

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
Minutes of the Meeting of March 10, 2025
Clark 551, 12 p.m. to 1:30 pm

Present: Joshua Baur, Vincent Del Casino, Kristin Dukes, Ranko Heindl, Colleen Johnson, Stan Nosek, Shannon Rose Riley, Karthika Sasikumar, Laura Sullivan-Green, Hiu Yung Wong
Absent: Julia Curry, Tabitha Hart, Ariana Lacson, Mari Fuentes Martin, Cynthia Teniente-Matson

1. Update by the Chair
 - a. Raymand Buyco will be the SJSU Lecturer to the Lecturer Electorate, and I will let the ASCSU Chair know.
 - b. C&R has organized two AI forums on March 17th and 24th and will soon send out the invitations. It is important for us in this body to attend these meetings.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 3, 2025 - approved with amendments unanimously.
3. Approval of the Appointment Calendar for 2025-26,
Q: Who should I expect to receive a notification from to fill out my committee preference form?
A: The link will be live on the Senate website Assignment page, and the Senate Chair will send out the message so it can go to all the faculty.
4. Appointments to the Board of Professional Responsibility

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the recommendation of Gilles Muller and Soma Sen to the Board of Professional Responsibilities. The Provost's office will review all the members' Personnel Action Files (PAFs) and work with UP to verify that all training has been completed.

5. Senator Appointments
 - a. College of Science (1 seat–1 candidate)
 - b. College of Engineering (2 seats–6 candidates)
 - c. College of Humanities and the Arts (1 seat–3 candidates)
 - d. General Unit (2 seats–1 candidate)

The Senate Executive unanimously approved Dashiell Fryer as the one-year Senator from the College of Science.

The Senate Executive unanimously approved Maria Chierichetti and Vlad Ionescu as the two one-year term Senators from the College of Engineering.

The Senate Executive unanimously approved Ryan Skinnell as the one-year term Senator from the College of Humanities and the Arts.

The Senate Executive unanimously approved Dawn Hackman as the one-year term Senator from the General Unit.

6. SMR on Senate reorganization update (Josh Baur)

When the split of ISA was introduced at the Senate, there was not much support. A question was asked: is there any way to substantiate how much work a student affairs committee might do; however, there is no data for that. Instead of a split, we are going to propose a reduction in the size of ISA, and the staff senators will be placed on ISA and O&G. To reduce the seats on ISA, we are proposing removing the Director of Student Involvement, the Director of University Housing, Alumni representative, and the graduate student. We have also discussed removing one of the student senators on ISA since ISA has four and the other policy committees have only one. However, Bylaw 4.5.2.1 indicates there has to be a high percentage of students on any committee that's involved with student affairs. These changes do not cut ISA down as much as we would have liked, but they eliminate some seats. We are still proposing to change the associate dean seats to be voting members.

Q: I am concerned about removing the graduate student seat because I hear about the need to represent graduate students' voices. I know it is hard to recruit them.

A: I have been on ISA for ten years, and we have had a graduate student on ISA only once when they were also a student senator. It is tough to recruit them since there is no incentive.

Q: Does the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies serve as a proxy for graduate students?

A: Yes, this is correct. Amy (Leisenring) brings very useful information on how to make policies more graduate-friendly.

Q: Is the question of student seats an issue of quorum?

A: Yes, but also it puts a lot of pressure on the students on the committee.

C: We can add some language about having priority for graduate students for these seats and let AS know.

C: As a reminder, we need this SMR to pass no later than the April 14th meeting so that the new senators can be seated for the first meeting on May 5th from 4 -5 pm. The committee preference forms are going out next week, and we will have the results of the staff elections on Monday.

C: My concern is that if the full Senate does not approve of this, it won't be done in time for the new senators.

A: I will call for a special session in that case so it does get done.

7. Presentation by Judy Nagai (time certain 1 to 1:30) on Naming of Facilities
(confidential)

The minutes were taken by Grace Barbieri on March 10, 2025, reviewed and accepted by Senate Chair Karthika Sasikumar on March 13, 2025, and approved by the Senate Executive Committee on March 24, 2025.