## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES May 6, 2025

ASM 24-17 DRAFT

ABSENT

A. Carnevali, A Jamehbozorg, C. Wang, D. Czypinski, D. Beamer, D. Vines, D. Stenstrom, E. Winokur,

J. Garrison, J. Cleman, M. Pizarro M. Gianiotis, M. Abdullah, M. He, P. Huynh, R. Tagayuna, S. Li,

S. Keslacy, T. Jackson

E. Porter

**EXCUSED ABSENCE** 

Chair Avramchuk convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Visitor Andrea Villegas, Academic Advisement, read the Tongva land acknowledgement.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements:

1.1.1 We have just conducted our organizational meeting for the 2025-26 Academic Senate and I would like to ask Ms. Roquemore if she would read the results of the Executive Committee\* into the record:

Academic Senate Chair: Jessica DeShazo Academic Senate Vice Chair: Devika Hazra Academic Senate Secretary: Clare Larkins

At-large members: Talia Bettcher, Weronika Cwir, Maria Oropeza Fujimoto, and Edith Porter.

Any newly elected Executive Committee members will be invited to the committee's summer meetings. Executive Committee is the only standing Academic Senate committee that meets in the summer.

- 1.1.2 I want the thank you all the Senators and Senate office staff, Vanessa and Rhonda, for your outstanding 2024-25 service, and thank you to all of our guests and presenters this year for your support of shared governance.
- 1.2 Senator Rodriguez announced: Just a reminder that this Thursday we're having our annual Faculty Author & Researcher Reception and hopefully you'll be able to join us and celebrate the great work that our faculty are doing. It's going to be held in the library reading lounge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 2:00-3:30pm. There will also be brief remarks from Provost Lattimer.
- 1.3 Senator Chavez announced: I wanted to give one final reminder that graduate students who are working on project reports or theses need to connect the Graduate Resource Center. Friday was the deadline for students to upload their first draft. We had about 170 students who submitted their drafts but there are always students who didn't know that they had to upload or maybe missed the communications. So please get your students to connect with the GRC so that we can approve them in time for spring graduation.
- 1.4 President Eanes, IVP/CFO Lindow, and IVP Poltorak expressed thank you's for service in shared governance and provided campus updates.
- 2. There were no questions from the floor.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

3. Senator Chavez announced his intent to raise the following questions: The Fine Arts building houses a mix of classrooms, office space, art galleries, and rooms with equipment necessary for art production. Multiple times during the semester, individuals working with in the Fine Arts building use a lot of art materials that produce toxic fumes (e.g., spray paint, kilns, etc.). These fumes travel into the vents and throughout the building, going into the various offices and rooms. People throughout the ground floor and the building are impacted by the fumes. The fumes make individuals sick, causing respiratory pain and other health issues. Every time this happens, procedures for OHS reporting are followed and contacts within facilities and departments in the building are notified. However, the issue continues to happen multiple times every semester. What safety protocols are in place in the Fine Arts building to prevent toxic fumes from traveling throughout the building and endangering the health of those working in the building? Is there is a way to ensure that the following safety protocols be implemented:

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASM 24-17 May 6, 2025 Page 2 INTENT TO RAISE requiring that windows are opened and that fans are in place whenever kilns are used, QUESTIONS (continued) banning the use of spray paint indoors, requiring any use of chemicals in the building to happen outside of business hours, and establishing a reporting system whereby everyone in the building is notified 48hours in advance if chemicals will be used in a classroom or gallery space. Thank you for your dedication to ensuring a safe and healthy work environment for everyone on campus. APPROVAL OF THE 4. It was m/s/p (Chavez) to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 22, 2025 (ASM 24-16). **MINUTES** APPROVAL OF THE 5. It was m/s/ (Oropeza Fujimoto) to approve the agenda. 5.1 **AGENDA** 5.2 It was m/s/ (Ramos) to add a new item 10: Proposed Resolution: Vote of No Confidence in Chancellor Mildred Garcia and the California State University Board of Trustees and a Call for Campus Referendum. 5.3 Debate ensued. The Ramos motion passed. (V: 28/6/2) 5.4 The agenda was approved as amended. SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT 6. Chair Avramchuk presented his report. PROPOSED NEW POLICY: 7. 7.1 It was m/s/ (Chaudhuri) in line 40 a new item III: WAIVERS. CAL STATE LA FACULTY AUTHORS WILL ALWAYS BE GRANTED A WAIVER AND WILL RETENTION OF FACULTY NOT REQUIRE JUSTIFICATION. UPON REQUEST, THE UNIVERSITY WILL **AUTHOR RIGHTS TO** PROVIDE A FACULTY MEMBER WITH A LETTER VERIFYING THAT A **DEPOSIT AND** WAIVER OF LICENSE FOR A PARTICULAR ARTICLE HAS BEEN DISSEMINATE SCHOLARLY GRANTED. ARTICLES: OPEN ACCESS POLICY, FACULTY HAND-BOOK, CHAPTER VI 7.2 Debate ensued. The Chaudhuri motion passed. (V:33/0/1) (24-11.1)Second Reading Item The recommendation was APPROVED. (V:31/1/2) 7.3 Forwarded to the President 7.4 It was m/s/ (DeShazo) to forward this to the President ahead of the approval of the minutes. No objections were raised. PROPOSED POLICY MOD-8. 8.1 The recommendation was APPROVED. (V: 29/0/5) IFICATION: CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING, 8.2 It was m/s/ (Bettcher) to forward this to the President ahead of the approval of the FACULTY HANDBOOK, minutes. No objections were raised. **CHAPTER V (24-14)** Second Reading Item Forwarded to the President PROPOSED POLICY MOD-9. 9.1 It was m/s/ (Bettcher) to approve the recommendation. IFICATION: FORMATION, 9.2 DISSOLUTION, It was m/s/ (Bettcher) to waive the first reading item rules. Chair Avramchuk read

the rules for waiving a first reading item. The Bettcher motion passed. (V: 31/1/2)

It was m/s/ (Baaske) to forward this to the President ahead of the approval of the

The recommendation was APPROVED. (V: 28/1/4)

minutes. No objections were raised.

RELOCATION OR MERGER

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9.4

OF DEPARTMENTS/ DIVISIONS/SCHOOLS.

Second Reading Item

<u>FACULTY HANDBOOK</u>, CHAPTER III (24-19)

Forwarded to the President

- 10. 10.1 It was m/s/ (Bettcher) to approve the resolution.
  - 10.2 It was m/s/ (Bettcher) to waive the first reading item rules. Chair Avramchuk read the rules for waiving a first reading item.
  - 10.3 It was m/s/ (Abed) to extend the meeting time by 15 minutes to end at 4:00 p.m. No objections were raised.
  - Debate ensued. The Bettcher motion passed. (V: 26/7/0)
  - 10.5 It was m/s/p (Ramos) to delete numbers 5. RESOLVED: That the ASCSULA implement a faculty referendum with the sole topic of the ballot being their lack of confidence in Chancellor Garcia's and the CSU Board of Trustees' ability to provide effective and much-needed leadership for the CSU while ignoring the role of Academic Senates per the Higher Education Employee Relations Act (HEERA); and finally be it further
    - 6. RESOLVED: That the referendum be held electronically from 13 20 May, that such materials as the ASCSULA determines appropriate be distributed to faculty for their consideration in the voting process, and that the result of the referendum be announced 21 May.

Senator Wells suggested an editorial amendment to insert; AND BE IT FURTHER in number 4 after "uncertainty;". No objections were raised. (V: 28/5/0)

- 10.6 It was m/s/ (Bettcher) to extend the meeting time by 15 minutes to end at 4:15 p.m. No objections were raised.
- 10.7 Debate ensued.
- 10.8 It was m/s/p (Bettcher) to add a new number 1: WHEREAS: CHANCELLOR GARCIA HAS FAILED TO ENGAGE IN ANY FACULTY CONSULTATION IN THE INCEPTION OF THE AI INITIATIVE; HAS FAILED TO ENGAGE IN GOOD FAITH BARGAINING WITH CFA; HAS FAILED TO MANAGE THE CSU BUDGET WITH ANY CREDIBILITY; HAS FAILED TO UPHOLD THE VALUES OF THE CSU; HAS FAILED TO PROTECT ITS STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF FROM THE ANTI-DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES OF THE CURRENT WHITE HOUSE ADMINISTRATION; AND HAS FAILED TO PROTECT FREE SPEECH ON CAMPUS, BE IT (V: 25/2/1)
- 10.9 It was m/s/p (Bettcher) to add a new number 5: RESOLVED: THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DISTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT EANES, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND THE CHAIRS OF CSU CAMPUS SENATES. (V: 24/1/1)
- 10.10 The resolution was APRPOVED. (V: 21/5/1)
- 10.11 It was m/s/ (Baaske) to forward this to all noted recipients ahead of the approval of the minutes. No objections were raised.
- 11. It was m/s/p (Oropeza Fujimoto) to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION:
VOTE OF NO
CONFIDENCE IN
CHANCELLOR MILDRED
GARCIA AND THE
CALIFORNIA STATE
UNIVERSITY BOARD
OF TRUSTEES AND A
CALL FOR CAMPUS
REFERENDUM
Second Reading Item