



Academic Senate: Executive Committee

Minutes

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 AM

Location: BPA Conference Room 134

Zoom Link: <https://csub.zoom.us/j/88091986667?pwd=GOSakqXvulfaZihtNxTsAFBYwWqAJs.1&jst=1>

Members: M. Danforth (Chair), D. Solano (Vice-Chair), D. Thien (Provost), C. Lam (ASCSU Senator), N. Michieka (ASCSU Senator), T. Tsantsoulas (AAC Chair), L. Kirstein (AS&SS Chair), A. Grombly (BPC Chair), Z. Zenko (FAC Chair), and K. Van-Grinsven (Senate Analyst).

Guests: Anthonio Reyes (ASI President), Marcos Ramirez (ASI VP of University Affairs and author of SB 104), and Mike Kwon, Executive Director of ASI.

1. Call to Order

- A. Chair Danforth called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM; delay due to conference room occupation.

2. Announcements and Information

- A. ASI President A. Reyes, ASI Vice-President M. Ramirez, and Executive Director of ASI M. Kwon
(Time Certain: 10:10 AM)

- i. ASI Resolution: SB 104 ASI and Shared Governance (handout)
 - a. Chair Danforth thanked ASI for attending. ASI VP M. Ramirez and ASI President A. Reyes presented their justification and rationale for the resolution, which was to ensure student input, which was particularly concerning after recent dining plan changes were made without consultation with students. ASI Director M. Kwon added that ASI felt it was important to reiterate the importance of student voices being heard, especially with a new President and Cabinet. ASI is working with the University's General Counsel, who have made recommendations for changes, which ASI is still reviewing and discussing. One of the areas of ASI is concerned with include student representation on search and advisory committees.
 - b. EC provided feedback to ASI on the resolution which included suggestions that language be added that recognize the need for commitment and participation of student representatives. Discussion also ensued regarding scheduling and practicality of restricting scheduling based on student availability. Chair Danforth shared that extensive overhaul of the handbook is planned for over the summer and if ASI wish to be involved and are considering adding student representation to the committees listed in the handbook, it could be a possible avenue for ensuring student voices. Some logistic considerations were discussed as websites are not often updated and the importance of having clear information about what shared governance is and ASI's role.
 - c. ASI will forward a revised version to Senate for approval. L. Kirstein has been attending ASI meetings and will update EC as needed. When the resolution is returned to Senate, it would likely be

distributed to the subcommittees as an official referral for the collection of feedback and possible revision, then a resolution would be put forward for the full Senate.

B. Senate Guests:

- i. Upcoming:
 - a. November 6 – GE Director, 2024-2025 GECCo Report, and Kris Grappendorf, The President's Commission
 - b. Discussion:
 - i. The President's Commission and Kris Grappendorf's report has been postponed to the December 4, 2025, meeting.
 - ii. Chair Danforth spoke with GE Director, E. Montoya, and he would be focusing the GE Report on what happened last year (2024-2025) which was primarily focused on Cal-GETC alignment. GEECo is still processing the new memo from the Chancellor's Office and intend to wait to address that item once more information and discussion has taken place.
- ii. Future- Spring 2026: (deferred)
 - a. J. Watkins – Center for Accessibility and Essential Needs
 - b. K. De Young – Facilities

3. Approval of Agenda (Time Certain: 10:05 AM)

- A. Chair Danforth called for the approval of the agenda; majority approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. October 21, 2025 (handout)
 - i. L. Kirstein motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by C. Lam. Minutes from October 21, 2025, approved.
- B. October 28, 2025 (handout) (deferred)

5. Continued Items (Time Certain: 10:30 AM)

- A. RES 252606 – Call for a CSU Chancellor's Office Investigation Regarding Recent Incidents in Athletics – 2nd reading scheduled for Thursday, November 6 (handout)
 - i. Discussion: EC briefly discussed RES 252606 which is scheduled for second reading on Thursday, November 6 and made some edits to the rationale.
- B. AS Referral Log (see BOX folder; handout) (deferred)
 - i. AAC (T. Tsantsoulas)
 - ii. AS&SS (L. Kirstein)
 - iii. BPC (A. Grombly)
 - iv. FAC (Z. Zenko)
 - a. Pending Referral: Sixth-year Lecturer Review (carry-over from 2024-2025; Hold for taskforce report)
- C. Provost Report (D. Thien)
 - i. Academic Administrator Searches: (handout)
 - a. SSE Interim Associate Dean Appointment: Interim Dean Vega asked that the current Acting Dean be given an interim appointment for 18 months to allow for the SSE Dean Search to conclude first. The new SSE Dean would ideally begin July 1, 2026, and the plan would be for the Associate Dean search to commence in Fall 2026.
 - b. Pending: AVP for Academic Affairs: Provost Thien selected Dean of BPA D. Cours and Deisy Mascarinas.

- ii. Academic Administrator Reviews: (handout)
 - a. Pending:
 - i. Associate Dean of EEGO: Provost Thien selected Associate Dean Karlo Lopez and ASI Executive VP Emelia Reed to serve.
 - ii. AVP for Enrollment Management (2024-2025): Provost Thien selected AVP Isabel Sumaya and will follow up with ASI for a student representative.
 - D. Reports and Recommendations (deferred)
 - i. Task Force for Periodic Evaluation (Hold; waiting for report)
 - ii. Criteria for Proposing New Schools Taskforce (Hold; waiting for report)
 - E. ASI Resolution: SB 104 ASI and Shared Governance (handout) (Hold; see discussion above. Waiting for revised version of SB 104 from ASI).
 - F. Calendar Committee – A. Grombly, BPC Chair
 - i. See the discussion below regarding the Academic Calendar Fall 2026 through Summer 2027 and challenges with information gathering and participation from certain areas.
 - G. Add “Statements of the Senate” Process to governing documents – EC (deferred)
6. New Discussion Items (Time Certain: 10:45)
- A. Academic Master Plan – AAC and BPC
 - i. Discussion: Chair Danforth shared that the items for the AMP were submitted so late that the document was only recently received and will not be ready for first reading at Thursday’s Senate meeting, preventing a full two-reading cycle. Some discussions involved the BA in Anthropology being shown as suspended, but subsequent investigation showed this was due to a Word track-changes error. Other discussion items included whether to place the AMP on the consent agenda or move certain items to the summer AMP.
 - B. Academic Calendar Fall 2026 through Summer 2027 – BPC
 - i. Discussion: The Calendar Committee Chair A. Grombly shared that the calendar is ready to go to BPC. Election dates are required to appear on the calendar, but the state has yet to post them, so they will be listed as “TBD” for now. Senate only recently assumed responsibility for the calendar, making it difficult to complete within one semester; therefore, it will not be ready for first reading on Thursday. Going forward, the Calendar Committee will meet in spring to finalize the calendar on time and allow for a full two-reading cycle next year. Some discussion ensued regarding the Diwali holiday, though it is unclear whether the CSU will adopt it as an observed holiday.
 - C. Elections and Appointments (D. Solano) (deferred)
 - i. Open Calls: At-large Appointed
 - D. Participation in Senate/campus-wide committees by MPPs (deferred)
 - E. Expanding Academic Administrator Review to dotted line reports to Academic Affairs (Handbook 311.2) (deferred)
 - F. Policies on Approval of Course Coding Changes (handout) – AAC, FAC and AS&SS (?) (deferred)
 - G. Department Name Change Request for HD-CAFS (handout) – AAC (deferred)
 - H. Items from Provost Council (handout)
 - i. Software costs:
 - a. Discussion: EC discussed the lack of a platform for informal faculty communication that once existed through the FirstClass discussion boards. Such a platform could support community building. Several existing tools (Slack, Microsoft Teams, Zoom Chat, etc.) were mentioned, but usage is fragmented and Slack is becoming cost prohibitive. ITS is exploring options, but several EC

members stressed the need to ensure that faculty input regarding software solutions is considered, so Senate should make a recommendation. Referred to AS&SS.

- ii. SOCI modality
- iii. Email limits for faculty
- I. Develop formal policy for General Faculty to bring a resolution to the Senate– EC (deferred)
- J. Items from Advising Council (deferred)
 - i. OnBase vs. Runner Connect
 - ii. CSU-wide Degree Audit and Planner Tool – AS&SS?
 - iii. Faculty advising holds
- K. New Degree Program Proposal – Environmental Science- AAC and BPC (handout) (deferred)
- L. New Degree Proposal for Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering – AAC and BPC (handout) (deferred)
- M. Development of a Senate Recording Retention Policy for recordings that are intended to develop Minutes (deferred)
- N. Handbook and Bylaws Project – EC (See Box folder for handouts) (deferred)
 - i. Updating Schools to Colleges
 - ii. Updating all references to quarters
 - iii. Standing Committees Composition:
 - a. Clarify Handbook language about staff positions being non-MPP staff
 - b. AS&SS Composition: Associate Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies is not actually listed in the bylaws as an ex-officio member of AS&SS.
 - iv. Director of Assessment: Review position (Handbook 105.2 and 305.6.)
 - v. Council of Academic Deans: Review Composition and name (Handbook 105.2)
 - vi. Public Affairs Committee: Committee in handbook but not bylaws (Handbook 107.1. Standing Committees of the Academic Senate). Discussion on if we want to create the committee or not.
 - vii. Review committees listed (Handbook 107)
 - viii. Update TEAC Description: Currently lists old college names (H&SS, SOE, and NSM) (Handbook 201.5)
 - ix. Update reference to Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs- association with Academic Advising and review other duties (Handbook 104.2.1)
 - x. Update position titles in 309.9 (Handbook 309.9)
 - xi. Update all references to the AVP of Enrollment Management- distinguish the VP of Strategic Enrollment Management from the new AVP of Enrollment Management
 - xii. Bylaws Section IV.A.4 Annual reports from committees- limit to specific committees?
 - xiii. Review and update the Standing Committees ex-officio positions due to the re-organization of university
 - xiv. Changes to bylaws that were approved by previous resolution but never posted (clarifying the edition of Robert's Rules of Order).
 - xv. Q2S Linger Issues:
 - a. Deadline issue for stating one's intent to seek promotion to full professor
 - b. Discussions about whether we should change the Handbook to require classroom observations for tenured faculty.
 - xvi. Section 103.1 Statewide Organization Structure still states 23 CSU campuses- remove number?

7. Agenda Items for Senate

Academic Senate Meeting – Fall 2025
Thursday, November 6, 2025
Agenda

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Dezember Leadership and Development Center, Room 409-411

Zoom Link: <https://csub.zoom.us/j/84669370314?pwd=gmLoywwMxQR4k7G0hUhv25vs0N8xr8.1>

Senate Members: Chair M. Danforth, Vice-Chair D. Solano, CSU Senator C. Lam, CSU Senator N. Michieka, AH Senator T. Tsantsoulas, AH Senator M. Naser (F2025 alt. D. Stockwell), BPA Senator D. Wu, BPA Senator S. Sarma, NSME Senator L. Kirstein, NSME Senator A. Stokes, SSE Senator Z. Zenko, SSE Senator S. Roberts, AV Senator K. Holloway, At-Large Senator H. He, At-Large Senator A. Grombly, At-Large Senator A. Hays, At-Large Senator A. Lauer, At-Large Senator T. Salisbury, At-Large Senator R. Dugan, Lecturer Electorate Senator D. Horn, Senator H. Gonzalez – Staff Representative, Senator A. Reyes – ASI President, VP AA & Provost D. Thien, Senator J. Dong – Dean Representative, and Senate Analyst K. Van Grinsven.

Guests: President Harper, E. Montoya and K. Grappendorf.

- I. Call to Order and Tejon Tribal Land Acknowledgement
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 11, 2025 (handout)
 - b. September 25, 2025 (handout)
 - c. October 9, 2025 (deferred)
- III. Announcements and Information
 - a. President's Report – V. Harper (**Time Certain: 10:10 AM**)
 - i. ~~The President's Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics – Co-Chair K. Grappendorf~~ Remove:
Possible reschedule for December 4, 2025, Senate meeting.
 - b. GE Director – E. Montoya (**Time Certain: 10:20 AM**)
 - c. Elections and Appointments – D. Solano (handout)
- IV. Approval of Agenda (**Time Certain: 10:05 AM**)
- V. Reports
 - a. ASI Report – Senator Reyes (handout)
 - b. Provost's Report – D. Thien
 - c. ASCSU Report – Senators Lam and Michieka (deferred)
 - d. Staff Report – Senator Gonzalez (handout)
 - e. Committee Reports:
 - i. Executive Committee – Vice-Chair Solano (handout)
 - ii. Standing Committees:
 1. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) – Senator Tsantsoulas (handout)
 2. Academic Support and Student Services Committee (AS&SS) – Senator Kirstein (handout)
 3. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) – Senator Grombly (handout)
 4. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Senator Zenko (handout)
 - f. CFA Report – Senator Salisbury; D. Solis, CFA Bakersfield Vice-President (handout)

VI. Resolutions **(Time Certain: 10:45 10:30 AM)**

- a. Consent Agenda: No items.
- b. Old Business:
 - i. RES 252604 – Minor Policy Changes – AAC (handout)
 - ii. RES 252606 – Call for a CSU Chancellor’s Office Investigation Regarding Recent Incidents in Athletics – EC (handout)
- c. New Business:
 - i. RES 252610- Unit RTP and PTR Composition- Handbook Change- FAC (handout)
 - ii. RES 252608- Sabbatical Rubric and Feedback- Handbook Change- FAC (handout)
 - iii. RES 252609- Clarifying ASCSU Lecturer Electorate Procedures – FAC (handout)
 - iv. RES 252611 – Minor in Applied Mathematics – AAC and BPC (handout)
 - v. RES 252612 – Concentration in Nonprofit Management in MPA Degree – AAC and BPC (handout)
 - vi. RES 252613 – Concentration in Healthcare Administration in MPA Degree – AAC and BPC (handout)
 - vii. ~~RES 2526XX – Special Review for Anthropology?~~ *Note: Resolution is not ready; still in discussion. Removed from the agenda.

VII. Open Forum **(Time Certain: 11:15 AM)**

VIII. Adjournment