



Shared Governance Council

Minutes

Day/Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Time: 1:45-2:45 pm
Location: Alhambra Room – USU Room 305
Attendees: Committee Members, General Public
Type of Meeting: General

I. Organizational Items:

a. Call to order by: Chair Daniel Ruiz, Vice President for University Affairs @ 1:48 PM

b. Roll Call

Daniel Ruiz	Vice President for University Affairs	Present
Lori Krekorian	Undergraduate Academic Senator	Present
Mark Raspopov	Undergraduate Academic Senator	Present
Rikka Tagayuna	Undergraduate Academic Senator	Excused absence
Dion Vines	Graduate Academic Senator	Unexcused tardy @ 1:49 PM
Akshith Balappagari	Graduate Academic Senator	Unexcused tardy @ 1:52 PM
Yahir Flores	ASI President	Present
Cindy Nguyen	Chief of Staff	Present
Alonso Villanueva Serrano	Vice President for Finance	Unexcused absence
Arwa Hammad	Vice President for External Affairs	Present
Isis Stansberry	Associate Dean of Students, Community Care	Present
Barnaby Peake	ASI Executive Director	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Offered By:	Mark Raspopov	Seconded by:	Arwa Hammad			
Motion to Approve Agenda for Tuesday, March 4, 2025						
Consensus reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

d. Approval of the Minutes

Offered By:	Lori Krekorian	Seconded by:	Mark Raspopov			
Motion to table the Minutes for Tuesday, February 18; Tuesday, February 4; and Tuesday, January 21st						
Consensus Reached						
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed

II. Public Forum

a. This time is allotted for the public to address the Council regarding items not included on the meeting agenda.

III. Reports

a. Senators

Senator Raspopov:

- Concerned about layoff notices issued to faculty

- Informed the committee of the petition being circulated to prevent faculty layoffs

Senator Krekorian:

- Also concerned about faculty layoffs
- Informed the committee that a meeting with the Honors College administration about the Early Entrance Program was scheduled for Wednesday, March 12th

Senator Balappagari:

- Attended an Academic Information Resources Subcommittee meeting; discussed the release of ChatGPT tools for faculty and students and the amendment to the cloud retention policy
- Attended a Graduate Studies Subcommittee meeting; M.S. in Kinesiology program will be suspended; discussed policy for credit earned outside of Cal State LA

Senator Vines:

- Concerned that budget cuts will affect graduate students' scholarships, fellowships, travel, and conference participation
- Also concerned about graduate course cuts and faculty layoffs
- Ethnic studies programs are often first to face funding cuts
- Wants to push for greater student involvement in budget decisions
- Wonders how university will address decline in student enrollment
- Wants to connect with faculty unions and advocacy groups to address these concerns

b. Members

VPEA Hamad:

- Trying to schedule a meeting to address layoffs, course cuts, and the university's budget
- Discussing what ASI could do to support faculty, such as writing a resolution against faculty layoffs; unsure how ASI would write such a resolution when some budget cuts are necessary, but believes it is a worthwhile conversation

President Flores:

- Plans to meet with the Budget Committee to address budget concerns; trying to determine which issues the budget cuts may genuinely cause and which are only rumors

c. VPUA

VPUA Ruiz:

- Planning to follow up on questions raised by senators during 1:1 meetings
- Reached out to the library to schedule a meeting
- Interviewed a candidate for the vacant Academic Senator At-Large position
- Scheduled another interview with a different applicant

d. Advisors

No reports given.

IV. Information Items: None

V. Action Items: None

VI. Discussion Items

a. Concerns from faculty about layoffs due to budget

VPUA Ruiz: On Wednesday, VP Claudio Lindow released an email about the 2025-2026 proposed budget. The governor proposed a 5% increase to the base budget, but it has been held off. There has been a pause from federal funding to many programs in the CSU, which VP Lindow credits to a decline in student enrollment and state underfunding. Our largest campus expenses are increases to faculty salaries and compensation. The email also describes the university's budget-balancing approach. In total, the budget has been cut by \$24,578,000, reflecting the 10% reduction in federal funding. In order to reduce spending, the university is deferring capital projects to invest in campus infrastructure and campus life. They have also restricted non-essential travel funding and purchases. They are also looking for new sources of revenue by creating partnerships and renting out campus space. At the end of the email, VP Lindow reports that there will be a continued hiring freeze, and layoffs may be necessary.

Faculty are looking for more information about layoffs and asking for more budget transparency. They are also concerned that artificial intelligence may be replacing faculty jobs. Faculty members are asking ASI to resist faculty layoffs, but VPUA Ruiz does not believe there is any way for ASI to become involved as an organization.

VPEA Hammad: Does not believe that ASI can stop faculty layoffs because some losses are necessary; instead hopes to hold further discussions about how students will be affected by course cuts. Believes ASI should focus more on the students than the faculty on this issue.

ASI Executive Director Peake: Wonders if there is somewhere for students with questions about course cuts to receive answers, especially students who are concerned about delayed graduation. Suggests that ASI begin compiling this information.

VPEA Hammad: Does not believe that such a resource exists.

President Flores: Trying to create an FAQ page for students with concerns about course cuts. Some department chairs have been holding open forums; condensing information from across departments would be helpful.

Executive Director Peake: What resources would be most helpful to students? Are advisors prepared? Senators may want to raise these questions at a Senate meeting.

Chief of Staff Nguyen: There is no central resource with this information. Updated graduation roadmaps would be helpful for students and should be posted on GET.

Associate Dean of Students Stansberry: New students receive roadmaps at orientation. Unsure if roadmaps are long-term or only for the first semester. Agrees that having a centralized page with this information would be helpful. Unsure where this page would be posted.

Executive Director Peake: Students should begin thinking about what information would be helpful for students; ASI can then request that information from faculty. Once course cuts are announced, this information must immediately be available for students.

Senator Vines: When will the list of cut courses be released?

Executive Director Peake: The conversations have begun, but the timeline of these decisions is unknown.

VPEA Hammad: During a board meeting last semester, undergraduate advising asked for feedback on program roadmaps. Suggests reaching out to their office to continue this conversation.

Chief of Staff Nguyen: The office has reached out to ASI again to provide updates and ask for feedback this semester.

Senator Vines: Wonders if ASI can host a town hall with the advising team for students to ask questions.

President Flores: Currently having this conversation with the university administration; trying to set up a space to listen to the campus community and allow genuine dialogue so that students and faculty feel heard.

Associate Dean of Students Stansberry: Don't call it a town hall.

Executive Director Peake: Roadmaps seem like an essential tool for students. Seems like a reasonable request from the administration and faculty.

Senator Vines: Do we know which departments will be cut?

Executive Director Peake: Some programs are already being cut. Departments are currently having those conversations.

Senator Vines: Which programs does ASI recommend be cut?

Chief of Staff Nguyen: ASI shouldn't make any recommendations to cut programs.

Associate Dean of Students Stansberry: The number of students enrolled in a course plays a role in which courses are cut. Students who planned to take those courses may need to find alternative courses.

Executive Director Peake: Information about course enrollment from this year is available on the university dashboard. The courses with the lowest enrollment may have to be cut. Knowing that some courses must be cut, what resources would be helpful to students?

VPUA Ruiz: Having a central point where students can access information is important.

b. Review of Academic Senate policies under consideration

No comments.

c. Concerns of the student body related to academic and student success

No comments.

VII. Adjournment:

Offered By:		Yahir Flores		Seconded by:		Mark Raspopov	
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 PM Consensus to adjourn the meeting - Consensus reached.							
All in Favor	All	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: Passed	

CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the ASI Shared Governance Council of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State Los Angeles held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, in Alhambra Room – USU Room 305 and were approved by consensus by the ASI Shared Governance Council on Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Prepared by:

Lori Krekorian - Recording Secretary

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