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ABSENT

C. Rodriguez, C. Lyle, M. Kaur, M. Raspopov, M. Talcott

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair DeShazo convened the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Senator Hanan read the Tongva land acknowledgement.

1. 1.1 Chair DeShazo announced: President Eanes signed the following policies:
 - Policy Modification: Credit for Prior Learning, Faculty Handbook, Chapter V
 - Policy Modification: Requirements for Additional Master's Degrees or for an Additional Option within a Master's Degree, Faculty Handbook, Chapter IV
 - New Policy: Graduate Student Course Repeat and Repeat for Grade Replacement, Faculty Handbook, Chapter IVThe policies are effective Fall 2025 and the Faculty Handbook will be updated as soon as possible.
- 1.2 Chair DeShazo announced: Senator Bettcher will be performing in a bold one woman performance "Reality Mare" on November 5-7, 7pm. Reservations can be made at eventbrite.com
- 1.3 Secretary Larkins announced: Graduate Thesis Workshops for Fall 2025:
Getting started on the thesis: Wednesday, October 22, 3:15-4:15 p.m., in Library North A124
Thesis Formatting and Submission: Friday, November 21, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 812 6122 9934
For more information, contact Sonia Cruz Magana scruzma2@calstatela.edu or 323.343.3826
- 1.4 Chair DeShazo announced: "Ask Me Anything" with Provost Lattimer will be held October 22, 11am-12pm, SSB L120. "Transforming Together: Community Conversations with President Eanes" will be held on October 29, 3:30-4:30pm in Rosser Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. The following questions/concerns around these topics were raised from the floor:
 - Can the unofficial transcripts include the name of the University and can the formatting be changed to look more professional?
 - Is there any information on AI use and an official policy for use in GWAR courses? Responses were provided from the floor by M. Gacia, UGS/Enrollment Management, and Senate Chair DeShazo.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

3. 3.1 There were no new intent to raise questions.
- 3.2 The following response from the VP of Administration and Finance was presented to the IRQ raised by Senator Kaur at the meeting of September 9, 2025 (ASM 24-3)
Question 1: Is there a new set of CSU systemwide guidelines about international travel for Academic Year 2025/26, or alternatively, does our campus have its own guidelines?
There are no new systemwide guidelines and the campus does not have its own guidelines.
Question 2: When employees on employment visas (such as H1B) travel to their home country for visa stamping, they may sometimes face additional administrative processing (221G), during which their employer is asked to provide further proof of employment. In such cases, is there a defined process at Cal State LA for who the employee should contact?
Faculty who are on an H1B visa reach out to the Office of Faculty Affairs for the appropriate paperwork when they are traveling abroad.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

INTENT TO RAISE
QUESTIONS (continued)

If needed, the Office of Faculty Affairs will reach out to the university's immigration attorney.

Question 3: The document from March notes that The California State University system provides pro bono legal immigration services through a contract with Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD). The ILD page (<https://www.ild.org/csuappointments>) linked from that document lists CSU campus partners, and Cal State LA is not among them. Does our campus provide any legal service that could be reached by phone to assist an employee who is encountering a problem at a US border crossing?

On April 14, 2025, the campus sent an updated message about legal resources which stated: Please direct requests for legal aid to CARECEN-LA College Immigration Legal Services. If you encounter a problem scheduling an appointment, email dreamers@calstatela.edu for assistance. CARECEN-LA's phone number is: (213)-385-7800.

Question 4: Some employees may not be able to avoid all international travel, whether business or personal. Can our campus IT services loan to these employees laptops and smartphones set up in a way to divulge as little information as possible should these devices be searched at the border?

Our IT Services team can, on a case-by-case basis, and subject to availability, loan laptops and mobile devices to employees for university-related travel. Any loaned equipment would only be available for business purposes and not be used for any personal business or entertainment. The equipment would also be subject to guidelines ensuring both data protection and compliance with CSU policies, as well as state and federal laws.

- 3.3 The following response from Academic Affairs and University Advancement was presented to the IRQ raised by Senator Larkins at the meeting of September 9, 2025 (ASM 24-3)

Question: Could we have a wearable item provided to faculty to wear at special events when regalia is expected, that would help identify faculty from students and show them to be part of the unified faculty of Cal State LA?

Thank you for your interest in strengthening campus unity and building community. The possibility of a wearable item is a great idea. We would want to be thoughtful around design since we don't want to have a cord, medal, or stole that would potentially compete with the embellishments worn by students. Additionally, we would want to ensure that all (or nearly all) faculty would be enthusiastic about wearing the item if we are to achieve the unifying goal. We would also want to consider extending the wearable item opportunity to include staff who often experience the faculty-staff divide most acutely at Commencement when faculty get to be on stage in robes while staff are working behind the scenes. Finally, we will need to be aware of costs as budgets continue to be tight and we don't want to take away from essential services – including instructional budgets.

We would ask that the senate executive committee consider the ideas raised in this IRQ and bring back a more detailed proposal that includes potential design, evidence of interest from faculty and staff, and a cost estimate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. 4.1 It was m/s/ (Meyerott)) to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2025 (ASM 25-5).
- 4.2 Senator Porter advise of an editorial amendment in line 1.2 to change “on” to “in”.
- 4.3 The minutes were approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. It was m/s/p (Porter) to approve the agenda.

ADVANCING ACCESSIBLE
AND EQUITABLE LEARN-
ING PRESENTATION

6. A presentation was given by: Jose Gonzalez (student, Computer Information Systems), Dr. Carl Schottmiller (CETL), Dr. Elizabeth Heise (Faculty Affairs), Jeff Suarez-Grant (CETL), and Jeffrey Lam (ITS) A question and answer period followed.

7.	Chair DeShazo presented her report.	SENATE CHAIR’S REPORT
8.	Chair DeShazo presented a new item for the Miscellaneous Rules approved by the Executive Committee. No objections were raised.	MISCELLANEOUS RULES CONSENT ITEM (25-1)
9.	There were no additional items to discuss. Due to technical issues with the voting system, it was m/s/ (Meyerott) to move on to the First Reading Items and return to vote on this policy once the issue was resolved. No objections were raised.	PROPOSED POLICY MOD- IFICATION: ACADEMIC FREEDOM, PROFESSION- AL ETHICS, AND FACULTY RIGHTS, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER VI (24-20) <i>Second Reading Item</i>
10.	10.1 It was m/s/ (Porter) to approve the recommendation. 10.2 A five minute question and discussion period took place. 10.3 It was m/s/ (Bettcher) to extend the question and discussion period for an additional five minutes. No objections were raised.	PROPOSED POLICY DELE- TION: PRINCIPLES OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER VI (24-21) <i>First Reading Item</i>
11.	11.1 It was m/s/ (Porter) to approve the recommendation. 11.2 A five minute question and discussion period took place.	PROPOSED POLICY MOD- IFICATION: INTEGRATED BACHELOR’S AND MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMS, FACULTY HANDBOOK, CHAPTER IV (24-17) <i>First Reading Item</i>
12.	It was m/s/ (Hanan) to continue item 9 as a Second Reading Item at the next meeting. No objections were raised.	
13.	It was m/s/p (Hanan) to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.	ADJOURNMENT