



ACADEMIC SENATE, STUDENT POLICY COMMITTEE

November 7, 2023; 9:25 am -10:40 a.m., Zoom <https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/89398593351>

MINUTES

Present: A. Camacho, Y. Feng, P. Howell, C. Flint, R. Rohit, S. Orozco, A. Villegas, S. Warner, M. Wu, N. Koirala, A. Chavez

Excused: G. Castillo

Absent: A. Khodayari, R. Diaz

1. Call to Order
S. Orozco, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:38 am.
2. Announcements
A. Villegas announced that the Advisor Professional Development Series is open to faculty members and chairs. Email her (aville10@calstatela.edu) to join the Canvas shell and receive the latest updates and notifications.
3. Intent to Raise Questions
None.
4. Approval of the Minutes
(Note: Details of Liaison Reports do not need to be included in the minutes.)
M/S/P approval of the minutes Flint/Koirala
5. Approval of the Agenda
M/S/P approval of the agenda Howell/Wu
6. Liaison Reports
 - 6.1. Executive Committee Liaison Report
No report
 - 6.2. Academic Advisement Subcommittee Liaison Report
No report
 - 6.3. Graduation Initiative 2025 Liaison Report
No report
 - 6.4. Student Representative Report
No report.
7. Early Registration Policy
As discussed in the previous meeting, S. Orozco has emailed C. Cobb, Registrar. She will share the responses with the committee once available.

8. Withdrawal Policy

Unlike some other CSU campuses, Cal State LA currently does not have an explicit withdrawal policy. Would it be beneficial and necessary to add a more explicit withdrawal policy for media reasons?

The committee reviewed the withdrawal policy and discussed the necessity. We have a withdrawal policy that covers "serious and compelling reasons," which covers medical reasons as well. Adding a separate medical reason category could actually make the withdrawal process more complicated for our students.

9. Grade Forgiveness for Graduate Students

S. Orozco noted that Cal State LA currently does not have a grade forgiveness policy for graduate students. The committee discussed whether we should establish such a policy. A sample policy from CSU Fullerton was shared.

The committee reviewed CSU Fullerton's policy and discussed the rationales. The committee agreed that more investigation on other campuses' practices would be needed, and we should also have more discussion on the rationales. We should also consider individual graduate programs' opinions on adding a campus-wide grade forgiveness policy for graduate students.

The committee agreed to invite K. Elliot Brown to share her input in our next meeting.

10. Future Agenda Items

S. Orozco or A. Chavez will follow up with K. Elliot Brown regarding grade forgiveness for graduate students and invite her to our next meeting. S. Orozco announced there was also a request regarding free speech.

11. Adjournment

M/S/P to adjourn, Warner/Howell, 10:21am.