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ABSENT

Chair Avramchuk convened the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Senator Phun read the Tongva land acknowledgement.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 Updates from the Executive Committee (EC):

- Confirmed with Provost Lattimer that the unit allocation support for university-level shared governance in 2025-26 will be the same as for 2024-25.
- Acknowledged Fiscal Policy Committee's letters to VPs Lattimer, Day, and Lindow requesting budget information for FiPC's determination of 2025-26 budget priorities.
- Consulted with Interim VP Poltorak about the AVP University Advancement position
- Consulted with Interim VP Lindow on his area's updates

Please read the Executive Committee meeting minutes for more information and reach out to any of the Exec members with any questions at any time.

1.1.2 Congratulations, Molly Talcott on being elected as a Senator-at-Large, term ending Spring 2028.

1.1.3 There will be two Senate meetings on May 6: Organizational Meeting for the 2025-26 Senators. During this meeting, the 2025-26 Executive Committee will be elected. Please nominate/volunteer for Senator Officer and Exec member roles. There will also be a regular meeting for the current Senate membership.

1.2 Senator Ainis announced: Department of Homeland Security agents attempted to conduct "wellness checks" on unaccompanied minors at two LAUSD elementary schools. They were refused entrance/access by LAUSD staff and administrators when they could not provide a warrant.

- The agents "pocketed their IDs" when school staff tried to write down their names and badge numbers.
- The Homeland Security agents were part of the "Homeland Security Investigations" which typically conduct criminal probes, indicating this was not about the "welfare" of the children.
- The Office of Refugee Resettlement is responsible for conducting wellness check on children who enter the country unaccompanied by adults, but DHS is "operationally distinct from the Office of Refugee Resettlement" suggesting they should not be conducting these "checks."
- LAUSD school police department issued a statement saying it would not "assist or engage in immigration compliance checks, immigration enforcement activity, or ICE-related task force options."
- Judy Chu (Congresswoman – Pasadena) said, "I'm absolutely incensed that DHS agents would try to enter elementary schools this week, and I'm so grateful to the brave LAUSD administrators who denied them entry. These are children who should be learning to read and write, not cowering in fear of being ripped away from their homes."

REFERENCES:

[What is a 'wellness check' and why is Homeland Security doing them at LAUSD schools? | Laist](#)  
[Immigration agents turned away after trying to enter LA elementary schools | Los Angeles | The Guardian.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
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- 1.3 Senator Porter announced: New ORSCA Office Hours for Faculty  
Tuesdays 1 to 2 pm | Each Tuesday, beginning April 29 through May 27  
Serie McDougal, Cheryl Kamei-Hannan, Haley Ye  
Zoom link: <https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/82481702946>  
  
Fridays 9 to 10 am | Each Friday, beginning April 25 through May 30  
Edith Porter, Jason Shiotsugu, Haley Ye  
Zoom link: <https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/89254587638>
- 1.4 Senator Ramos announced: CFA is having a bargaining meeting tomorrow. Meet with our bargaining team reps and join us for appetizers, beverages, and an update on negotiations for our next faculty contract. This is also an opportunity to meet with Dr. Molly Talcott and Dr. Libby Lewis, who are reps for LA for bargaining. The meeting will be at the University Club from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- 1.5 Senator Chavez announced: I want to give a reminder that I sent out an email on Friday with information about thesis formatting and submission. Every spring we have around 200-250 graduate students who submit a thesis or project report for approval. The email outlines the relevant policies that students and faculty should be aware of and the submission procedures and the help that's available in the Graduate Resource Center. If you have any questions or need a copy of the email, it was sent to the chairs and the associate deans.
- 1.6 Senator Porter announced: The LSAMP program has its poster symposium on Friday between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in La Kretz. The Honor's college has a major symposium in the afternoon on the same day from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Golden Eagle ballrooms. Please come by if you can and support our students doing research.
- 1.7 President Eanes, VP Day, Provost Lattimer, and IVP Lindow provided updates.
- 1.8 Visitor Andrea Villegas announced: I wanted to increase awareness that currently we have an advising experience survey out to all of our undergraduate students. The survey closes on Monday, April 28. Assessment and evaluation of our advising student support services is critical and vital.

QUESTIONS FROM THE  
FLOOR

2. 2.1 Chair Avramchuk presented a (written) response to a question from the floor from Senator Cwir from the University counsel: The University understands that there is concern on a wide range of immigration questions- ranging from enforcement actions to student visas and international travel. Every circumstance is different. As to how to respond if Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) comes onto campus, the University has a protocol, which it emailed out to the campus on January 31, 2025. The email states in relevant part:  
*If you are approached by an immigration officer, or you become aware that immigration enforcement activity is occurring or about to occur on campus, please notify the Cal State LA designees immediately.*  
*Please refer any student or employee with concerns about immigration orders or inquiries to the designated contacts listed below.*  
*In case of an emergency call the Cal State LA Department of Public Safety by dialing 9-1-1.*  
*The Cal State LA Designees listed here are responsible for meeting with the federal immigration officers as well as reviewing and verifying an order/subpoena/warrant presented. ]*
- Blanca Martinez- Navarro, AVP Student Affairs & Enrollment Management and Dean of Students, [bmarti233@calstatela.edu](mailto:bmarti233@calstatela.edu) or 323-343-3103.
  - Victor M. Rojas, Jr., Chief of Staff, Office of the President, [vmrojas@calstatela.edu](mailto:vmrojas@calstatela.edu) or 323-343-3030.
- This information was also distributed via physical information cards. Per this protocol, the campus designees will verify if immigration officials have proper legal authority and will consult with the Office of General Counsel.

With respect to international travel, the CSU issued systemwide guidance to faculty, students, and staff considering international travel in Spring & Summer 2025. This was forwarded to the campus on March 28, 2025. As indicated in this guidance, the California State University system provides pro bono (free of charge) legal immigration services through a contract with Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD). Campus communications have provided on and off campus resources, including legal resources. These legal resources can also be found on the campus' Immigration Issues and Resources webpage: <https://www.calstatela.edu/immigration> and at the Chancellor's Office website: <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students/Pages/resources-guides-and-faqs.aspx>. Both the campus and OGC consult with outside immigration attorneys depending on the circumstances.

(Please note: Responses to Questions from the Floor are not typically included in the Minutes. This is an exception.)

2.2 The following questions and concerns were raised from the floor:

- How many lecturers received sabbatical for the fall semester?
- Is our campus planning to sue the government or working in concert with other CSU campuses or Universities for revocation of grant funding?
- Concern about the use of the Fine Arts building by LACHSA and Cal State LA students,
- Has our campus or the CSU system considered signing on to the statement "A Call for Constructive Engagement" signed by over 200 universities?

Responses were provided by Provost Lattimer, AVP Ye, IVP Lindow and President Eanes.

3. Chair Avramchuk provided the following response from the Academic Senate Executive Committee to Senator Joseph's intent to raise questions from the meeting of April 8, 2025 (ASM 24-15):

Shared governance is shared between employees and administrators, in which case a consultation occurs between the two groups, but each group still makes its own decisions. Decisions made by a committee elected by a larger body to make them are part of representative governance, in which case the committee members are empowered to represent the larger body. Article IV (Section 7) of the Constitution of the Faculty California State University, Los Angeles (APPENDIX C, Faculty Handbook) states that the Executive Committee "shall plan the actions of the Senate including the agenda and meeting schedule of the Academic Senate." Section 6 of the same Article additionally states that the Senate Chair "may appoint such committees as are deemed advisable to carry out the business of the Senate."

A number of Senators have been providing input on the meeting modality, including by raising important issues during the years of nontraditional meetings in Zoom that were meant to represent temporary measures driven by emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Senators noted the reduced participation from a wider membership, including from the student Senators, whose voices are increasingly critical as we tackle changes in curriculum and student life on campus. Other Senators consistently brought up technical difficulties in remote voting, effectively preventing them from representing their constituents. Yet others found the inability to use a virtual chat as infringing on the desire to check in with their colleagues in real time. And, perhaps most importantly, the number of Senators in attendance who cast their votes has gone down significantly during Zoom meetings, to the extent that points of order were raised regarding the quorum being present (even when almost twice as many Senators as needed for a quorum were still logged into Zoom). An unhealthy dynamic for a deliberative body emerged in that we have had larger numbers of Senators present on virtual Zoom "record" yet much smaller numbers of those who voted or participated in deliberations. As one Senator put it, "in perilous times such as these, the strength of in-person community and attentive and thoughtful deliberations without hiding behind Zoom screens is of paramount importance."

Given the above concerns and constitutional provisions, the Chair had asked the Executive Committee to review, among other logistics of the Senate business, the meeting modality for the next academic year, taking into account various benefits (e.g., improved accessibility) as well as drawbacks of virtual meetings. The Executive Committee discussed the important pros

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and cons of meeting online vs. in person expressed on the Senate floor, deliberated among its members elected by and representative of the Senate body, consulted with the President and Provost for administrative and accessibility support purposes, and decided that it would be in its purview to inform the current Senate membership to be ready to transition back to our traditional in-person meetings for the next academic year. The decision was made to announce early enough in this academic year, in advance of Senator elections, so that any new Senator candidate would be aware of this planned modality. The Senate, of course, is always empowered to reconsider any decision by the Executive Committee, including a full Senate vote on any proposal by any Senator made in order and placed on the Senate agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE  
MINUTES

4. It was m/s/p (Meyerott) to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2025 (ASM 24-15).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. 5.1 It was m/s/ (DeShazo) to approve the agenda.  
5.2 It was m/s/ (Meyerott) to add a new item 8: Vote on Meeting Modality for Next Year.  
5.3 Debate ensued. The Meyerott motion failed. (V: 9/24/5)  
5.4 The agenda was approved.

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

6. Chair Avramchuk bypassed his report.

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7. Senator DeShazo presented highlights of the report.

QUASI MEETING OF THE  
WHOLE

8. 8.1 Chair Avramchuk advised the body about the rules of the quasi meeting of the whole and the time limit of 15 minutes.  
8.2 It was m/s/ (DeShazo) to enter into a quasi meeting of the whole and advised that she would report out. No objections were raised.  
8.3 It was m/s/ (Phun) to extend for an additional five minutes. No objections were raised.  
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8.5 It was m/s/ (DeShazo) to rise from the quasi meeting of the whole and report out. No objections were raised.

PROPOSED NEW POLICY:  
RETENTION OF FACULTY  
AUTHOR RIGHTS TO  
DEPOSIT AND  
DISSEMINATE SCHOLARLY  
ARTICLES: OPEN ACCESS  
POLICY, FACULTY HAND-  
BOOK, CHAPTER VI (24-11.1)  
*First-Reading Item*

9. It was m/s/ (Dennis) to approve the recommendation.

PROPOSED POLICY MODI-  
FICATION: CREDIT FOR  
PRIOR LEARNING,  
FACULTY HANDBOOK,  
CHAPTER V (24-14)  
*First-Reading Item*

10. 10.1 It was m/s/ (Meyerott) to approve the recommendation.  
10.2 A five minute question and discussion period took place.

11. The recommendation was APPROVED. (V: 27/1/3).

PROPOSED POLICY MODI-  
FICATION: EXCLUSION  
FROM CLASS, FACULTY  
HANDBOOK, CHAPTER V  
(24-13)

*Second-Reading Item*  
Forwarded to the President

12. It was m/s/p (Meyerott) to adjourn at 3:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT