



Minutes for Senate Meeting #1

Monday, September 8, 2025 | 3:00pm-5:00 pm

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

ROLL CALL

Senators Present:

(Downtown) Aliste, Barnard, Bienenstock, Billiot, Bowman, Calacci, DeCarolus, Der-Ananian, Don, Fishman, Haseley, Hines (SUB: Briggs), Kingsbury, Kizer, Klein-Seetharaman, Koffer, Lehmann, Nikpour, Penkrot, Timmermans, Todd, Trinkner, Wermers, Wise

(Polytechnic) Becker, Garg, Hughner (SUB: Manfredo), Key, Kyselka, Martinez, Pacton, Thomas, Walsh

(Tempe) Amazeen, Bailey, Basile, Blais, Boerner, Bolton, Bondy, Bos, Brand, Burgstaller, Burnsilver, Campisano, Carter, Cervantes-Soon, Chakravarthi, Cooke, Dal Martello, DeCaussin, Deets, Duran, Dybvig-Pawelko, Estrella-Bridges, Fazli, Fini, Florini, Fox, Frost, Goebel, Hale, Hanemann, Hansen, Hayes, Helms-Tillery, Herckes, Herruzo, Hervig, Hoogenboom, Keeler (SAB: Richter), Kelley, Kierstead, Kostelich, Lamp, Laura Lind, Lawrence, LeSueur, Li, Lee, Lindsay, Lopez, Mangone, McCarthy, McCarville, McIntosh, Meissinger, Mizzi, Munir, Oberle, Ostling, Oswald, Parvu, Perkins, Peterson, Pinkerton, Redkar, Ritter-Williams, Rogerson, Rojas, Sankar, Scott, Smith (SAB: Dguidegue), Spanierman, Speaks, Stein, Swanson, Trichopoulos, Tsethlikai, Usman, Vogus, Voutsas, Walton-Ramirez, Warble, Windhorst, Yang

(West Valley) Bolhofner, Bouscaren, Dallmus, Donovan, Goksel, Memarian, Parrott, Shanly, Zhang

Officers: (Downtown) Rounds, McCoy, Derk; (Polytechnic) Kennedy, Burel, Dolin; (Tempe) Bodman, Bolmarcich, Rocchi, Brian, Kawam, Vandermeer (Absent); (West Valley) Burleson, Pagan, King

Senators Absent: (Downtown) Smith (excused) (Polytechnic) (Tempe) Bates, Fleming, Nichols, Zanin (West Valley)

Ex Officio: **(Tempe)** Patricia Friedrich, Colleen Cordes, Nancy Gonzales (Absent)

Guests: Sally Morton, Executive Vice President, ASU Knowledge Enterprise, Anne Jones, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Office of University Provost, Matt Lopez, Deputy Vice President, Academic Enterprise Enrollment, Chris Fiscus, Vice President, Media Relations and

Strategic Communications

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by University Senate President Elisa Kawam, who welcomed the senate members. A quorum was established by Maria Coca.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of April 28, 2025, were approved.

REPORTS

- 1. Report from University Senate President Kawam – University Academic Council (UAC).** President Kawam opened the first Academic Senate meeting of the 2025–2026 year by emphasizing the Senate’s ongoing commitment to **capacity building**. She noted that although the work of the Senate may not always be visible or flashy, it is impactful and essential. Her vision of “**Shared Governance 2.0**” encourages collaboration among nearly 6,000 faculty members, with a focus on relationships—within the Senate, with the broader university community, and with the administration.

President Kawam stressed the importance of **consultation, small-group work, and curriculum development** as pillars of Senate progress. She called on senators to **share the workload and ideas**, reaffirming her commitment to **transparency, integrity, and follow-through**. A new **Senate Slack channel** has been launched to foster informal, collegial communication, and upcoming events include the **Academic Assembly** and the **ABOR meeting** later this month.
- 2. Parliamentarian Denise Bodman** provided a reminder that the Slack channel is hosted on a university-managed platform and is therefore subject to **public records laws**. While useful for informal exchanges, it should not be used for **formal Senate business** (e.g., voting, deliberations, or polling).
- 3. Provost Nancy Gonzalez**, though away on university business, sent a video message in which she expressed her appreciation for the Senate’s contributions. She reported another year of **record-setting enrollment** and shared that the university remains in a **fiscally sound** position, though continuing to exercise **caution**.
- 4. Dr. Sally Morton, Executive Vice President of the ASU Knowledge Enterprise**, addressed recent uncertainty in **federal research funding**, noting that only 90 of ASU’s 2,700 active projects have been affected. She assured the Senate that ASU is responding proactively—**advising PIs, collaborating with deans**, expanding partnerships, and

monitoring evolving federal policies. Dr. Morton emphasized that **research remains a national priority** across political lines. She also explained a new policy in which **Research Infrastructure and Development (RID)** funds will be split **50/50** between units and central administration to enhance budget stability. ASU continues to be a **lead plaintiff in several federal lawsuits** challenging executive orders related to research.

5. **Dr. Anne Jones, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education**, reported on ASU's continued growth in **international student enrollment**. With **183,000 students enrolled** last year, she emphasized that growth is both **intentional** and strategic. ASU is committed to supporting international students with **flexible enrollment options** and ongoing communication, noting that the current situation for international students is becoming the **new normal**.
6. **Chris Fiscus, Vice President for Media Relations and Strategic Communications**, highlighted recent efforts to **engage the public** around the value of higher education. He shared success from the campaign "**Is College Worth It?**," which has garnered **7 million views** across platforms. The university is leveraging **social media, influencers, and traditional media**, and faculty are encouraged to submit **story ideas or initiatives** for promotion.

SHARED GOVERNANCE

Senator Spotlight featured **Rodmanned Nipour**, Assistant Teaching Professor at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, who introduced himself to the Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **First Reads**
 - a. **CAPC**. CAPC Chair Claudia Sidowski-Smith read **7 upcoming CAPC motions and 3 information items**.
 - 1) [Motion 2026-03](#) | Request from the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts – *The GAME School* – for the establishment of a graduate degree – MS in Entertainment Engineering

- 2) [Motion 2026-04](#) | Request from the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts – *The Design School* – for the establishment of a graduate degree – MS in Immersive Experience Design
- 3) [Motion 2026-05](#) | Request from the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts – *School of Art* – for the establishment of a graduate degree – MA in Museum and Curatorial Practices
- 4) [Motion 2026-06](#) | Request from The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – *School of Transborder Studies* – for the establishment of an undergraduate certificate – Border Studies
- 5) [Motion 2026-07](#) | Request from the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions – *School of Social Work* – for the name change of a graduate certificate – From: Domestic Violence and Evidence-Based Practice – To: Domestic Violence Intervention and Victim Advocacy
- 6) [Motion 2026-08](#) | Request from the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions – *School of Social Work* – for the name change of an undergraduate certificate – From: Domestic Violence and Evidence-Based Practice – To: Domestic Violence Intervention and Victim Advocacy
- 7) [Motion 2026-09](#) | Request from the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions – *School of Social Work* – for the name change of a graduate certificate – From: Assessment of Integrative Health Modalities – To: Integrative Health, Stress Management, Mindfulness and Resilience

Information Items:

Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts

School of Music, Dance and Theatre

Disestablishment of a graduate concentration

[MFA in Theatre \(Performance Design\)](#)

Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering

School for Engineering of Matter, Transport and Energy

Establishment of a graduate concentration

[MS in Artificial Intelligence Engineering \(Materials Science and Engineering\)](#)

Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering

School of Computing and Augmented Intelligence

Establishment of a graduate concentration

[MS in Artificial Intelligence Engineering \(Software Engineering\)](#)

- b. **Other. President Kawam read an upcoming motion on behalf of the UAC:** [Motion 2026-01](#) | Revision of Senate Bylaw II.B.7.a. 2) Voting Membership on the Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee

2. Second Reads and Action Items

- a. **Motion 2026-02** New Course Proposals was presented *in gross* for vote by President Kawam:

ACC 570	Professional Responsibilities
AME 369	Gender, Technology and Design
AME 554	Integrated Entertainment Systems
ARS 550	Anti-Racist Approaches to Art Museums Today
ARS 551	Decolonizing Museums
BIO 444	Discovering Biodiversity
CEL 325	Comparative Political Thought
CIS 507	Programming for AI and Data Analytics in Business
CIS 555	Data and Technology Governance in Business
DSC 552	Interactive Art and Media Installations
DSC 553	Designing Digital Worlds
DSC 554	Introduction to Extended Realities
DSC 556	Programming Fundamentals for Immersive Experience Design
DSC 557	Ethics and Social Impact in Immersive Experiences
DSC 558	Applied Research in Immersive Experience Design
DSC 559	Immersive Experience Integration & Realization
ENG 570	Teaching Literacy for Action and Change
FMS 265	Introduction to Video Games
FSH 345	Fashion Merchandising Practice
HDA 110	Community-Engaged Practices Foundations
MDL 470	Molecular Concepts for Medical Laboratory Science
MDL 480	Medical Laboratory Sciences Capstone
MED 800	Introduction to Becoming a Physician
MED 801	Clinical Skills and Anatomy I
MED 804	Foundations of Health Humanities for Physicians
MED 807	Principles in Medicine
MED 808	Immunology and Infectious Disease
MED 809	Pathophysiology



MED 810	Health Systems Science I
PSY 460	Navigating Romantic Relationships
SDO 562	Contract Life Cycles and Management - Masters
SDO 565	Professional Responsibility - Masters
SWG 724	Behavioral Intervention Research and Health Equity
TCL 472	The U.S.-Mexico Border: People, Place, Power
TDM 215	Arizona Bucket List

Motion 2026-02 passed (116 approve, 1 against, 7 abstain)

b. **CAPC Motions.** None

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

OPEN FORUM – No comments

ADJOURNMENT

President Kawam adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Denise Ann Bodman, Parliamentarian.