



Minutes for Senate Meeting #5

Monday, February 3, 2025 | 3:00pm-5:00 pm

Tempe Rm	DPC Rm	West Valley	Poly Rm
EDC 117	UCENT 282	FAB S101	PICHO 152

Senators Present: (**Downtown**) Aliste, Auh, Bienenstock, Billiot, DeCarolis, Goksel, Hines, Kimmons, Kizer, Kelley, Koffer, Langergraber, Lehmann, Mendoza, McMullen, Nikpour, Penkrot, Reed, Savaglio, Sullivan-Detheridge, Stabler, Swan, Timmermans, Trinkner, Wise

(**Polytechnic**) Garg, Hughner, Kang, Key, Kyselka, Key, Martinez, Pacton, Walsh

(**Tempe**) Amazeen, Barnaby, Barnett, Boerner, Bolton, Bos, Cervený, Cooke, Dal Martello, DeCaussin, Dell'Anna, DesRoches, DeVecchio, Duran, Dybvig-Pawelko, Farrand, Fazli, Fehler, Fini, Greene, Hale, Hanemann, Hansen, Helms-Tillery, Herckes, Janssen, Kammerlocher, Keeler, Kelley, Klein-Seetharaman, Kostelich, LeSueur, Lindsay, Lopez, Mangone (SUB: Synder), Maring, McCarville, McCarthy, McIntosh, McMullen, Mehra, Meissinger, Nannenga, Nichols, Oberle, Parvu, Paulesc, Perkins, Pfeiffer, Pinkerton, Princes, Printezis, Quinlivan, Ritter, Rojas, Sanchez, Schuster, Scott, Seagrave, Stoff, Swanson, Swanson, Tait, Todd, Trichopoulos, Tsethlikai, Usman, Vogus, Voutsas, Walton-Ramirez, Welfert

(**West Valley**) Bolhofner, Bouscaren, Dallmus, Donovan, Frost, Parrott, Shanly, Thomas, Villegas-Silva, Zhang

Officers: (**Downtown**) Rounds, Uiri-Glover, Derk, Kawam, Vandermeer; (**Polytechnic**) Kennedy, Burel, Weiss; (**Tempe**) Bodman, Davies, Bolmarcich, Rocchi; (**West Valley**) Burleson, Pagan, King

Ex Officio: (**Downtown**) Patricia Friedrich, Nancy Gonzales, Colleen Cordes (**Tempe**) Greg Stone

Guests: Cristy Guleserian, Executive Director of Principle Innovation

Absences: (**Downtown**) Smith (**Polytechnic**) N/A (**Tempe**) Allen, Bates, Bondy, Burgstaller, Fox, Hanemann, Munir, Nian, Smith, Windhorst, Yang (**West Valley**) N/A

Call to Order

- Welcome from Senate President, Elisa Kawam, presiding at the Downtown campus.

- b. Quorum was met with 103 present ((Total attendance , by campus: Downtown 25 senators, 5 officers; Polytechnic 9 senators, 3 officers; Tempe 71 senators, 4 officers; West Valley 10 senators, 3 officers.)

1. Action on Minutes of December 2nd, 2024 [Senate Meeting #4 Minutes](#)
Minutes were approved.

- 2. UAC Chair's Report.** President talked about the uncertain and troublesome times for the university, and she recommended that senators think about the size and strength of the ASU community. With some 180,000 students, over 6,000 faculty, and 16,000 staff members, this university has the resources, ability, and resilience to deal with these difficulties. She reminded senators of the Parliamentary and Legislative Leadership seminar on Friday, and she encouraged them to attend the public session of the Arizona Board of Regents meeting in the ASU Memorial Union on February 13.

President Kawam introduced President Tamara Rounds (Downtown), who explained that senators were invited to register for and attend events on different campuses that highlight special facilities. These included Dreamscape on the Tempe Campus (February 3, 7 and 10), the Media and Immersive eXperience (MIX) Center in downtown Mesa (March 3 at 11:45 am), [Dreamscape](#) on the Polytechnic campus (March 17 at 10 am), and PBS and Thunderbird at the Downtown campus (April 28 TBA).

3. Report from the University President
No report.

- 4. Report from the Provost of the University.** Provost Gonzales began by mentioning the terrible fires in California which affected 23,000 online ASU students in California, and she mentioned various efforts to assist those students, including flexibility in scheduling or rescheduling classes. ASU also has two Los Angeles campuses, and the faculty living there are also affected. [For updates see [here](#).] On a positive note, she announced that deans have been hired for the two new schools, one for the [School of Medicine and Advanced Mechanical Engineering](#) and one for the [School of Technology for Public Health](#). She also addressed the challenging issues facing the university. Government funding is unclear, and some federal projects won't continue, but the university is paying close attention to what is happening and is adapting on a case-by-case basis. She also posted a [link](#) to ASU resources for researchers concerned about federal funding.

Another important issue involves students who might be affected by new federal policies and actions regarding immigration and immigrants. The provost recommended that any academic

units with questions about issues of legal status should contact the university's Office of General Counsel. She also noted that students who seek counseling have legal protections for privacy, and she encouraged faculty not to pass along rumors. Finally, in response to a question about a student group seeking to report fellow students because of their suspected immigration status, she observed that a counter-protest addressed the issue, and she reiterated the university's commitment to both free speech and the values of its charter.

5. **Report from [Cristy Guleserian](#), Executive Director of [Principled Innovation](#)** spoke about her project. This originated at a reconceptualization project in the Mary Lou Fulton College for Teaching and Learning Innovation, and it has since become one of the nine design aspirations as ASU continues evolving as a New American University. The ambitious project has defined four pathways to creating positive change: moral, civic, intellectual, and performance. Each of these has associated values and practices, and all of them focus on placing character and values at the center of decision making. A key element of this is promoting communities of practice, where colleagues collaborate to “bring about change for the social good.” At present there are three communities of practice in operation: Human Flourishing, THRIVE Collective, and Civic Virtue, all of which seek to improve how individuals and communities make decisions.

6. Shared Governance

- a. The Senator Spotlight for this month is on [Renee Shanly](#), a senator from the West Valley Campus, who is from the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences and who has been at ASU for 20 years.

7. New Business

- a. **First Reads** (*These motions were presented for informational purposes only*)
 - i. **CAPC Motions for First Reads**

[Motion 2025-38](#) | Request from College of Global Futures – *School of Complex Adaptive Systems* – for the name change of an undergraduate degree – From: BS in Applied Mathematics for the Life and Social Sciences – To: BS in Complexity Science

[Motion 2025-39](#) | Request from The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – School of Politics and Global Studies – for the name change of an undergraduate certificate – From: International Studies – To: International Relations

[Motion 2025-40](#) | Request from W. P. Carey School of Business – *Department of Supply Chain Management* – for the name change of a graduate degree – From: DBA in Supply Chain Management – To: DBA in Business Administration

[Motion 2025-41](#) | Request from Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions – *School of Social Work* – for the establishment of a graduate certificate – Foundations in Gerontology

[Motion 2025-42](#) | Request from College of Health Solutions – for the establishment of a graduate certificate – Nutrition Education and Counseling

Note: Senators having any questions or comments about these CAPC motions were urged to contact Senate President, Elisa Kawam, or CAPC Chair, Claudia Sadowski-Smith BEFORE Thursday's CAPC meeting.

b. Second Reads (*These items had received first reads and were brought for discussion and a vote.*).

i. New Course Proposals. (*These proposals were voted on in gross.*) [Motion 2025-37](#)

The Senate approved Motion 2025-37

Yes = 107 No = 1 Abstain = 1

ii. CAPC Motions. (*These motions were presented in gross.*)

[Motion 2025-34](#) | Request from New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences – School of Interdisciplinary Forensics – for the name change of an undergraduate degree – From: BS in Computational Forensics – To: BS in Digital Forensics

[Motion 2025-35](#) | Request from New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences – *School of Social and Behavioral Sciences* – for the establishment of a graduate certificate – Behavioral Data Science

[Motion 2025-36](#) | Request from the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering – *Engineering Programs, The Polytechnic School* – for the establishment of a graduate degree – PhD in Clean Energy Systems

The Senate approved Motions 2025-34 to 2025-36

Yes = 105 No = 2 Abstain = 1

8. Senate Committee Reports

- a. Chair of the Committee on Committee, Elisa Bienenstock, reported on her committee's progress in finding candidates for the three grievance committees and for campus presidents.
- b. Student-Faculty Policy Committee Chair Whitney Hansen reported that her committee is dealing with 6 RFCs. For one of them which involves academic integrity, they had a productive meeting regarding generative AI. A second concern is the rule regarding who may serve as an advisor for student clubs. A third RFC deals with student requests to faculty for course over-rides. Since there is very little information on how common this is and whether it is a serious problem, so the committee will send out a survey to senators, who are urged to respond and to share this with colleagues.

9. Open Forum

One senator announced that senators would be receiving an inclusive survey regarding instructional support (February 11-28), and she urged senators to share and complete the survey. A campus president reported that her senate experience had been hugely beneficial, and she encouraged faculty to be involved in faculty service.

The next Senate meeting is March 3, and it will include a major report on policies and the position of career track faculty at ASU.

The Academic Assembly (all ASU faculty and academic professionals) will meet on all four campuses on March 5, and senators were strongly encouraged to attend and to encourage their colleagues to join then.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip VanderMeer, Secretary

Appendix A

INFORMATION ITEMS UNIVERSITY SENATE SPRING 2025

Information items that will be reviewed and voted on by CAPC on February 27, 2025. See the full CAPC agenda proposals [here](#).

W. P. Carey School of Business

Department of Marketing

Name change of an undergraduate degree

[From: BS in Marketing \(Digital and Integrated Marketing Communications\)](#)

[To: BS in Marketing \(Digital\)](#)

Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering

Computer Science and Engineering Program

Establishment of an undergraduate concentration

[BA in Computer Science \(Cybersecurity\)](#)

New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

School of Interdisciplinary Forensics

Establishment of a minor

[Forensic Psychology](#)

New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences

Establishment of an undergraduate concentration

[BS in Pharmacology and Toxicology \(Environmental Justice\)](#)