



STATEMENTS OF OPINION RESULTS
ALL-UNIVERSITY ELECTION - SPRING 2011

1) The Academic Senate should add two staff members to its membership.

(1=strongly disagree; 2=disagree; 3=neutral; 4=agree; 5=strongly agree)

Table with 2 columns: Count and Response. Rows: 112 Strongly Disagree, 92 Disagree, 138 Neutral, 88 Agree, 76 Strongly Agree.

Table with 2 columns: Count and Response. Rows: 6 Strongly Disagree, 8 Disagree, 17 Neutral, 18 Agree, 8 Strongly Agree.

2) The Academic Senate should establish a standing committee on sustainability.

(1=strongly disagree; 2=disagree; 3=neutral; 4=agree; 5=strongly agree)

Table with 2 columns: Count and Response. Rows: 74 Strongly Disagree, 96 Disagree, 143 Neutral, 136 Agree, 67 Strongly Agree.

Table with 2 columns: Count and Response. Rows: 9 Strongly Disagree, 8 Disagree, 13 Neutral, 21 Agree, 6 Strongly Agree.

3) CSUF should install parking meters in spaces for which parking is limited to no more than 30 minutes.

(1=strongly disagree; 2=disagree; 3=neutral; 4=agree; 5=strongly agree)

Table with 2 columns: Count and Response. Rows: 152 Strongly Disagree, 93 Disagree, 92 Neutral, 116 Agree, 76 Strongly Agree.

Table with 2 columns: Count and Response. Rows: 18 Strongly Disagree, 15 Disagree, 9 Neutral, 12 Agree, 5 Strongly Agree.

4) CSUF should move to a 4-day week teaching schedule during summer sessions.

(1=strongly disagree; 2=disagree; 3=neutral; 4=agree; 5=strongly agree)

Table with 2 columns: Count and Response. Rows: 84 Strongly Disagree, 52 Disagree, 159 Neutral, 112 Agree, 115 Strongly Agree.

Table with 2 columns: Count and Response. Rows: 6 Strongly Disagree, 2 Disagree, 15 Neutral, 18 Agree, 18 Strongly Agree.



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#1

The Academic Senate should add two staff members to its membership.

- A) strongly disagree
- B) disagree
- C) neutral
- D) agree
- E) strongly agree

Pro Argument

Faculty, students and managers are represented on the Academic Senate. Staff are the only ones excluded. The over one thousand staff also should be represented on the Academic Senate. Many staff see the implementation of Academic Senate policies first-hand and can provide useful advice as amendments are considered.

Con Argument

Issues discussed at Senate meetings are frequently unrelated to most staff issues and they might find it irrelevant to be in Senate meetings most of the time.

#2

The Academic Senate should establish a standing committee on sustainability.

- A) strongly disagree
- B) disagree
- C) neutral
- D) agree
- E) strongly agree

Pro Argument

Sustainability involves all parts of the campus, including the curriculum and research. The CSU Board of Trustees recognizes that the primary responsibility for education rests with the faculty, as well as the value of their participation in university operations. Some of the other CSUs have standing Sustainability Committees. It is imperative that we be involved in this important area, especially in terms of its impact on the curriculum and research.

Con Argument

The university already has a broad-based sustainability committee composed of faculty, staff, and students that will remain in place until a Sustainability Director/Office and Sustainability Board are established (given the current budget climate it is unclear when this will occur). The committee is divided into three subcommittees: Operations; Education & Research; and Planning, Administration, and Engagement. These subcommittees can add additional members if you are interested. We already have the most standing committees of any CSU campus. Do we really need a second sustainability committee that would be doing some of the same work? Aren't most campus members already overloaded with work?

#3

CSUF should install parking meters in spaces for which parking is limited to no more than 30 minutes.

- A) strongly disagree
- B) disagree
- C) neutral
- D) agree
- E) strongly agree

Pro Argument**Parking Meters Will Generate Much Needed Revenue**

There are 144 spaces on campus that have a 30 minute time limit. Assuming that a \$.25 per half hour is charged, based on 200 days of operations and assuming 75% utilization between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm, parking meters would generate over \$86,000 in revenue. A charge of \$.25 for every 10 minutes could generate over a quarter of a million dollars per year for the campus. While the monies collected may have certain restrictions on their use, it is possible to use the funds for a variety of purposes. For example, part of the cost of the Mihaylo Hall construction was covered by parking revenues. It is possible that some of the monies collected could be used for a much needed campus signage program.

Parking Meters Will Save on Labor Costs

The present system has someone going around to cars and striping tires. Then the same person goes around 30 minutes later to see if any striped tires are still parked in the space. Installing parking meters will eliminate the need to stripe tires and make it far easier to determine if someone has exceeded their time allotment in the space.

Other CSU and UC Campuses Charge for Short Term Parking

A short term parking fee is charged at several CSU and UC campuses.

Parking Meters Are Fair

We expect our students, faculty, and staff to pay for parking. Why should some be exempt just because they are parking for 30 minutes or less? It is worth noting that under California law, individuals with disability placards are exempt from the 30 minute time restriction and would not have to put money in a parking meter.

Con Argument**Parking Meters Are Expensive to Install and Maintain**

Single space parking meters cost around \$415 to purchase. Installation may double that amount. They also have to be maintained and someone will have to go around to physically collect the coins (if coin meters are used) that are deposited in the meters.

Parking Meter Revenue Have Restricted Uses

Parking revenues have certain restrictions on their use. While monies collected from these meters will accrue to the campus, there are restrictions on their use.

Parking Gives Jobs to Our Students

Many students are employed on campus to work in parking operations. Eliminating the need to stripe cars will reduce the employment opportunities for these students.

We Should Be As Welcoming As Possible to Campus Visitors

Our campus should be as welcoming as possible. We should not nickel and dime (or even quarter) guests to our campus.

Parking Meters Will Allow Someone to Park for Longer Than 30 Minutes

Someone who wishes to park beyond 30 minutes could do so by going out to the meter every 30 minutes to deposit money in the meter. This could reduce the access of these spaces.

#4

CSUF should move to a 4-day week teaching schedule during summer sessions.

- A) strongly disagree
- B) disagree
- C) neutral
- D) agree
- E) strongly agree

Pro Argument

In these times of budgetary crisis and uncertainty, it is imperative that we devise ways to move forward in our sustainability efforts and plan accordingly to save resources. Offering all summer session classes in the same four-day teaching schedule would allow the campus to reduce maintenance and utilities expenses in large areas during the rest of week, decreasing dramatically expenditure in those areas. Other CSU campuses utilize a 4-day summer session schedule for this reason.

Con Argument

Although sustainability is a noble cause, it should not override faculty judgment regarding pedagogy. Some courses need the full 5-day teaching schedule. Also, using a four-day schedule may give the public the perception that we are not making full use of the campus facilities or that faculty are not working hard.