

Meeting Minutes - SSU Staff Council

February 10, 2026

Call to Order

A meeting of the SSU Staff Council was held on February 10, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

Attendance: 90 participants

Chair's Report

- The Systemwide Staff Council working group sent a message to the Chancellor's Office requesting creation of a CSU-wide Staff Council. Staff Council was described as the only shared governance group without systemwide representation.
- A call for staff or MPP participation was announced for an SSU brand campaign focus group scheduled for February 20 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Staff Council was asked to recommend four to five participants.
- A voting staff representative was needed for APARC. The group meets in a hybrid format on alternating Tuesdays.
- Kyle emphasized the importance of staff participation in shared governance and ensuring staff are invited to the table in university decision-making.

Administration & Finance Update

- Chandra reported that SFRBN was live and that updates and information were available on the website.
- Cabernet Village was accepting residents. Sidewinder fries had returned to Lobos, and \$5 Fridays were scheduled to begin February 13.
- A chili cook-off was scheduled for Thursday from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Chandra also noted a 20% Friday discount at culinary venues and said the \$5 Friday schedule would be distributed when available.

Academic Senate / President Spagna Discussion

- Kate Sims provided the Academic Senate report, followed by a discussion with President Spagna about shared governance, campus priorities, and his experience in the CSU.
- President Spagna expressed support for shared governance, transparency, and accountability and said he was working with Chandra on telework flexibility. He referenced a CSU three-year strategic plan focused on making the CSU a destination employer.
- In response to questions about governance structures, President Spagna described his experience at CSU Dominguez Hills, where Academic Senate, Staff Council, Associated Students, and senior leadership worked together on budget and university planning. He said a similar approach could be applied at SSU.
- President Spagna said he planned to spend his first several months learning SSU customs and culture and emphasized increased collaboration across CSU campuses.
- Recruitment discussion included directed admissions, stronger local K-12 outreach, expanding pipelines to Southern California and the Central Coast, and reducing barriers for returning students. He also discussed credit for prior learning, reskilling, and upskilling.
- Additional discussion addressed student belonging and HSI identity, campus activities and student experience, study opportunities within the CSU system, and the role of graduate education at SSU.

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No additional items were recorded.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:56pm.

Kelly Clark
Secretary


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