

Minutes: Academic Senate

Date

05/05/2025

Start & end times

4:00-5:00 PM

Location

In person in ENG 285/287

Chair

Tabitha Hart

Present (in alphabetical order)

Geoffrey Agustin, Joshua Baur, James Brent, Raymand Buyco, Harish Chander, Megan Chang, Caroline Chen, Maria Chierichetti, Michael Dao, Vincent Del Casino, Stefan Frazier, Rachael French, Dashiell Fryer, Mari Fuentes-Martin, Katelyn Gambarin, Tabitha Hart, Dawn Hackman, Ranko Heindl, Vlad Ionescu, Melinda Jackson, Christian Jochim, Colleen Johnson, Priya Kannan, Reiko Kataoka, Hojeong Lee, Judith Lessow-Hurley, Thomas Madura, Kelly Masegian, Ravisha Mathur, Marco Meniketti, Stan Nosek, Vishnu Pendyala, Kenneth Peter, Sabrina Porter-Parees, Sarika Pruthi, Shannon Rose Riley, Simon Rodan, Romey Sabalius, Carmen Saleh, Karthika Sasikumar, Soma Sen, Scott Shaffer, Raha Shojaei, Ryan Skinnell, Janet Stemwedel, Laura Sullivan-Green, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Mark Van Selst, Cristina Velarde, Julian Vogel, Hiu Yung Wong

Apologies (in alphabetical order)

Teairra Brown, Laura Charles, Jhony De Oliveria, Kristin Dukes, Eduardo Munoz-Munoz, Priya Raman, Erin Siebert, Anne Marie Todd.

Guests (in alphabetical order)

N/A

Minutes taken by

Grace Barbieri, Senate Administrator

Communications and Questions

From the Chair of the Senate:

- Thanks to outgoing chair, Karthika Sasikumar, for her support and mentorship.
- Today's Senate meeting is significant because we'll be conducting our Senate officer elections. Senate officers shoulder unique responsibilities; for example, they coordinate timely work on public policies, create and maintain spaces for respectful debate, and facilitate collaborative and consultative decision-making.
- We are lucky to have a robust slate of candidates.
- Thank you to everyone who is running for office.

From the President:

- This is a challenging and pivotal time for higher education, so your work in shared governance matters more than ever.
- The Academic Senate plays a very important role in shaping the direction of our campus. If you're considering deeper involvement in the Senate and committees, know that we are all eager to support your engagement.
- Shared governance is founded on the principles of community and shared engagement in the future of our university. The next year is going to be important as we incorporate staff into the Senate, and this effort will have a long-lasting impact.

Executive Committee Report

Minutes of the Executive Committee

N/A

Consent Calendar

Consent Calendar for May 5, 2025 was approved.

Executive Committee Action Items

N/A

Unfinished Business

N/A

Policy Committee and University Library Board Action Items

N/A

Special Committee Reports

N/A

New Business: Election of Senate Officers for AY 2025-26

A motion was made and seconded to temporarily suspend Standing Rule 14 of the Senate's Standing Rules for the duration of the meeting to permit the use of ranked choice voting for today's officers' elections.

Because we have a robust candidate pool, the use of ranked choice voting will permit each of today's contests to be decided with one ballot. This will save time and ensure all today's elections can be properly decided within our meeting.

The motion to suspend Standing Rule 14 was passed 45-0-0.

Election of the Vice Chair

Senators Rachael French, Shannon Rose Riley, and Hiu-Yung Wong gave their statements.

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

Senator Wong was elected.

Election of Chair of Professional Standards Committee

Senators Rachael French, Sarika Pruthi, Shannon Rose Riley, and Janet Stemwedel have their statements.

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

Senator Riley was elected.

Election of Chair of Organization and Government Committee

Senators Josh Baur, Thomas Madura, and Julian Vogel gave their statements.

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

Senator Baur was elected.

Election of Chair of Instruction and Student Affairs Committee

Senators Thomas Madura, Laura Sullivan Green, and Julian Vogel gave their statements.

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

Senator Vogel was elected.

Election of the Chair of Curriculum and Research Committee

Senators Megan Chang and Thomas Madura gave their statements.

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

Senator Chang was elected.

Election of the Associate Vice Chair

Senators Vishnu Pendyala, Sarika Pruthi, and Laura Sullivan-Green gave their statements.

The chair called for any nominations from the floor, and Senator Thomas Madura was nominated.

Senator Madura was elected.

Election for ASCSU Representative on Senate Executive Committee

Senators Romey Sabalius and Mark Van Selst gave statements.

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

Senator Sabalius was elected.

State of the University Announcements

N/A

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20.