

University Senate Chair Report February 17, 2026

Hi Folks,

Welcome to President's Week! For those of you with school-aged children, my heart goes out to you, and I hope you have found ways to enrich your kids while they are out of school for the week, and you are likely still working. My family has been having a blast watching the Winter Olympics, and I'm really pumped for the U.S. Women's Hockey Team!

As a reminder, a callout was sent out two weeks ago asking for service for several positions, 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, ASCSU senator lecturer, 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.

Thanks very much for your service to this university! Remember, the more we put into this place, the better it becomes.

We've been making headway with our Policy Management Modernization Project already, and I'm happy to report that we will be going with the commercially available product, [PolicyStat](#). This software is used by the Chancellor's Office to manage CSU policies and is used by several other CSUs as well. In our initial feasibility study, we explored revamping our homegrown solution; however, we quickly determined that we would not be able to do everything we want in the project in this capacity. I, for one, am typically not a fan of "carpet bombing" problems with expensive commercial solutions; however, in earnest, I do believe this will be our best solution in modernizing our policy organization. This will also reduce the human hours associated with a homegrown solution, which costs resources. We will have training associated with PolicyStat for anyone who will use the program, and I hope that once the dust is settled, our policies are implemented in the system, and key groups/individuals have received training on the program, we'll open up training for a general audience of users, likely early next fall.

In other news, I'm very happy to report that we will be submitting a proposal for the CSU Regional Pitch contest after being invited to collaborate with SFSU, Sonoma, and Chico. From Shonda Goward, Interim AVC of the CSU for Student Success:

The purpose of the Regional Pitch Contest is to accelerate campus collaborations within regions to support students in broad, bold ways as aligned with the CSU's new Student Success Framework. Campuses within the same region may serve students with shared assets and lived experiences, offering opportunities to align resources and elevate pathways to degree attainment and preparing for graduate school or their first career job. The Regional Pitch Contest tasks campuses to work together to support students at their campuses and across their regions. Proposals should highlight the power of the CSU system to better serve the state of California and to move the CSU forward.

In this pitch, participating campuses are to select a campus lead representative, and I'm honored and thrilled to report that I will be our campus representative. We had to make a quick decision on this as the deadline is

February 20th, and the lead campus, SFSU, selected their Senate Chair, Jackson Wilson, to be their campus representative. So, we are following suit and putting faculty in the driver's seat here. Much of what we are proposing, I presented at our first Senate meeting as a part of the CSU Forward initiative, and our pitch is exploratory and will study the feasibility of these types of initiatives. More details to come; however, I am very excited by this opportunity and have committed to working on this past my term as Senate Chair.

Okay Folks, I hope you have a great week, and I hope you can get some skiing/sledding/snowboarding in this week as well, or at the very least, watch our amazing athletes represent our country in Italy at the Winter Olympics.

Best,

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