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SUBJECT: Annual Senate Committee Report 2025-26AY

Policies/Items completed during 2025-26

- Student Opinion Survey (SOS) on Instruction Policy
    - The SPC was tasked by the Chair of the Academic Senate to review The Student Opinion Survey (SOS) on Instruction policy in Chapter V of the Faculty Handbook, with specific focus on mitigating unintended delays in the release of SOS results due to late grade submissions.
    - The committee reviewed the policy amendment proposal set forth by the Faculty Policy Committee (FPC), as well as feedback provided by Faculty Affairs and the Academic Senate.
    - The SPC supported the proposal as written and made no additional changes to the language. Chair Joseph and Vice-Chair Ainis drafted a memo in support of FPC's amendment to submit to the Academic Senate.
    - The amendment codifies that the distribution of SOS results occur no later than four weeks after the grade submission deadline, and clarifies that surveys are administered in each fall and spring semester.
- Review and discussion of the CSU Time, Place, Manner Policy (TPM) and the Cal State LA Addendum
    - The SPC kept this policy on the agenda for the entire academic year in order to provide ample time for faculty, staff, and students to bring up any inquiries regarding the policy and its implementation and processes.
    - Vice President Patrick Day, who serves as the campus representative for the CSU TPM team, provided updates and addressed inquiries from the committee.
    - Discussion increasingly centered on the campus response to immigration enforcement activity, including campus notification protocols and the definition of non-public areas on campus.
    - Due to time constraints, the committee was unable to complete its review and will continue this item in the next AY.
- Holistic support for students during an uncertain political environment
    - AVP/Dean of Students Dr. Blanca Martinez-Navarro presented on campus resources and the guidance stipulated in SB98, which became effective in September 2025.
    - SB98 is notification-based and provides a legal basis for notifying the campus community about confirmed ICE activity. The campus protocol, implemented in January 2026, designates campus officials to verify reports before communications are sent to campus.
    - The committee discussed the need for clearer faculty guidance, modality flexibility for students and employees who may not feel safe coming to campus, and proposed resources including a faculty rights one-pager, CETL syllabus resources, crisis-intervention training, and a Security and Safety Subcommittee.

- Basic Needs and Food Insecurity (CalFresh/SNAP)
    - In response to the SNAP/CalFresh crisis raised by a committee member, the SPC invited Dr. Frangelo Ayran, Senior Associate Dean of Students, and Jessica Vera, Basic Needs and Support Specialist, to present.
    - The committee reviewed the campus food-security network, including the Food Pantry, Food Pantry Express, pop-up pantries, Eddie Eats, the CalFresh Outreach Center, the Farmers Market, the Grocery Equity Program, emergency grants, and emergency housing.
    - During the federal government shutdown, the Basic Needs team continued to enroll students in CalFresh and hosted a mini farmers market and a Thanksgiving pop-up pantry that together served nearly 300 students.
    - A basic-needs syllabus statement was developed for faculty use and shared with members of the committee.
- Student Retention and Enrollment
    - The SPC maintained Student Retention as a standing discussion item throughout the academic year.
    - Chair Joseph shared his grant-funded work redesigning critical 100-200 level courses to improve student success and eliminate equity gaps.
    - The committee discussed a proposed first-year cohort model, the distinct needs of returning and non-traditional students, and interest in reviewing Black student enrollment and retention data.
    - VP Day provided regular enrollment and recruitment updates, including the LA Next Community College Enrollment Initiative, the CSU Direct Admission Program, and the Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Framework. Preview Day attendance increased 18.4% over the prior year.
- University Strategic Plan and Academic Plan
    - Academic Senate Chair Dr. Jessica L. DeShazo attended two meetings to collect committee feedback on the University Strategic Plan SWOT analysis and the draft Academic Plan.
    - The committee reviewed the questions, provided recommendations during the meetings, and submitted additional feedback through a shared document.
- Academic Advising
    - The committee received an update on academic advising and the Eco-STEM initiative from Dr. Gustavo Menezes, Interim Associate Provost for Undergraduate Student Success, and Dr. Corey Bowen.
    - The Academic Advisement Subcommittee continued its work on an updated charge.
- Alumni Email Access (Intent to Raise Question)
    - Chair Joseph raised an Intent to Raise Question regarding why the university terminates students' access to the CSULA email system upon graduation without an option to retain their university email accounts.
    - Information Technology Services responded that there are no technical limitations to providing alumni email accounts; graduating students' accounts are currently disabled 365 days after the term end date, with 30 days' notice.
    - The committee will continue to seek information regarding a potential alumni email policy and the appropriate jurisdiction for the issue.

Ongoing Policies/Items

- CSU Time, Place, Manner Policy and the Cal State LA Addendum: the SPC is to continue its review of the policy and the campus Addendum, including provisions related to the campus response to immigration enforcement.
- Student Opinion Survey on Instruction: the SPC's memo in support of the FPC amendment is forwarded to the Academic Senate for consideration.
- Alumni email access: the SPC is to follow up on the development of a potential alumni email policy and confirm the appropriate jurisdiction.
- Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan: the SPC is to provide additional feedback on the SEM Framework as it is finalized.

Future Policies/Items and Recommendations

- Grading Language that fosters equity and Student Success; proposed by Dr. Oropeza-Fujimoto to align grading language with equity- and learning-centered practices to reduce deficit framing and better support student persistence, while preserving academic standards and faculty grading authority. Proposal was submitted and was discussed but requires introduction for further discussion and crafting the final version of the policy to be approved and presented at Academic Senate for consideration.
- Developing a Student Alumni Email program to facilitate graduate student transition to graduate school, create source for student alumni involvement, increase alumni belonging, develop directed strategy for Alumni giving.
- Review the implementation of the Student Opinion Survey (SOS) results-release timeline once the amendment is adopted. SPC will work with FPC Chair L. Terrones to further develop the SOS to update the current version.
- Review the campus implementation of SB98 and develop clearer guidance and resources for faculty regarding immigration enforcement on campus. SPC is interested in developing a Standing Senate committee that addresses and reviews the implementation process of the Time, Place, Manner Policy and the Cal State LA Addendum.
- Continue to examine student retention initiatives, including the proposed first-year cohort model, and to examine their impact on students' persistence and equity gaps.

Feedback and Recommendations

- During the 2025-2026 academic year, the SPC benefited from consistent undergraduate ASI student representation. Student voices are extremely valuable to the committee, and we recommend continued early coordination with ASI to ensure that both an undergraduate and a graduate student are selected to serve on this committee.
- During the academic year, the committee frequently deferred agenda items due to time constraints, particularly the review of the Time, Place, Manner Policy and the Cal State LA Addendum. We recommend prioritizing standing items earlier on the agenda and, where appropriate, scheduling dedicated-time-certain discussions so that carryover items receive adequate attention.
- The Committee recommended that the Chair assign offline policy development work to SPC internal subcommittees. The resulting drafts will then be further developed and discussed during SPC meetings, to support consideration and potential adoption by the larger Academic Senate body.