

**Academic Senate President's Report**  
**16 April 2025 / John A Stover III, PhD**

Welcome back, everyone. Tick tock goes the clock. Three meetings to go (April 16th, 30th, May 7th) and I'm wondering if Senators ***might ALSO*** be open to a special meeting during Finals Week on May 21st? We'll be inviting current and future Senators (Fa25) to a special end of year meeting of the Academic Senate devoted solely to discussion on the forthcoming, revised, and updated administrative procedure (AP) on Faculty Hiring (AP7410A).

It would be wonderful to end the semester with you all at a special meeting dedicated to this topic, which has been unresolved for over a decade, or as our Past President says, "the current procedure is old enough to have children!" Please consider your availability on May 21st, and we'll send an outlook invite tomorrow (17 April 2025 as well as to new At-Large Senators when known) so ACCEPT or DECLINE as per your availability. We'll provide for extra snacks that day, too (*hint, hint, please come!*).

In the meantime, today we have a very full agenda and A LOT of important Senate business to consider. Here's a roadmap to help you navigate the day.

On our Action Agenda we have two long-running discussion topics:

- The first *"Does the Academic Senate wish to recommend the inclusion of a library department faculty representative as a key constituent anytime specific GenAI work and/or committees are formed?"* has appeared, in one form or another, on all of our Spring agendas ([2/05](#), [2/19](#), [3/05](#), & [4/02](#)), and was only moved to action at our last meeting. I respectfully ask that we consider voting on this matter as soon as possible to avoid any further hurt feelings or misunderstandings. I have deep respect for our library colleagues, and value their ideas, contributions, and patience during these sometimes painful discussions.
- The second topic as concerning our Area Reapportionment responsibilities. Dare I say that all that has been said has been said before at this point in our deliberations? Here too we've discussed, at length, at our [2/19](#), [3/05](#), & [4/02](#) meetings (agendized also on [2/05](#)), and here the Academic Senate Executive Committee [ASEC] and I are suggesting we take a series of votes - right from the start of this Action Item - that reflect those extensive and well-worn discussion paths we've tread this semester. All of the Votes we are proposing on this action item reflect both the recommendations of the taskforce and the most-often-repeated themes raised by Senators on [2/19](#), [3/05](#), & [4/02](#). Once more today, I humbly ask that we proceed with these important votes so we can update this overdue requirement of our Bylaws. With that said, and as mentioned by Senator Lemmer at our last meeting, moving an item to Action does not preclude continued discussion. Thanks for considering these circumstances in your actions today.

We have two new discussion topics today that are also worthy of our attention – the proposed revision to the SLO rubric, and the question of our Academic Senate budget. I hope we can update the SLO rubric before the end of the semester if possible.

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And we have two very important Information Items related to District efforts specific to addressing the budget deficit in Academic Affairs and the ongoing work of our Strategic Action Planning and related Action Steps. We have a full 15 minutes devoted to each, so we should have time for questions, too.

Finally, I want to say how much I appreciate our part-time faculty colleagues. As a former “freeway flyer,” I know how hard it is to navigate those literal and metaphorical roads. One semester (Winter/Spring 2012, I believe), I had five sections reflecting four sociological subfields on three different campuses requiring two cars, one of which died halfway thru. #TheStrugglesIsReal, I know, and please know how much I value and appreciate the contribution of our largest faculty contingent. We are all faculty here.

The Sp25 Senate Election is well underway. Pro-tip! Don't try to learn Qualtrics AND launch an election in the same day! So **here's where we are...**

⊖ **~~Senator Elections\* AND Senate President / President-Elect:~~**

■ ~~Nominations (closed): Monday March 3rd thru Friday, March 28th~~

■ ~~Elections (closed): Monday, April 7th to Friday, April 11th~~

○ **At-Large Senators in Areas 1, 2, 5, 7, & 8\***

■ Nominations (*current*): Monday, April 14th thru Noon Friday, April 25th

■ Elections (*forthcoming*): Monday, April 28th thru Friday, May 2nd

○ **Executive Committee Officers\*\***

■ Nominations: Monday, April 28th thru Noon Friday, May 2nd

■ Elections (Senators only): May 7th (in meeting)

**\* current senators in these areas, please encourage folks in your areas to run for these still-available seats!**

**\*\* Unfortunately, at large senators will not be able to run for executive committee positions this election cycle. Next year we'll start the election cycle in February to avoid this shortcoming.**

I am so appreciative of you all. Let's get to work.