

Meeting Minutes - SSU Staff Council

December 9, 2025

Call to Order

A meeting of the SSU Staff Council was held on December 9, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

Attendance: 53 participants

Chair's Report - Kyle

- Kyle discussed progress toward a CSU-wide Staff Council and encouraged staff to consider how they would like to participate in Staff Council.
- Kyle reported efforts to respond to staff requests for professional development opportunities.

Administration & Finance Update - Chandre

- SSU is preparing for the San Francisco Bay Network (SFBN) launch in January 2026. Additional information will be provided, and staff were encouraged to complete a survey indicating what types of updates they would like to receive.
- Cabernet Village continues to accept tenants.
- It was announced that Christmas Eve would be a day off.

University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC) Update - Aiden

- UBAC met 12 times over four months. A staff survey was distributed September 19 and a UBAC survey October 30, with 394 responses reported.
- Final recommendations were scheduled to be sent to Cutrer on December 11.
- Restoration of academic programs emerged as a priority, with Women and Gender Studies ranked first, Geology second, and Physics third.
- Discussion addressed whether the goal was to restore faculty positions or academic offerings. Aiden explained that the focus had shifted toward restoring programs, potentially through minors.
- Kyle asked about collaboration through shared governance. Aiden described the process as collaborative and said the Academic Senate and administration wanted to continue the relationship. Participation included four faculty members, two students, and one staff member.

Professional Development - Sadie

- Sadie reported that more advanced artificial intelligence training would be offered in 2026, building on introductory sessions.
- The discussion included using personalization instructions in ChatGPT.

Academic Senate Report - Kate Sims

- Kate discussed changes in Senate discussions over time, noting the challenge of summarizing meetings when much of the discussion consists of differing opinions.

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- Elisabeth Kettmann asked whether Staff Council would meet with the new president and whether it would advocate for a return to telecommuting. Responses were not recorded in the notes.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Kelly Clark
Secretary


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