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CSU Chancellor
The California State University
Office of the Chancellor
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Dear Chancellor García:

Enclosed are the resolutions approved by the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) at the September 19-20, 2024, meeting. The documents are sent to you for response and action.

We would like to especially draw your attention to [AS-3709-24/AA/FGA](#) "Proposed Integration of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Maritime in 2026", [AS-3711-24/FA/JEDI](#) "Resolution on the Interim Time, Place and Manner Policy".

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Boyd
Chair, Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU)

Attachments

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Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU)

Executive Summaries of Resolutions
Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU)
September 19-20, 2024, Plenary meeting

The ASCSU approved the following resolutions. Copies of these resolutions can be found at <https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/faculty-staff/academic-senate/Pages/Resolutions.aspx> and via the links included below.

1. [AS-3708-24/APEP](#) Support for Revisions to the CSU Policy on Teacher Education Preliminary Credential Programs

The ASCSU supports recent changes to CSU Teacher Education Preliminary Credential requirements that reflect better alignment with Title 5, updates in law, and the inadvertent deletion of the fieldwork requirement.

2. [AS-3709-24/AA/FGA](#) Proposed Integration of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Maritime in 2026

The ASCSU endorses the informed exploration of an integration between Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Maritime universities (especially of administrative positions), while their respective unique characters should be preserved. In any integration, the shared governance process and the purview of faculty over curriculum and programs should be respected, and faculty (including lecturer faculty) and staff positions should be protected.

3. [AS-3711-24/FA/JEDI](#) Resolution on the Interim Time, Place and Manner Policy

This articulates the ASCSU's opposition to the CSU's *Interim Time Place and Manner Policy* (TPM), concluding with calls to the Chancellor to appoint a committee of ASCSU, CSSA, CSU labor unions, and CO representatives to co-author a new, viable, TPM "framework", as instructed by law, that will keep our universities safe without violating the rights and freedoms of faculty, staff, and students.

4. [AS-3714-24/Exec](#) Special Rule of Order: Eligibility to Vote on Ratification of ASCSU Constitutional Amendments

The ASCSU is the sole representative of the CSU faculty at the system level. This clarifies that all Unit 3 faculty employees are eligible to vote on changes to the ASCSU Constitution.

5. **[AS-3715-24/Exec](#) Schedule and Procedure for Ratification of AS-3660 Amending the Constitution of the Academic Senate of The California State University to Add Three Designated Lecturer Faculty Positions**

This sets out a timeline and other details for the process ratifying the amendments to the ASCSU Constitution approved in [AS-3660-23/JEDI/FA Amending the Constitution of the Academic Senate of the California State University to Add Three Designated Lecturer Faculty Position](#) (Approved March 2024).

6. **[AS-3717-24/JEDI/FA](#) Delaying the Call for Faculty Trustee Nominations**

The ASCSU Faculty Trustee recommending committees from the past two cycles developed recommendations for changes to the procedures and criteria which have yet to be updated by the ASCSU. Delaying the call for nominations allows the ASCSU to review and potentially enact revisions at the November Plenary.

First Reading

The following resolutions were presented for feedback from Senators and communication to campuses. The sponsoring committee(s) will revise these resolutions and we anticipate these will return to the plenary agenda as action (second reading) items at the November 2024 plenary.

1. **AS-3710-24/AA Resolution on the Interim Time, Place, and Manner Policy**

Because a time, place, and manner policy has a significant impact on academic affairs at the CSU, this resolution makes suggestions for specific changes to the language of the *Interim Time, Place, and Manner Policy* before it becomes permanent. These changes are meant to make the policy more supportive of students, staff, and faculty (specifically in terms of the delivery of instruction and academic freedom) and less about surveillance and punishment.

2. AS-3712-24/APEP CSU Response to Delays in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Process

The CSU has acted to effectively support our students despite delays in FAFSA processing. This resolution acknowledges current and continuing efforts and encourages sharing of best practices in responding to the FAFSA crisis.

3. AS-3713-24/JEDI Revision to the Faculty Trustee Nomination and Selection Criteria and Process

This resolution revises the criteria and process used to nominate and select Faculty Trustee nominees, the composition of the Faculty Trustee Recommending Committee, and the number of nominees put forward to the governor.

**Academic Senate
of the
California State University**

**Support for Revisions to the CSU Policy on Teacher Education Preliminary
Credential Programs**

- 1. RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU)

support the revisions to the *CSU Policy on Teacher Education Preliminary*

Credential Programs as promulgated on Sept 18, 2024; and be it

- 2. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to:

CSU campus Senate Chairs

CSU campus Provosts

CSU Deans of Education

Rationale

There are four major components in the recommended updates to the [Current policy on Teacher Education Preliminary Credential Programs](#). The first is that fieldwork experiences are required by Title 5 for the CSU; Fieldwork experiences had been inadvertently deleted from an earlier version of this policy. The second is that the minimum gpa requirement in the original policy was 2.7 whereas the Title 5 minimum is a gpa of 2.5; It is acknowledged that individual CSU campuses can select their own minimum requirements. Edits to the Basic skills section reflect legislative action; SB 153 eliminated the basic skills requirement for admission to teacher credential programs (see [changes to BSR requirements \(CA.gov\)](#)). The fourth and final major element is that the policy now incorporates the new PK-3 credential programs.

Attachment: revision to [Policy on Teacher Education Preliminary Credential Programs](#)

Resolution summary

The ASCSU supports recent changes to CSU Teacher Education Preliminary Credential requirements that reflect better alignment with Title 5, updates in law, and the inadvertent deletion of the fieldwork requirement.

**Academic Senate
of the
California State University**

Proposed Integration of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Maritime in 2026

- 1. RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) endorse the informed exploration of the possible integration of the California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo and California State University Maritime Academy, commonly known as Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and Cal Maritime commonly known as Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Maritime; and be it further
- 2. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU implore that the [shared governance](#) process be honored and maintained throughout the proposed integration, most importantly with regard to curriculum and program integration; and be it further
- 3. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU affirm that any discussions to change CSU curriculum and programs are within the purview of the faculty, per [Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act \(HEERA\)](#); and be it further
- 4. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU would endorse the proposed integration of administrative systems between Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Maritime if the financial necessity of that integration is documented by the CO as necessary to enable Cal Maritime to continue to serve as the only maritime academy on the West coast without a loss of faculty and staff jobs; and be it further

5. **RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU underscore the importance of respecting each university's areas of expertise and distinct spheres of influence; and be it further
6. **RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU urge the Chancellor's Office ensure that fiscal allocations preserve each university's unique academic mission; and be it further
7. **RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU request that, should integration occur, faculty and staff positions, on both campuses including lecturer faculty be protected; and be it further
8. **RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU remind the CSU Chancellor's Office and the CSU Board of Trustees to pay particular attention to the joint Phase Two workgroup on Faculty Governance; and be it
9. **RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to:
 - CSU Board of Trustees
 - CSU Chancellor
 - Cal Maritime Faculty Senate Executive Committee
 - Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Academic Senate Executive Committee
 - Associated Students of Cal Maritime
 - Associated Students of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
 - California State Student Association
 - Cal Maritime Interim President Michael Dumont
 - Cal Poly San Luis Obispo President Jeffrey Armstrong
 - California Faculty Association
 - CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty & Staff Association (CSU-ERFSA)

Rationale

The Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) understands that the proposed integration of Cal Maritime and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (SLO) after informed exploration might offer a unique, rich opportunity for the citizens of California. Both campuses are jewels of the system, specifically Cal Poly SLO with its "learning by doing" motto and Cal Maritime with its oceanic and licensure programs. The ASCSU recognizes that consolidating administrative and technological functions across campuses may result in more

cohesive and sustainable operations and will serve as a cost-saving model for the CSU system. If the integration is carried out prudently and effectively, each campus will add value to the other. The proposed integration would then help preserve Cal Maritime's continued academic contribution to our nations' economy and security. In addition, the ASCSU acknowledges that since June 2024, faculty from both campuses have worked collaboratively to preserve academic quality as they look toward the possibility of integration (though mostly not through the shared governance process)..

At the same time, the ASCSU asserts that administrative integration and curricular integration are separate issues and will require different approaches, timelines, and stakeholder groups. In the same vein, both campuses should be allowed to maintain sufficient autonomy to honor their individual practices, such as distinctive academic approaches and different faculty governance structures. Any integration should take the interests of students into account. For instance, the significantly lower student fees currently paid by students of Cal Maritime should be maintained for students currently enrolled there until they have completed their course of study.

Finally, the ASCSU recognizes that a successful integration between Cal Maritime and Cal Poly SLO may inspire other integration efforts within the CSU system. In that event, the ASCSU comprehends the importance of timely decision-making despite the complex tasks ahead—but hopes that such decision-making will not ride roughshod over shared governance. As a matter of fact, the current proposed integration might offer a cautionary tale going forward. Specifically, the tendency of management positions to grow disproportionately to the number of students served should not force the reduction of academic resources and make it more difficult for faculty to fulfill the CSU's mission to educate the citizenry of California. The ASCSU hopes that the CSU Chancellor's Office and the CSU Board of Trustees will remember the importance of keeping the size of administration proportional to the number of students served.

Resolution summary

The ASCSU endorses the informed exploration of an integration between Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Maritime universities (especially of administrative positions), while their respective unique characters should be preserved. In any integration, the shared governance process and the purview of faculty over curriculum and programs should be respected, and faculty (including lecturer faculty) and staff positions should be protected.

**Academic Senate
of the
California State University**

Resolution on the Interim Time, Place and Manner Policy

- 1. RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) oppose the 2024 California State University Interim Time Place and Manner (TPM) Policy issued by California State University Chancellor García on August 15, 2024 as developed and currently written; and be it
- 2. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU express profound disappointment about the lack of meaningful consultation with the ASCSU and with the California Faculty Association (CFA) during the development of the Interim TPM Policy as would be required in the spirit of shared governance; and be it
- 3. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU express grave concerns about misleading communications (e.g., "This directive is in effect immediately for all students and employees, and all other members of the community, including represented employees", Email Correspondence, August 2024) from the Chancellor and/or campus administrators regarding how the Interim TPM policy, campus specific addenda and related "directives" apply to faculty before the meet and confer is completed with the CFA as mandated by California labor law; and be it
- 4. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU oppose the restrictions on academic freedom embedded within the Interim TPM policy consequently removing decision making about course content from faculty prerogative; and be it

- 5. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU oppose the Interim TPM policy's unconstitutional restrictions of protected freedoms of assembly and speech for faculty, students, staff, and community members while on campus; and be it
- 6. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU express grave concerns about the uneven and discriminatory way the Interim TPM policy is being and will be enforced (in the few weeks since the interim policy was imposed we have already seen such instances)¹; and be it
- 7. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU oppose the increased level of policing and surveillance of faculty, students and staff, arising from the Interim TPM Policy, which is a burden disproportionately imposed upon Black and brown members of our community; and be it
- 8. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU oppose restrictions on face coverings, which violate the religious freedoms and health and safety recommendations for many members of our campus communities; and be it
- 9. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU oppose the restrictive hours of operation for buildings and public spaces on campuses that interfere with faculty, staff and students participating fully in campus life, research and creative activities, and just generally their jobs; and be it

¹<https://www.calfac.org/the-effects-of-the-draconian-anti-free-speech-policy-are-becoming-visible/>

10. RESOLVED: The ASCSU, in opposition to the Interim TPM Policy, support the

students, faculty and community members who, in exercising their rights to academic freedom, free speech, and freedom of assembly, find themselves in violation of this interim policy; and be it

11. RESOLVED: That the ASCSU request a written response from the Chancellor's

Office providing explanation and rationale for the content, process of development, and necessity of the Interim TPM Policy that will be shared with all CSU campuses; and be it

12. RESOLVED: That the ASCSU urge the Chancellor put any enforcement of the

Interim TPM Policy into abeyance until such time as the concerns above are addressed; and be it finally

13. RESOLVED: That the ASCSU call upon the Chancellor to appoint a committee of

ASCSU, CSSA, CSU labor unions, and CO representatives to co-author a new, viable, TPM "framework"—as instructed by law—that will keep our campuses safe without violating the rights and freedoms of faculty, staff, and students.

14. RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to:

CSU Board of Trustees
CSU Chancellor
CSU campus Presidents
CSU campus Senate Chairs
CSU campus Senate Executive Committees
CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs
CSU campus articulation officers
California Faculty Association (CFA)
California State Student Association (CSSA)
CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty & Staff Association (CSU-ERFSA)
Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges

Academic Senate of the University of California
California Community Colleges' Board of Governors
University of California Board of Regents CSU Employees Union (CSUEU)
CSU Academic Professionals of California (APC)
UAW Local 4123 representing CSU Graduate Students
Teamsters Local 2010 representing CSU Skilled Trades workers
Assemblymembers
State Senators

Rationale

The ASCSU is the means by which the Chancellor of the CSU consults with faculty in the system on matters of system-wide concern in accordance with the historic academic tradition of shared governance (and backed by California State law). The Chancellor's Office notified the public of its newly crafted Interim TPM Policy in August, without perceptible consultation with the authorized bargaining agents for any of the represented employee groups and without consultation with the ASCSU, faculty in general, the California State Students Association, or students in general.

The American Association of University Professors' (AAUP) has condemned the wave of similar policies being implemented on campuses across the U.S.² At least four CSU university senates (Fresno, San Diego, Sonoma, and Stanislaus) have passed resolutions condemning the policy or requesting investigation of and information on the rationale and development process of the policy.³ The CFA has filed an unfair labor practice [charge](#) with the California Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) alleging that management has applied the new policy to faculty (or any represented employees) before a formal meet and confer with management is completed.

The Interim TPM Policy incorporates chilling restrictions on free speech and academic freedom at CSU universities. We should make clear the difference between "...but they should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter which has no relation to their subject" being in the academic freedom policy vs the Interim TPM. The shift is how who decides what is and is not controversial and what is and is not relevant to a course from the professional judgment of faculty. It also means that faculty who "violate" what the administration believes are the boundaries of academic freedom, could be punished and charged with a misdemeanor under the Interim TPM. The

²<https://www.aaup.org/news/aaup-condemns-wave-administrative-policies-intended-crack-down-peaceful-campus-protest>

³ University resolutions appended to this document.

introduction to the Interim TPM policy states “every person who violates or attempts to violate these rules and regulations is guilty of a misdemeanor“

A recent article in CFA’s Headlines⁴ outlines additional concerns including the restrictive new “hours of operation” on campus buildings, restrictions on face-masking that provide an unsafe environment for faculty, staff and students who may be immuno-compromised or sick, and potentially violating freedoms of religious expression for those who wear face or head coverings. Additionally, the Interim TPM may also place undue restrictions on faculty (and other represented employee groups) ability to mount collective action up to and including a strike as we did in the lead up to our Jan 22, 2024 strike.⁵

Furthermore, the strict prohibition of certain items on campus actively limits our instructional and pedagogical mission. For example, the ban on the storing of "personal property for camping" limits instructors' ability to take students on long-standing environmental science field trips, and it also impacts the ability of the campus rec centers to run adventure trips for students. Although these limitations on outdoor learning may be unintentional, it demonstrates how the Interim TPM Policy fails to account for the complexity of the situation at-hand.

The ASCSU recognizes that there are legitimate reasons for protest. The Interim TPM Policy as written allows too much power to campus authorities (administrators, campus police, etc.) to decide what is legitimate, and what serves local or national maneuvering for political control. In fact it is the job of the university and faculty to expose students to content that stretches students’ intellectual growth, in order to create the foundation for an educated citizenry and a thirst for life-long learning. Students, faculty and community members may frequently gather, spontaneously or not, to speak out on current matters of concern. On November 3, 2023, the ASCSU approved [AS-3659-23/JEDI](#): “Condemning Acts of Terrorism, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, and Genocide Against all People, and Support for the California State University Community and Conversations” in which the ASCSU recognized that the “CSU community includes intersecting groups of heritage communities, scholars, and political activists who must be protected and nurtured in safe and secure campus environments” and that the ASCSU encouraged “each campus to foster the CSU mission of building and maintaining spaces for critical thinking, healthy intellectual communities, and nuanced discussions about the broad historical complexities”.

⁴ [CFA Headlines Sept 5, 2024](#)

⁵ [Sound amplification at Long Beach](#)

SB 108 (appended below) requires only a “systemwide framework to provide for consistency with campus implementation and enforcement”, not this specific Policy. Additionally, the law requires that the Chancellor’s Office, “shall submit a report to the Legislature by October 1, 2024, in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code, describing the campus climate notifications and any and all efforts to ensure consistent enforcement of institutional policies, and state and federal law, that protect safety and access to educational opportunities and campus spaces and buildings.” The timeline does not require that the Interim TPM be finalized by Oct 1. Instead the law allows for time to constitute a truly *shared governance* approach to crafting a policy that will keep our campuses safe without violating the rights and freedoms of faculty, staff, and students.

As stated in the CFA Headlines piece, “By implementing drastic measures that go beyond what is necessary to maintain order, this new policy will certainly discourage public discourse and civil engagement, as students and faculty will feel more threatened and less safe on their campuses.”⁶

SB 108 Section 220 Item 7 (State Action to which CSU Responded)

7. It is the intent of the Legislature that the California State University foster freedom of expression and the free exchange of ideas that comply with state and federal law and campus policies while also protecting student, staff, and faculty safety and access to educational opportunities. Each campus of the university shall prepare a campus climate notification by the beginning of the Fall 2024 term. The California State University Chancellor’s Office will develop a systemwide framework to provide for consistency with campus implementation and enforcement.

(a) Each campus shall provide notification of the following to students before the start of each academic year:

- (1) The campus’s time, place, and manner policy, which identifies the allowable parameters of free speech activities and the campus.
- (2) The Student Code of Conduct, which identifies acceptable student behavior, and relevant state and federal laws, which delineate legal and illegal activities.

⁶ [Long Beach protests](#)

- (3) The systemwide Nondiscrimination Policy, which ensures compliance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- (4) The process by which the campus will resolve any complaint of a violation of relevant institutional policies, state law, or federal law, including complaints against individuals not affiliated with the campus.
- (5) The range of consequences possible for students, faculty, or staff who violate relevant institutional policies, state law, or federal law, including, but not limited to, discrimination based on shared ancestry under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- (6) How the campus may respond to activities that threaten the safety of students, faculty, or staff, and disrupt their ability to access the campus or buildings, the educational process, or activities on campus. The notification will include strategies consistent with current law for how the university intends to ensure students can safely access buildings and activities on campus.
- (7) How the campus intends to foster healthy discourse and bring together campus community members, and viewpoints that are ideologically different, in order to best promote the educational mission of the institution and the exchange of ideas in a safe and peaceful manner.
- (8) Identify educational programs and activities for faculty, staff, and students to support the balance between free speech activities, educational mission, and student safety.
- (9) A list of the resources available on campus for faculty, staff, and students to receive mental health and trauma support.

(b) The Chancellor's Office of the California State University shall submit a report to the Legislature by October 1, 2024, in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code, describing the campus climate notifications and any and all efforts to ensure consistent enforcement of institutional policies, and state and federal law, that protect safety and access to educational opportunities and campus spaces and buildings.

Resolution summary

This articulates the ASCSU's opposition to the Interim Time Place and Manner Policy (TPM), concluding with calls to the Chancellor to appoint a committee of ASCSU, CSSA, CSU labor unions, and CO representatives to co-author a new, viable, TPM "framework",

as instructed by law, that will keep our universities safe without violating the rights and freedoms of faculty, staff, and students.

**Academic Senate
of the
California State University**

Special Rule Of Order: Eligibility to Vote on Ratification of ASCSU Constitutional Amendments

- 1. RESOLVED:** That all and only Faculty Unit 3 Employees as defined in section 2.13 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement may vote on ratification of proposed amendments to the Academic Senate of the CSU (ASCSU) Constitution;
- 2. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to:

CSU campus Senate Chairs
Campus AVPs of Faculty Affairs

Rationale

To take effect, amendments to the ASCSU Constitution must be ratified by campuses and approved by the Board of Trustees. The Constitution provides that

Ratification shall require a majority of the total vote cast in a systemwide referendum and a majority of the votes cast at each of a majority of the campuses. [Constitution, VII.2]

However, the Constitution does not explicitly say who may vote in such referenda. There are alternative interpretations. This Special Rule of Order resolves that ambiguity.

According to the Constitution, the ASCSU is the sole official voice of all faculty in the CSU. For example,

The faculty of the California State University adopts this constitution in order to exercise its rights and fulfill its responsibilities in the shared governance of the University. As the official voice of the faculty in matters of systemwide concern [Constitution, Preamble]

Moreover, ASCSU representatives “represent the entire faculty of a campus” [Constitution, II.5]. Therefore, the ASCSU represents all faculty employees, even if campuses limit who is eligible to represent a campus on the ASCSU.

Indeed, using campus restrictions on who may represent the campus to determine who may influence the Constitution which governs the body that represents all faculty would create significant inequities across the system. On that approach, every part time lecturer at Chico may vote; whereas at CSUN only 9 part time lecturers may vote.

Moreover, while this Special Rule will govern all future Constitutional amendments, the immediate context is a proposed change which concerns the representation of lecturers. Differentially enfranchising lecturer faculty in this ratification vote makes the perennial concern about inequity particularly salient.

Resolution summary

The ASCSU is the sole representative of the CSU faculty at the system level. This clarifies that all Unit 3 faculty employees are eligible to vote on changes to the ASCSU Constitution.

**Academic Senate
of the
California State University**

**Schedule and Procedure for Ratification of AS-3660 Amending the Constitution of
the Academic Senate of The California State University to Add Three Designated
Lecturer Faculty Positions**

- 1. RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of the California State University
(ASCSU) will conduct the ratification process for amendments to the ASCSU
Constitution initiated by AS-3660 on the following schedule

ASCSU Chair notifies campus senate chairs to conduct ratification vote	Week of September 23, 2024
Campus senate chairs report vote totals to ASCSU Chair	November 1, 2024 (11.59pm)
ASCSU Chair and Executive Committee tabulate votes and announce results	November 4, 2024
If ratification is affirmed:	
Campuses begin developing rules and processes for electing representatives to Lecturer Electorate	November 4, 2024
Initial reading of proposed change at the Board of Trustees	November 20, 2024 or January 28, 2025
Campus senate chairs report results of elections of Lecturer Electorate to ASCSU Chair	March 28, 2025 (11.59pm)
Action by Board of Trustees	January 28, 2025 or March 25, 2025
ASCSU Chair convenes Lecturer Electorate	TBD

Lecturer Electorate reports results of election for first representatives and alternates to ASCSU Chair	April 15, 2025
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; and be it

2. RESOLVED: That the ASCSU Executive Committee be empowered to alter the above timeline so long as the changes and rationale are communicated to the ASCSU; and be it

3. RESOLVED: That the following language should be presented to eligible faculty voters on each campus:

The [Constitution of the Academic Senate of the California State University](#) (ASCSU) requires that any proposed amendments be ratified by CSU campus faculty and approved by the CSU Board of Trustees.

At its March 2024 plenary, the ASCSU approved [AS-3660 Amending the Constitution of the Academic Senate of the California State University to Add Three Designated Lecturer Faculty Positions](#) which endorses the following amendments to Article II of the ASCSU Constitution (proposed amendments underlined)

I. Amend Section 1 (b):

(b) The Academic Senate shall also include:

- 1) the immediate past chair of the Academic Senate if not an elected member (who shall not be counted as a campus representative if not an elected member);
- 2) the Chancellor or representative as an ex-officio non-voting member;
- 3) one emerita/emeritus selected by the CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty & Staff Association;
- 4) three lecturer senators (who shall not be counted as campus representatives) elected pursuant to Article II, Section 6.

II. Add new Section 6:

Section 6. Lecturer Senators

The lecturer senator electorate shall consist of one lecturer faculty member elected by and from the lecturer faculty on each campus, according to rules established on each campus. Three lecturer senators shall be elected by and from the lecturer senator electorate. Lecturer senators shall serve staggered three-year terms beginning June 1. Terms of members of the lecturer senator electorate, procedures for electing lecturer senators and alternates, procedures for the recall of lecturer senators and alternates by the electorate, and responsibilities

of alternates shall be specified in the Bylaws. The Bylaws shall provide for the temporary replacement of a lecturer senator whenever the immediate past chair of the Academic Senate is both from the same campus as the lecturer senator and a member of the senate solely by virtue of being the immediate past chair. Lecturer senators and alternates replacing lecturer senators must hold a one-year (or longer) appointment and be full-time or part-time with a time base entitlement of at least 0.6. The use of the term 'lecturer senator' in this article is for convenience and does not exclude non-lecturer non-tenure track faculty.

III. Renumber existing Sections 6-8 and amend renumbered Section 7:

Section ~~6~~7. Terms of Office

Campus representatives and lecturer senators shall serve a term of three years. The immediate past chair of the Academic Senate shall serve for one year.

If these amendments are ratified by campuses and approved by the CSU Board of Trustees, the ASCSU Bylaws will automatically be changed as set out [AS-3661](#)
[Change in Bylaws of the Academic Senate of the California State University to Accommodate the Addition of Three Designated Lecturer Faculty Positions](#)

A 'Yes' vote would endorse ratification of these amendments. A 'No' vote would reject ratification of these amendments.

4. RESOLVED: That communications from the ASCSU Chair to campus senate chairs regarding the ratification vote include, but not be limited to:

- The deadline for reporting results to the ASCSU Chair
- The requirement that campuses report raw vote totals (counts of 'yes' and 'no' votes)
- Who is eligible to vote on ratification
- The language, set out above, which should be presented to voters

5. RESOLVED: That this resolution be distributed to

CSU campus senate chairs
CSU campus Provosts
CSU campus Vice Presidents for Faculty Affairs
CSU campus Vice Presidents for Human Resources
CSU campus Staff Councils

Rationale

In the spring of 2024, the ASCSU passed [AS-3660 Amending the Constitution of the Academic Senate of the California State University to Add Three Designated Lecturer Faculty Positions](#). The Constitution provides that all amendments require ratification as follows:

Ratification shall require a majority of the total vote cast in a systemwide referendum and a majority of the votes cast at each of a majority of the campuses. [Constitution VII.2]

Ratified amendments then require approval of the Board of Trustees. This resolution outlines the timeline and other instructions for handling the ratification of the amendments proposed by AS-3660.

Resolution summary

This sets out a timeline and other details for the process ratifying the amendments to the ASCSU Constitution approved in [AS-3660 Amending the Constitution of the Academic Senate of the California State University to Add Three Designated Lecturer Faculty Position](#) (March 2024).

**Academic Senate
of the
California State University**

Delaying the Call for Faculty Trustee Nominations

- 1. RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) delay the call for nominations for the 2024-2026 Faculty Trustee until December 1, 2024; and be it
- 2. RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to:

CSU Board of Trustees
CSU Chancellor
CSU campus Presidents
CSU campus Senate Chairs
CSU campus Senate Executive Committees
California Faculty Association (CFA)
California State Student Association (CSSA)
CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty & Staff Association (CSU-ERFSA)
Office of the Governor

Rationale

The final reports from the Trustee Recommending Committee in the last two cycles have made extensive recommendations for improvements of the criteria and process, but the ASCSU has not yet acted upon these recommendations. The ASCSU will entertain a first reading of revisions to the Faculty Trustee Nomination and Selection Criteria and Process at the September 20, 2024 plenary. While the current cycle's committee has been elected, it is still possible to make these revisions up until the point that the call for candidates goes out to the campuses. Thus delaying the call for 2024-2026 Faculty Trustee nominations in December 1, 2024, will allow the ASCSU to review and deliberate on changes to criteria and process during the plenaries in September (first reading) and November (action item), and include all changes in nominee criteria and application requirements that may be approved in the December 1, 2024 call .

Should the ASCSU not make such changes, the delayed call will still allow the process to follow the existing timeline.

Resolution summary

The ASCSU Faculty Trustee recommending committees from the past two cycles developed recommendations for changes to the procedures and criteria which have yet to be updated by the ASCSU. Delaying the call for nominations allows the ASCSU to review and potentially enact revisions at the November Plenary.