

University Senate Chair Report February 2, 2026

Hi Folks,

I hope your first few weeks have gone well and that your classes, teams, activities, etc, are all going smoothly. The transition of our leadership has been exciting and, well, frankly, busy!

We have many high-priority available positions for service coming up, including:

University Senate, UFPC, Search Committee for the Senior Director of Government Relations, Search Committee for the AVP for Student Success/Dean of Students, ASCSU senator tenure-line, and ASCSU senator lecturer.

The ASCSU lecturer position is a newish thing, and more information can be found [here](#). Additionally, the ASCSU approved in Spring 2025 an [Equity, Diversity, Justice, and Inclusion Strategic Action Plan](#). The plan addresses the membership and culture of the ASCSU, support and retention of leadership, equity policy focus, and evaluation of progress in meeting their goals.

We also have many other opportunities for service, including:

Constitution and Bylaws Committee (CBC), Committee on Accessibility and Accommodation Compliance (CAAC), Committee on Committees (CoC), ICC Subcommittee (CDC), Diversity and Equity Grants Committee (DAGC), Grade Appeal, Honorary Degree Nomination Committee (HDNC), International Advisory Committee (IAC), Instructionally Related Activities Committee (IRA), Parking and Transportation Committee (PTC), Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC), and PCRSC.

A call-out will be sent out soon from the Appointments and Elections Committee (AEC). Please be on the lookout! Remember, your voice and representation matters! The more we put into our service activities, the more this place we call home benefits.

I attended the Council of Senate Chairs meeting last week, and I'm always delighted to chat and hear updates from my counterparts at our sister campuses. Similar to the last meeting, other CSUs are grappling with the same issues that we are, on the national landscape. Many campuses are hosting teach-ins related to the unrest in Minneapolis and St. Paul, as well as the military intervention in Venezuela. I also learned that campuses are responding to the potential arrival of Immigration, Customs, and Enforcement Agents on our campuses in a very similar fashion as us. Folks are posting placards in classrooms with pertinent information on rights and resources. The "no public spaces" signs are also being employed. Last, I learned that various administrations across the CSU are coming out in support of these types of faculty/staff/student-led initiatives, similar to what we have created with the "Know Your Rights Campaign" that was started last semester. These are scary times, indeed; however, I am encouraged and inspired by our own campus response as well as the response from other campuses.

Stay strong, be calm, know your rights!

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