

Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2025

10:00 - 11:30am

Minutes

1. Welcome: Chair Tsantsoulas welcomed the committee to the online meeting once we established a quorum with 5 of 8 voting members present.

2. Approval of Minutes: 103025 Minutes approved

3. Old Business

a. 2025-2026 REFERRAL #06: Proposal to Elevate the Concentration of CIS to a Degree Program

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- Committee reviewed the revised proposal provided by Dr. Cruz. Previous concerns were addressed, including corrections to the roadmaps and the transfer pathways
- Dr. Cruz provided a chart demonstrating that students could double major in the elevated concentration and Computer Science, so the Committee's previous concern is moot.
- Dr. Adams explained the new CO guidelines for GEMS, emphasizing that GE outcomes must be met through specific coursework with the course substitutions specified.
- Committee agreed to request a second round of modifications to the proposal to ensure compliance with the new CO guidelines on GEMS

b. 2025-2026 REFERRAL #10: Proposal for a New Minor in Medical Spanish

- Waiting for revised proposal from Dr. Flores

4. New Business

a. Academic Master Plan

- Committee reviewed and approved the draft Academic Master Plan, which was introduced by Dr. Adams, minor changes were reviewed
- Dr. Adams explained that program review dates were updated to reflect current status, noting that some reviews were in progress while others were completed or out of compliance.
- The committee discussed the process for new degree proposals, with Mr. Holiwell inquiring about the timing of referrals, which Dr. Adams clarified depends on whether the proposal is for a new degree or an elevation of an existing concentration.
- Members agreed to support a joint resolution approving the AMP with BPC.

b. 2025-2026 REFERRAL #18: Special Review Committee for Anthropology

- AAC discussed the report provided by the Special Review Committee, which recommended discontinuing the anthropology program
- Members agreed with cited concerns about curriculum impact and loss of faculty expertise
- Members noted that the Anthropology program had strong support in the community and expressed concerns about lecturer faculty job loss due to program discontinuation.
- AAC discussed the concerns raised by an Anthropology faculty member (via email) about the fairness of the Special Review process.
- Members were in favor of the extended “teach out” period suggested by the Special Review Committee.
- Dr. Adams, who served ex-officio on the Committee, explained that the committee's tenured faculty members all participated in most meetings and voted on the final report, including Dr. El Hadidi, the senior Anthropology faculty member representative.
- Dr. Adams stated that due to an administrative decision there was a period of about 12 months where students were not allowed to apply to or switch into the anthropology major, which was later remediated.
- Dr. Tsantsoulas noted that the Senate has revised the program discontinuation process
- AAC reviewed the draft resolution proposed by BPC, and agreed with both BPC and the Special Review Committee that the Anthropology program should be discontinued due to lack of faculty, low student demand, and lack of other necessary resources for continued program success
- AAC voted to revise the BPC draft resolution to include a statement commending the Anthropology program and faculty for their contributions to CSUB and requesting that CSUB continue to provide students with GE courses that teach global awareness.

Dr. Tsantsoulas adjourned the meeting at 11:30am.