



Minutes for Senate Meeting #7

Monday, March 31, 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, Bienenstock, Billiot (SUB: Beyers), DeCarolis, Goksel, Hines, Kimmons, Kizer, Kelley, Koffer, Langergraber, Lehmann, Mendoza, McMullen, Penkrot, Reed, Sanchez, Savaglio, Smith, Sullivan-Detheridge, Stabler, Swan, Timmermans, Trinkner

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

(**Tempe**) Allen, Amazeen, Barnett, Boerner, Bondy, Bolton, Bos, Burgstaller, Cervený, Dal Martello, DeCaussin, Dell'Anna, DesRoches, DeVecchio, Duran, Dybvig-Pawelko, Farrand, Fazli, Fehler, Fini, Fox, Greene, Hale, Hanemann, Hansen, Harper, Herckes, Janssen, Kammerlocher, Keeler, Kelley, Klein-Seetharaman, LeSueur, Lindsay, Lopez, Mangone, Maring, McCarville, McCarthy, McIntosh, McMullen, Mehra, Meissinger, Munir, Nian, Nannenga, Nichols, Oberle, Parvu, Paulesc, Perkins, Pfeiffer, Pinkerton, Princes, Printezis, Quinlivan, Ritter (SUB: Miller), Rojas, Smith, Scott, Swanson, Tait, Todd, Tsethlikai, Usman, Vogus, Voutsas, Walton-Ramirez, Welfert, Windhorst

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

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

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

Guests: Anne Jones, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Jeffrey Wilson, Faculty Athletic Representative, Graham Rossini, ASU Athletic Director, Miki Kittilson, Dean of College of Global Futures, Peter Schlosser, Director of Global Futures Laboratory

Absences: (**Downtown**) Auh, Nikpour, Wise (**Polytechnic**) N/A (**Tempe**) Barnaby, Bates, Cooke (absent excused) Helms-Tillery, Kostelich, Schuster, Seagrave, Stoff, Swanson, Trichopoulos, Yang (**West Valley**) N/A

Call to Order

- a. Welcome from Senate President, Elisa Kawam, presiding at the West Valley campus.

- b. Quorum was met with 102 members present (Total attendance was 127 , by campus:
Downtown 24 senators, 3 officers; Polytechnic 8 senators, 3 officers; Tempe 70 senators, 4 officers; West Valley 10 senators, 5 officers.)

1. Action on Minutes of March 3rd, 2024 [Senate Meeting #6 Minutes](#)
Minutes were approved.

2. UAC Chair's Report. President Kawam thanked faculty for attending the recent Academic Assembly meeting, and she thanked the chairs of the Library Liaison and the Research and Creative Activities committees for completing a report on Open Access publishing, which has been sent to the provost. She noted that faculty have received a notice of elections for campus presidents and grievance committees, and that the ballot will be sent out on April 9. ABOR meets April 10, and faculty are encouraged to watch the meeting which can be streamed on YouTube. Finally, she introduced Jessica Lehmann, the chair of the Ad Hoc Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee, who encouraged senators to complete a [survey](#) being sent to them.

3. Report from the University President
No report.

4. Report from the Provost of the University. Provost Nancy Gonzales focused her report on how ASU is responding to the current external pressures. This is not currently an existential threat to the university, and she hopes it will not become one. ASU is better positioned to deal with this than some other institutions, but it is too soon to know much about what may happen. ASU is responding by working as part of various academic groups, rather than individually. It is also speaking out about the value of higher education, and she played a brief video of President Crow explaining that the technology and innovation so vital to our society – using the I-phone as an example – are the products of thousands of academic patents and articles. The provost encouraged faculty to speak up about the value of ASU and higher education to society in terms of research but also in providing opportunities for students.

The university is committed to supporting faculty most at risk, those involved in research. Thus far, 50 grants are impacted by federal policy, and where there has been a termination of grants, lab personnel must be transferred or let go, and faculty must be shifted to other positions. This also affects the employment of graduate students, and it is also reducing graduate admissions. There is no hiring freeze, nor has ASU rescinded any offers to job applicants, but she nevertheless urged all units to be responsible in dealing with employment consideration, and to fill only essential vacancies. This is, she explained, important for protecting the faculty currently in place. Finally, she encouraged faculty to strengthen the academic enterprise and to focus on student success.

In response to questions, she reported that ASU offers advice and information to non-citizen faculty and graduate students whose work might take them out of the country. The university continues to monitor policy affecting international students, and as yet there has been no revoking of visas. Asked about policy for dealing with the impact of grant restrictions on promotion prospects for early career faculty, the provost said that this was an important issue for near future consideration.

5. Other reports

- a. Graham Rossini, ASU Athletic Director. [Because of travel difficulties, the Director delivered his [report](#) near the end of the Senate meeting.] The director described the athletic program as a talent developing organization working to build leadership skills in its 650 student athletes. He noted the impressive academic record of the student athletes, including a 93% graduation rate, a high Academic Progress rating of 994, and 153 students named Academic All Americans – the most in the Big 12 Conference. He also explained that the athletic program illuminates ASU, building connections with potential and current students, alumni, and with the community, and achieving national visibility. He explained that shifting to the Big 12 conferences has increased television viewership by 353%, with attendance at football games up significantly.
- b. Jeffrey Wilson, Faculty Athletic Representative, explained that his duties include dealing with academic eligibility, monitoring compliance with regulations, dealing with coaches, and focusing on student well-being. He noted that student athletes are doing well academically, with an average GPA of 3.35. He explained that the “transfer portal” system, allowing athletes to easily change schools causes some problems, and that the business school offers a degree and certificate in Sports Business which is especially valuable for students receiving money from the Name Image Likeness (NIL) program.
- c. Anne Jones, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, made a presentation on [FRAME](#): Faculty Resources for Accessible Media Essentials. This represents an effort to assist faculty in creating accessible materials: documents and presentations, video and audio materials, and Canvas sites. She emphasized that these materials are easy for faculty to use.

6. Shared Governance

The Senator Spotlight for this month is on [Yun Kang](#), a senator from the Science and Mathematics group within the School of Applied Sciences and Arts, in the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts at the Polytechnic Campus. This is her third term in the Senate, she previously served on the Governance Grievance Committee, and she is currently the chair of the College Assembly Council.

7. New Business

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

[Motion 2025-54](#) | Request from the College of Health Solutions – for the name change of an undergraduate program – From: BS in Biomedical Informatics – To: BS in Biomedical Informatics and Data Science

[Motion 2025-55](#) | Request from the College of Health Solutions – for the name change of a graduate program – From: PhD in Biomedical Informatics – To: PhD in Biomedical Informatics and Data Science

[Motion 2025-56](#) | Request from the College of Health Solutions – for the disestablishment of an undergraduate program – BS in Health Education and Health Promotion

[Motion 2025-57](#) | Request from the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions – School of Community Resources and Development – for the name change of an undergraduate degree – From: BS in Recreation Therapy – To: BS in Recreational Therapy

[Motion 2025-58](#) | Request from the Office of the University Provost – for the establishment of academic unit – School of Medicine and Advanced Medical Engineering

[Motion 2025-59](#) | Request from the W. P. Carey School of Business – Department of Finance – for the establishment of an undergraduate certificate – Essentials of Credit and Leasing

[Motion 2025-60](#) | Request from the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts – ASU FIDM – for the establishment of an undergraduate degree – BFA in Costume Design and Technology for the Creative Industries

[Motion 2025-61](#) | Request from the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering – Dean’s Office – for the establishment of a graduate degree – MS in Artificial Intelligence Engineering

[Motion 2025-62](#) | Request from the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering – School of Integrated Engineering – for the establishment of a graduate degree – MS in Global Engineering

[Motion 2025-63](#) | Request from the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts – School of Applied Professional Studies – for the establishment of an undergraduate certificate – Project Management Essentials

[Motion 2025-64](#) | Request from the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions – School of Public Affairs – for the establishment of an undergraduate certificate – Emergency Management Essentials

[Motion 2025-65](#) | Request from the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions – School of Social Work – for the establishment of an undergraduate certificate – Stress Management, Mindfulness and Resilience

[Motion 2025-66](#) | Request from the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts – *Dean's Office* – for the rename of an academic unit – From: School of Arts, Media and Engineering – To: The GAME School

Note: Senators with questions or comments about these CAPC motions were urged to contact Senate President, Elisa Kawam, or CAPC Chair, Wendy Williams 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 2025-53](#)

The Senate approved Motion 2025-53

Yes = 113 No =1 Abstain =2

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

[Motion 2025-45](#) | Request from the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences – *School of Social and Behavioral Sciences* – for the establishment of a graduate certificate – Social Justice and Human Rights

[Motion 2025-46](#) | Request from the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions – *School of Criminology and Criminal Justice* – for the establishment of a graduate degree – DCJ in Criminal Justice

[Motion 2025-47](#) | Request from the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences – *School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences* – for the establishment of an undergraduate certificate – Environmental Justice

[Motion 2025-48](#) | Request from the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts – *School of Arts, Media and Engineering* – for the establishment of an undergraduate degree – BS in Game Design

[Motion 2025-50](#) | Request from the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering – *Dean's Office* – for the establishment of an undergraduate certificate – Global Engineering

[Motion 2025-51](#) | Request from the W. P. Carey School of Business – *Department of Finance* – for the establishment of an undergraduate degree – BS in Real Estate and Applied Finance

[Motion 2025-52](#) | Request from the College of Global Futures – *Dean's Office* – for the establishment of a new academic unit – School of Conservation Futures

The Senate approved Motions 2025-45 to 2025-48, 2025-50 to 2025-52

Yes =114 No =1 Abstain =2

[Motion 2025-49](#) | Request from the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering – *School of Biological and Health Systems Engineering* – for the establishment of a graduate degree – MS in Innovations in Medical and Patient Care Technologies.

This motion was removed from the in gross group of curricular motions for discussion and separate action: it was rejected by the Senate and returned to CAPC for reconsideration.

The Senate rejected Motion 2025-49

Yes =36 No=72 Abstain = 7

iii. Other Motions

[Motion 2025-44](#) | Revision of ACD 506-05: Review for Promotion: Fixed Term Faculty

The Senate approved Motion 2025-44

Yes = 99 No =4 Abstain=10

8. Senate Committee Reports

No reports

9. **Open Forum.** Several senators had questions about the athletic program, involving ASU's role with international students and faculty support for student athletes. Another asked about the status of bylaws that are "posted" but not yet formally accepted.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip VanderMeer, Secretary