



ASCWU Executive Board Public Meeting Minutes

April 28th, 2025 | SURC Pit

Call To Order

President Cantu called the meeting to order at 1 pm

Roll Call

President

EVP

Senate Speaker

Director of ESC

Director for Student Life and Facilities

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Director Garcia-Sanchez motioned to approve the minutes from 4/21 with **Speaker Hondo** seconding.

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Reading and Approval of Agenda

Director Castillo motioned to include a report from his office on the agenda with **Speaker Hondo** seconding.

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Speaker Hondo motioned to approve the agenda for 4/28 with **Director Garcia-Sanchez** seconding.

Reports

President Cantu reported the search for both the Assistant Director for Clubs and Student Governance and the Executive Director for WSA is still in progress. Work is ongoing with the Executive Vice President and Senate Speaker to navigate conversations surrounding the S&A recommendations. Attendance at S&A and PBAC meetings continues, along with preparations for the upcoming Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting. The directors are being encouraged to access Scholarship Central to review applicants for the US Bank Scholarship—apologies for the delay in this process. Separate working sessions will be scheduled soon for bylaw review, so members are asked to keep their calendars updated. Efforts are being made to recruit new members for next year's S&A Committee and Council of Probity. The Mission, Vision, and Values statements have been looked at for revisions following meetings with President Wohlpart and other shared governance members. Additionally, a meeting with President Wohlpart was held to learn more about the discontinuation of Varsity Rugby. The Executive team has been coordinating WSA GA travel, as well as organizing the Swearing-In Ceremony and the State of ASCWU Address. Many student events have been attended recently, bringing a lot of excitement, and Student Trustee interviews have been completed.



Senate Speaker reported for Swecey Day they are working to finalize details for SWECEY Day, shirts are enroute soon, and all the dunk tank targets have been approved. Supplies have been ordered, we are finalizing details for the service projects. If you haven't signed up for it already, please do so, Aylin sent out a volunteer form for you to fill out. If you absolutely cannot help out, please let me or Aylin know ASAP. We are also needing volunteers to spread compost sometime prior to Swecey Day at the butterfly garden. We have also sent out a service project sign up form, so please sign up to help out for the service projects portion, a post will be going up soon on our instagram. Speaker Hondo also shared that the Slice Color Run is needing volunteers for their 5k run on mothers day Sunday, please reach out to Jessica Woodall if you have the availability to help out.

Director Castillo thanked people for going to mariners night, Wellington was there and we had a lot of fun.

NEW BUISNESS

Council of Probity Appointment

President Cantu shared information on Emmerson Carter, a person who they meet through Wildcat Leadership Camp and is looking to join the committee for the rest of spring. President Cantu will be seeing if this is something that they want to do for next year as well. With this approval they will be able to meet quorum. **Speaker Hondo** seeked clarification on the quorum including the chair with a yes response from **President Cantu**.

Speaker Hondo motioned to approve the appointment with **EVP** seconding.

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Wildcat Shop Discussion

Joseph Petterson shared updates on the Corse materials Access Program (CAP) discussed in prior meetings, focusing on plans to reimagine the SURC space. The goal is to ensure all student voices are heard in the redesign process. A few years ago, focus groups highlighted interest in amenities like a coffee shop and passive recreation space. Current ideas include reconfiguring the layout to move the coffee shop, add more seating, incorporate billiards, potential e-sports areas, and install smart lockers. While the Wildcat Shop may be reduced in size, it will remain operational. A consultant would be hired to engage students in updated conversations about their needs. Updated student feedback will be gathered, as existing survey data is pre-COVID.

Speaker Hondo raised concerns about funding and referenced student frustrations over removed seating in Holmes, emphasizing the value of expanded student-accessible spaces like lockers for after-hours package pickup. Joseph noted funding would likely come from self-supported areas like dining and the Wildcat Shop, with little to no state funding involved. Joseph also noted that



the added space in seating from a coffee shop would help alleviate some of the concerns for seating.

When asked if CAP funds would be used, Joseph confirmed there may be surplus funds in the future, though the current focus is on covering initial costs.

President Cantu suggested sleeping pods as many students have come to them asking if we will be getting any, which Joseph acknowledged and noted that they are interesting and has seen them used at other colleges and Universities notably at UC Berkeley. He raised concerns on navigating setting up rules and regulations for the sleep pods.

Speaker Hondo mentioned to Joseph that when there were ongoing discussions about the MCC they had boards up where students could provide feedback, hopefully they will use the same method when getting feedback for usage of the space.

Student Tech Fee Agreement Discussion

Kevin—For context this agreement is 10 years old we would like to update it fall 2025 it would take effect. The packets information provided below:

Context

- Due to the age of the agreement, many items are outdated or no longer followed (highlighted items below)
- Currently, the Student Tech Fee meets twice a month with three members from Information Services and around 3-5 students (one being Nick Villa).
- Funding requests can be submitted at any time.
- High turnover and inconsistent engagement with student council members.
- Lack of formal approval matrix.

Current Agreement Main Points (Created in December 2015)

- \$25 Quarterly Fee (Full-Time Student)
- Required Governing Board
 - ASCWU appointed student chair
 - Three additional seats filled by the University (non-voting seats)
- Fiscal year forecasting to ASCWU for Student Tech Fee
- Quarterly financial reports to ASCWU
- Two full-time IT employees (currently, I am the only full-time IT-focused employee paid out of the STF)
- If hardware is jointly used by students and faculty, the department must reimburse the Student Tech Fee (instructional labs)

Restructuring Ideas

- One funding request review per quarter (harder to keep track of financials when they are sporadic)
- This meeting will be an open forum event for all students, staff, and faculty
- Funding requests will be proposed, and the council will take in all student feedback from attendees via forms, surveys, and discussions (virtual options will be available).



- Transition to one meeting a month
- Increased Structure (weighted decision matrix for funding requests)
- Faculty Senate will appoint one permanent member of the Student Tech Fee Council and one alternate (further discussion with Faculty Senate required)
- ASCWU will have one current member to be a member of the Student Tech Fee Council
- Student Tech Fee will appoint a minimum of one student employee to join the council
- Student Tech Fee will be required to supply quarterly financial reports and annual forecast reports.
- Information Services will formally take primary control of the Student Tech Fee Council, as it had from 2010-2013 (under Carmen Rahm as CIO, where the council was dissolved), with a high level of advisement and engagement with students and faculty.
 - Higher level of control for operating budget regarding computing equipment upgrades, existing software renewals, etc.
 - Continued engagement with the student body in large forums and providing more structure and open communication about Student Tech Fee operations.

President Cantu mentioned that they are interested in continuing the reports even though it hasn't been done for the past few years; especially since conversations about transparency have been a topic as of late.

Speaker Hondo—Would like to see a student chair. **President Cantu** raised the concern about giving the responsibility to the student given the inconsistency of students with the committee.

Speaker Hondo responded with **EVP** should appoint the student. **EVP** mentioned that they need to have a good understanding of the tech. **Speaker Hondo**—Maybe a co-chair system where we have a student and a ProStaff who understands the tech.

EVP Villa raised a question about the policy requiring departments to reimburse the Student Tech Fee for jointly used student-faculty hardware (such as instructional lab computers), and what would happen if that policy were eliminated? Kevin responded that while the policy hasn't been actively used in recent years, it serves as a useful backup for funding major tech upgrades. Currently, \$200,000—half of the available tech fee funds—is being used to upgrade Windows 10 computers. Though the policy isn't urgently needed now, Kevin mentioned that maintaining it is important for long-term sustainability of the fund. However, he advised against implementing reimbursement requirements at this time due to ongoing budget cuts. **President Cantu** suggested a compromise where colleges cover half the reimbursement cost.

Kevin also proposed shifting to one major funding request meeting per quarter instead of ongoing requests throughout the year. Ideally, these meetings would be held in the SURC and include student feedback, which would then be brought to the council for review. He is currently in talks with the council to finalize how this new request structure would be organized.

President Cantu—likes the idea of open forum.



Kevin mentioned he will reach out to the Faculty Senate to secure a member for the council, noting that while there is no formal agreement requiring their participation, a faculty representative has always been involved. **Speaker Hondo** expressed concern about the idea of a permanent member, pointing out that the Faculty Senate typically doesn't assign a consistent senator year to year. Kevin clarified that he is proposing a consistent representative for just the academic year, not indefinitely. **President Cantu** expressed support, saying all the suggestions made so far make sense.

Speaker Hondo motioned to table to next week with **Director Garcia-Sanchez** seconding. With some discussion of **Director Castillo** saying that it is in students best interest to approve these recommendations.

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BOD Awards for End-of-Year Gala Purchase

Three plaque awards. Cost: \$150

- I. Student Leader of the Year
- II. Emerging Leader of the Year
- III. Collaborative Leader of the Year

Director Garcia-Sanchez inquired will be making a separate request for masks? President Cantu—Yes.

Director Castillo motioned to approve \$150 for 3 plaques with **Speaker Hondo** seconding.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend friday May 2nd PCN 6-8pm

De La Raza May 3rd 6-9pm

Prade of Nation May 5th 3-6pm

GA is this week 4-6 ballroom

President Cantu and Lola are trying to plan a bod retreat debrief and transitioning to the next ASCWU board.

Speaker Hondo said he has a source presentation May 14th

Stay engaged with the elections

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm