

# Meeting Minutes - SSU Staff Council

September 2, 2025

## Call to Order

A meeting of the SSU Staff Council was held on September 2, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m..

**Attendance:** 52 participants

## Staff Council Updates

- Gillian reported that subcommittee assignments would be distributed and highlighted a new Staff Council website events page with a form for staff to submit events for publication.
- Campus updates included free LARC tutoring services for all students, more than 70 vendors at the Career Center part-time and internship fair, and a Presidential Search meeting scheduled for September 17.

## Administration & Finance Update

- Jeff Wilson introduced himself as Sonoma State University's Chief Financial Officer and noted that he previously served at SSU from 2006-2017 in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.
- University Police has transitioned from Administration & Finance to Student Affairs. Other updates included a new and expanded menu at Lobos and pond dredging on the north side of campus.

## Jeff Wilson – Chief Financial Officer SSU

- IT thanked the campus community for participating in the summer AI event. Sara Jordan asked whether participant comments had been reviewed and requested clearer guidance on rules for using ChatGPT.
- Jake agreed that links to applicable AI rules or standards should be included and said an announcement would be sent regarding smaller staff events.
- Questions were raised about food options for graduate students and students attending evening classes, including enhanced vending or food storage. John noted that Safety Week, September 15-19, would include topics related to AI.

## SF Bay Area Network Update

- Jeff described the SF Bay Area Network as a collaboration among San Francisco State, Cal State East Bay, and Sonoma State to integrate administrative efforts in response to declining enrollment and operational pressures.
- The network is expected to begin in 2026 with IT and procurement, followed by HR. Jeff noted that student support services and Academic Affairs cannot be combined because of accreditation requirements.
- In response to questions about network-related positions, Jeff said initial searches would be internal CSU searches and positions would be identified as network roles.

## WASC and Academic Senate

- Megan announced that the WASC accreditation team would visit campus September 10-12, with a staff forum scheduled for September 11 at 2:00 p.m.
- Kate Sims provided the Academic Senate report.

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No additional items were recorded.

## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m..

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Kelly Clark

Secretary

Date of Approval

9/7/25