

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA

ACADEMIC SENATE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

CLA Building, 98, P2-8

Zoom Link: <https://cpp.zoom.us/j/89765165353>

Zoom ID: 897 6516 5353

Passcode: executive

Attendees: Greg Barding, Aaron Cayer, David Edens, Ghada Gad, Peter Hanink, Kelly Min, Brian Newman, Dennis Quinn, Julie Shen, Faye Wachs, and Gerd Welke.

Proxy: Gerd Welke for Rita Kumar

1) Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2025

There was no discussion.

Senator Eden motioned to approve the minutes. Senator Barding second.

M/s/p to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2025.

2) Chair's Report

Last Week's Senate Meeting

Acknowledgements: Chair Hanink expressed appreciation to Vice Chair Greg Barding and Senator Rita Kumar, former Senate Chair, for managing the Senate meeting in his absence.

Meeting Observations:

- The Senate meeting progressed swiftly, which was noted as a positive outcome.
- A 30-minute gap occurred during the session, which was identified as an area for improvement in future scheduling.

Suggestions for Future Planning:

- Consider better time budgeting when key participants (e.g., the President, Provost, or Chair) are known to be absent.

The GI2025 Symposium

Overview: Chair Hanink provided a brief recap of the GI2025 Symposium, highlighting key themes and concerns discussed during the event.

Key Takeaways:

1. Expanded Definition of Student Success:

- The GI2025 Symposium emphasized moving beyond graduation rates as the sole metric for student success.
- There is a growing focus on career readiness and career pathways as essential components of student success.

2. Barriers to Student Success:

- Extensive discussion centered on identifying and eliminating barriers such as:
 - Mental health challenges
 - Financial constraints
 - Transportation issues
 - Cost of living
 - Basic needs
- However, there was limited faculty representation in these discussions, with most input coming from administrative perspectives. Classroom-level challenges were notably absent from the conversation.

3. Graduation Metrics Concerns:

- Concerns were raised about the use of a 4-year graduation rate as a benchmark, which does not align with the industry standard of 6 years for first-time, full-time students.
- The data presented included various graduation rates (4-year, 6-year, 2-year transfer, 4-year transfer), but comparisons with other institutions may be misleading due to differences in student populations and definitions.

4. Equity and Policy Implications:

- The current metrics may disadvantage institutions with diverse student populations, including part-time and non-traditional students.
- A suggestion was made to reconsider admission policies and reporting standards to better reflect institutional realities.

Conclusion: The GI2025 Symposium signals a shift in focus from narrow graduation metrics to broader, more inclusive definitions of student success, with a strong emphasis on career outcomes. Continued advocacy for faculty involvement and more accurate data representation is recommended.

Two-on-Two Meeting with Interim President Levine and Provost Gomez

Discussion Points:

1. Scheduled Meeting:

- Chair Hanink, along with Vice Chair Barding, will meet with Interim President Levine and Provost Gomez on **Monday, October 27, 2025**, of next week.
2. **Call for Input:**
 - Members are encouraged to reach out to their respective departments to gather any questions or concerns that should be addressed during the meeting.
 - Please submit all questions by **Friday morning** to ensure they can be shared with the President and Provost in advance.
 3. **Communication Strategy:**
 - President Levine and Provost Gomez have expressed interest in shifting the communication dynamic.
 - The goal is to move from one-way information sharing to a more **interactive and open discussion** with the Executive Committee (EC).
 - By submitting questions ahead of time, the leadership can prepare for a more meaningful dialogue during future EC meetings.

Action Items:

- **All members:** Contact departmental colleagues and submit any questions or discussion topics to Chair Hanink by **Friday morning**.

Open Service Opportunities

Discussion Points:

1. **Open Service Opportunities:**
 - There are still several service roles that need to be filled across departments.
 - Members are encouraged to actively reach out to their constituents to promote participation.
2. **Senate Vacancies:**
 - Senator Michael Giang has been successfully seated to represent CLASS, filling a previously vacant Senate position.
 - A Senate vacancy remains in the ENV department and needs to be addressed.
3. **Action Request:**
 - Members should remind their departments about available service opportunities.
 - Senator Aaron Cayer was specifically asked to contact professor within the ENV college and make efforts—“beg, borrow, plead”—to fill the remaining Senate seat.

Action Items:

- **All members:** Continue outreach to constituents to fill service roles.
- **Senator Cayer:** Follow up with ENV to fill the Senate vacancy.

3) Vice Chair’s Report

There was no Vice Chair's report.

4) Reports

There were no reports.

5) Old Business

There was no old business.

6) New Business

The Executive Committee appointed the following faculty members:

Service Opportunities

University RTP Committee – Term 2028 CEIS Representative

- David Neumann (History Education/ CEIS)

Program Review Committee (PRC) CLASS Faculty Representative

- Sarah Krainin (CLASS)

Search Committee for CLASS Associate Dean

- Erika De Jonghe (Psy)
- Itzel Aurora Garcia (Philosophy)
- Denise Helena Vasquez Guevara (Communication)

Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Professional and Global Education

- Weng Zhu (CBA)
- Zhongming Ma (CBA)
- Xuguang “Steve” Guo (CBA)
- Don St. Hilaire (COLLINS)
- Richard Navarro (CEIS)
- Wei Yu (CBA)

Faculty Appointments for the Honorary Doctorate Nominations Committee

- Shohreh Abdolrahimi (SCI)
- Nicole Elias (EGR)
- Kathryn Daniels (CLASS)

7) Discussion

Discussion Points:

1. **GE Referrals Status:**
 - Senator Julie Shen inquired about the status of General Education (GE) referrals.
 - It was confirmed that **no GE referrals** had been received yet.
2. **Submission Deadline:**
 - The deadline for GE referrals is **October 27th**.
3. **Proposal Routing Clarification:**
 - There was discussion about the routing process for GE proposals:
 - New proposals are expected to come first, followed by recertifications.
 - All proposals must clear college committees before advancing.
 - After the deans' review, proposals go to Senator Mario Guerrero in the curriculum process.
 - Ultimately, proposals should pass through the Executive Committee (EC) before reaching the GE Committee.
4. **Expected Timeline:**
 - GE proposals are expected to begin arriving by next week.

Action Items:

- Monitor for incoming GE proposals and ensure proper routing through college committees and EC before submission to the GE Committee.

Adjourned @ 3:59 PM