So, the idea is to bring that broad expertise across disciplines over the next couple of years to think about those very questions.

d. Vice President for Administration and Finance: No report due to lack of time

e. Associated Students President:

My name is Ariana Lacson. I'm a 3rd-year medical engineering major, and this is my 3rd year in a row serving AS. I'm excited to foster a lot more collaboration between faculty administration staff and our student body. Just because students rely on professors, they rely on the administration, and you rely on us to give you your paychecks.

I also know that committee membership is super important. So, if you're looking for students to sit on committees, feel free to reach out to me at my email.

f. CSU Statewide Representative(s): No report due to lack of time

X. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.