

Minutes: Full Senate

Date

September 29, 2025

Chair

Tabitha Hart

Members (in alphabetical order)

Geoffrey Agustin, Ma'Kayla Akin, Nada Attar, Joshua Baur, James Brent, Teairra Brown, Raymand Buyco, Harish Chander, Megan Chang, Laura Charles, Caroline Chen, Michael Dao, Jhony De Oliveira, Vincent Del Casino, Kristin Dukes, Stefan Frazier, Rachael French, Dashiell Fryer, Katelyn Gambarin, Tabitha Hart, Dawn Hackman, Ranko Heindl, Vlad Ionescu, Melinda Jackson, Christian Jochim, Colleen Johnson, Priya Kannan, Reiko Kataoka, Kathy Kaoudis, Thomas Madura, Ravisha Mathur, Marco Meniketti, Eduardo Muñoz-Muñoz, Emily Paredes, Vishnu Pendyala, Kenneth Peter, Sabrina Porter-Parees, Sarika Pruthi, Priya Raman, Shannon Rose Riley, Simon Rodan, Romey Sabalius, Carmen Saleh, Karthika Sasikumar, Soma Sen, Scott Shaffer, Raha Shojaei, Erin Siebert, Ryan Skinnell, Janet Stemwedel, Laura Sullivan-Green, Mark Van Selst, Cristina Velarde, Julian Vogel, Hiu Yung Wong

Apologies (in alphabetical order)

Maria Chierichetti, Mari Fuentes-Martin, Melinda Jackson, Hojeong Lee, Kelly Masegian, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Anne Marie Todd

Guests (in alphabetical order)

Location

This meeting was held in person on campus in ENG 285/287.

Start & end times

2:00-5:00 PM (Pacific Time)

Minutes taken by

Grace Barbieri, Senate Administrator

Call to Order

At 2:00 PM

Roll Call

Senators indicated their presence at the meeting by signing in on the attendance sheet.

Land Acknowledgement

Read by Senator Agustin

Consent Agenda

1. [Minutes of the September 8, 2:00-5:00 PM meeting](#) of the full Senate
2. Senate committee [appointments](#) (under “Consent Calendar 9/15/25” tab)

Approved unanimously

Communication & Questions

From the Senate Chair

- Opening the meeting room at 1:30 for a half-hour social time has been received very positively, and we will continue to do so for the remainder of the semester.
- After feedback, the Senate Executive voted to route the Presidential signature constitutional amendment to O&G.
- C&R and O&G will jointly work on the curricular component of firearms policy.
- ISA is working on a new FERPA policy in response to the Presidential directive.
- The Exceptional Assignment Time Award Committee needs a General Unit representative whom the Executive Committee will appoint. It has been added to the Senate committee vacancy page for those interested.
- The AI Survey has gone out to all faculty, staff, and students, and closes Oct 3rd.
- The second quickstart guide focuses on how motions are made since there are three final readings today.

- Concerns were raised about why guests need to book a seat for the senate meetings; however, it was explained that it is only to gauge the number of guests to make sure there is space.

From the University President

The President is traveling. Her slides were shared.

- A question was raised regarding SJSU's response to the Bondi Memo and if SJSU is doing things preemptively in response.

Executive Committee Report

Minutes of the Senate Executive Committee

1. [Minutes of the September 15, 2025, Executive Committee](#) meeting
 - A question was raised about what the outreach was to the students in Turning Point, and it was a wellness check.
 - A point was made that committee descriptions need to be written in a more student-friendly manner.

Executive Committee Action Items

N/A

Unfinished Business

N/A

Policy Committee & ULB Action Items

Curriculum & Research (C&R)

Senator Chang presented AS 1898, Continuing Education-Course Standards for a Final Reading

- Last AY, the Senate passed AS 1886 Continuing Education-Course Standards, which rescinded and combined outdated policies related to Continuing Education Units. It was returned by the President, unsigned, with suggested edits to align the new policy with S24-1. C&R reviewed these changes and minor adjustments and added them.

Questions

- A question was raised about whether C&R had checked with the registrars, academic scheduling; however, it was explained that these units go through PaCE, which was consulted.

Debate

- Those who spoke in favor noted that C&R reviewed the changes from the President thoroughly and that this policy supports diverse learning paths for students.
- Senator Rodan made a motion to amend the policy's title, and it was seconded.
- Those who spoke in favor of the Rodan amendment cited that the current title does not correspond to what the resolution is fully about.
- Those who spoke against the Rodan amendment cited that the title was too long, which can lead to confusion, not wanting to seem like giving faculty more power, and that it could confuse the difference between CEUs and university credits.
- Senator Buyco made a motion to amend the Rodan amendment.
- After a point of order, both the Rodan and Buyco amendments failed.
- Senator Van Selst made a motion to amend the policy's title, which was seconded.
- Senator Baur made a motion to amend the Van Selst amendment.
- The Baur amendment to the Van Selst amendment passed.
- The Van Selst amendment passed.
- AS 1998 passed with the Van Selst amendment unanimously.

Organization & Government (O&G)

Senator Baur presented AS 1897, Amendment to Senate Standing Rules #14 - Ranked Choice Voting to Replace Run-off Election for Senate Officers for a Final Reading

- This amendment to the standing rules would implement ranked choice voting for Senate Officer elections.

Debate

- Those who spoke in favor of the amendment pointed to its successful usage in last year's Senate Officer elections and that PS is now looking to use ranked choice voting in other elections at the department level.
- AS 1897 passed 45-1-0

Professional Standards (PS)

N/A

Instruction & Student Affairs (ISA)

Senator Vogel presented AS 1899, Amendment B to University Policy F08-2 Repetition of Courses; Academic Renewal for a Final Reading

- This amendment is to align F08-2 with Executive Order 1037 and with PeopleSoft capabilities. The current policy is more restrictive than the EO, and the amendment now gives more flexibility and aligns with other CSUs. There has been consultation with many different registrars over the years.

Question

- Concerns were raised that policy should not be dictated by software issues and that there should be more effort in consulting programmers to implement the policy as written.
- It was pointed out that PeopleSoft was never capable of this work, and if PeopleSoft were programmed around this, it would cost a lot, and there would always be issues when it comes to updates.

Debate

- Those who spoke against cited that there was not enough priority of the implementation of the policy in the first place on PeopleSoft, and that the changes favor transfer students, causing equity concerns.
- Those who spoke in favor pointed to SJSU's student success initiatives. The goal is to help all students graduate in a timely manner, and this policy would help with that.
- Senator Frazier made a motion to amend and add a whereas clause, which bears no force on the policy, which was seconded.
- Senator Siebert made a motion to amend the Frazier amendment, which failed.
- The Fraizer amendment was approved unanimously.

- AS 1899 passed 46-2-0.

Senator Vogel presented AS 1900, Student Field Experiences During Site Strikes, as a First Reading

- A question was raised whether the committee had researched what was the cause of the creation of the original policy and reached out to consult with the unions.
- The need for more rationale and whereas clauses was pointed out, as well as a more neutral tone overall in the policy, and even broadening the policy beyond just strikes.
- There were many comments citing different departments' field placement guidelines and the need to have this policy align with them.
- It was pointed out that SJSU has no control over external agencies, and language involving such needs to be removed.
- It was suggested that the students' and faculty's responsibilities should be separated in the policy to be clearer. With consideration that all the work should not be put on the students.
- The participation in a strike was suggested as a part of the educational process.

University Library Board (ULB)

N/A

Special Committee Reports

N/A

New Business

State of the University Announcements

Associated Students President, Katelyn Gambarin

- AS has hosted many successful events over the last month, including Harvest Fest, Mexican Independence Day, and others.

- All of the \$60,000 has been distributed for the AS affordable book voucher program.
- The Child Development Center had its orientation.
- The AS transportation solutions department helped host a riding into the future panel, and they also presented to the AS board of directors about Bay Pass.
- The AS solution reception will be on November 17th.
- The AS Board of Directors finalized their four board goals: to advocate and amplify student forces, build and sustain campus relationships, create awareness of AS programs and services, and improve transparency within the SJSJ community.
- Continue to encourage your students to apply to Senate committees.

Provost, Vincent Del Casino

- Three leadership searches are taking place: Dean of Education, Senior Vice Provost, and Vice Provost for Academic Innovation.
- The Provost is preparing a formal response to the O&G report from Spring 2025 on the merger of ENVIS & URBP; it will be shared soon.
- There was a divisional leadership retreat with chairs/directors, associate deans, DROs, and deans. This included the launch of a new Dashboard to track PaCE Revenues and Expenses.
- SJSU won the Seal of Excelencia on its first application.
- There have been no requests from the Department of Education or the Department of Justice asking explicitly for faculty information or personal information on faculty. However, SJSU is still under a directed investigation from the DoEd, and things like faculty emails are public record.
- It was suggested that the AI Everywhere campaign be modified to make it clear, especially for students, where AI is being used and what is allowed.

Vice President for Administration and Finance, Kathy Kaoudis

- The Budget Town Hall had great attendance, and work is being done to respond to all the Padlet questions in the next week.
- The annual security report was released earlier this month and showed the campus continued to be safe and aligns with prior years.

- The BAC continues to meet with the next meeting on Oct 2nd.
- There were many comments and concerns raised regarding the riding of scooters and electric vehicles on campus and in buildings. There is a need for more signage and enforcement of policies regarding scooters.
- It was pointed out that since there are only 15-minute pass periods and classes are now more spread out, students might not have enough time to make it to class. This was also related to the buses between the South campus and the main campus.
- Concerns were also raised regarding the FDO trollies and the speed at which they are driven and where they are parked.
- Campus safety was also discussed in relation to the MLK library and the use of weed on campus.
- There were requests for surveys that reflect faculty, staff, and students' feelings on safety on campus.
- Cybersecurity was also a safety concern.

~~Vice President for Student Affairs, Mari Fuentes-Martin~~

Chief Diversity Officer, Kristin Dukes

- A Sense of Community Survey was released, which looks to assess how people are experiencing a sense of community at SJSU. It takes about 10 minutes to complete and will be open from Oct 6-31.
- As part of SJSU's commitment to People Centered Practice, we are conducting an employee census survey to gather demographic information. Participation is voluntary and includes the option to opt in for receiving information based on the social identities you disclose.
- ODEI has designed a new capacity-building professional development pathway to support our campus community in navigating campus climate flashpoints, in particular, but also in building a better sense of community inclusion.
- In the coming months, there will be more programming from ODEI along this professional development pathway as a way of better supporting our institution as we strive towards a more inclusive campus community.
- Next week, ODEI is hosting two facilitated sessions on Religion, Secular and Spiritual Cultures and Identities.

- ODEI is working on a centralized location to see all the events coming up with ODEI.

CSU Statewide Representative, Romey Sabalius

- There has not been another meeting of the ASCSU since the last Senate meeting, and there will not be another ASCSU meeting update till the December Senate meeting.