



Academic Senate: Executive Committee

Minutes

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Location: BPA Conference Room 134 and virtual.

Zoom: <https://csub.zoom.us/j/88091986667?pwd=GOSakqXvulfaZihtNxTsAFBYwWqAJs.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).

1. Call to Order

A. Chair Danforth called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

2. Announcements and Information

A. 2026-2027 AY Senate Meeting Schedule (handout)

i. EC reviewed and revised the proposed 2026–27 Senate meeting schedule. The revised schedule will be brought forward for approval at Thursday’s Senate Organizational Meeting.

B. FHAC Award Recommendations (handout) **(Time Certain: 10:08 AM)**

i. EC reviewed and approved FHAC’s recommendations for 2026-2027 faculty awards.

C. Reports Received:

a. UPRC Annual Report 2025-2026 (handout)

b. Progress Report from Task Force to Develop Guidelines for Faculty Use of AI (handout)

c. Committee on Professional Responsibility (CPR) Annual Report 2025-2026 (handout)

D. Fall 2026 Senate Guests

a. Fall 2026

i. GRaSP, FAR (oral reports/presentations)

ii. Committee on Professional Responsibility (CPR)

iii. WSCUC Logistics – E. Adams (*provide updates to Senate*)

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

A. Amendments made to the agenda to include FHAC recommendations, and CPR Annual Report to “Announcements and Information” and ASCSU updates to “Continued Items.” Majority voted in favor; amended agenda approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. April 14, 2026 (handout)
 - B. April 28, 2026 (handout)
 - i. EC discussed follow-up regarding concerns raised at the previous EC meeting about Economics Department WTUs. The Provost clarified that, since the last EC meeting, the concern had been addressed with the College. No changes made to the minutes.
 - C. L. Kirstein motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by N. Michieka. Minutes approved.
5. Continued Items **(Time Certain: 10:40 am)**
- A. AS Referral Log (Refer to BOX folder)
 - i. AAC (T. Tsantsoulas)
 - a. T. Tsantsoulas informed EC that RES 252642 and RES 252648 have been discussed extensively, however, the committees involved have not voted on any changes and therefore, the first reading versions can be used for Senate on Thursday for second reading. If it is the will of the Senate to make amendments, they can be proposed on the Senate floor and voted upon on Thursday. T. Tsantsoulas also confirmed that RES 252648 addresses DLC membership and the Senate log can be updated to reflect that.
 - ii. AS&SS (L. Kirstein)
 - a. L. Kirstein shared that referral 2025-2026 45 will probably be addressed via memorandum, however, AS&SS was not able to finalize it, and it will therefore need to be deferred to Fall 2026.
 - iii. BPC (A. Grombly)
 - a. A. Grombly requested that the Senate log be updated to reflect that referral 2025-2026 06 has been returned to the department for significant revision.
 - iv. FAC (Z. Zenko) No discussion in EC, however, Z. Zenko did confirm later that the Senate log regarding FAC referrals and resolutions are up to date.
 - B. Provost Report (D. Thien) **(Time Certain: 10:50 am)**
 - i. Updates/ Status:
 - a. Academic Administrator Searches
 - i. Provost Thien reported that updates on academic administrator searches and tenure-track hiring requests are forthcoming.
 - ii. The Provost also provided updates on the Summer Handbook project and suggested possible expansion of the project. Extensive discussion ensued regarding potential expansion beyond editorial updates to include policy alignment, organization, accessibility, and usability. Provost Thien added that AVP D. Boschini was not copied on the original proposal in error and therefore has not had a chance to review yet. Provost Thien, AVP Boschini and Chair Danforth will schedule another meeting to discuss the scope and compensation.
 - b. Academic Administrator Reviews (deferred)
 - C. Proposed Title 5 Changes – EC (handout)

- i. Chair Danforth confirmed that the deadline to submit comments has passed and this item can be removed from the agenda.
- D. Senate Recording Retention Policy – EC (handout)
- i. EC discussed a draft policy on retention of Senate meeting recordings. Discussion focused on the use of recordings as an aid for preparing minutes, possible Public Records Act implications, and the balance between accuracy, transparency, and the ability to deliberate openly. The Provost offered to consult campus counsel regarding Public Records Act language before the policy moves forward. EC also discussed alternatives to Zoom recordings, including typed minutes and use of a physical recorder, but no final decision was made. A decision will be deferred pending a response from campus counsel.
- E. ASCSU Updates
- i. Senator Michieka provided updates regarding some ASCSU issues that may be pertinent. These included a forthcoming report based on a survey of chairs, systemwide discussion of online class policies (no CSU has a solid policy on online classes), and an ASCSU resolution in support of CSUB faculty. Chair Danforth also noted additional ASCSU resolutions for EC review, including items related to the student success framework, transfer credit, and CSU-to-CSU major course articulation.
- F. Calendar Committee – A. Grombly, BPC Chair (handouts in BOX) (deferred)
- G. Deferred to Fall 2026 (deferred)
- i. ASCSU Lecturer Electorate Representative term
 - ii. Faculty Legislative Liaison (handout)
 - iii. Develop formal procedures for appointments for the CSU Fong and Fetterly Award (pending FHAC discussion)
- H. Policies on approval of Course Coding Changes (CS Numbers) (HOLD; pending data from AA)
- i. Chair Danforth confirmed that EC is still waiting for data from Academic Affairs and this item will be deferred to Fall 2026.
- I. Faculty advising and CSUB Advising Council (HOLD; pending follow up w/ Provost and VP SASEM) (deferred)
- J. ASI Resolution: SB 104 ASI and Shared Governance (HOLD; pending ASI’s revisions)
- i. Chair Danforth confirmed that no further information has come from ASI and that this item does not need to roll over to 2026-2027.
6. New Discussion Items (Time Certain: 11:00 am)
- A. Elections and Appointments- D. Solano
- i. EC made the following College Appointments:
 - a. SPA Board: EC reviewed and made recommendations to be sent to the Provost and President for final appointment.
 - b. CSUB Advising Council
 - i. EC appointed: Shaheer Afaqi – Philosophy and Religious Studies for AH.
 - ii. EC appointed: Danielle Solano – Chemistry and Biochemistry for NSME.
 - c. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) Committee

- i. EC appointed: Charles MacQuarrie – English for AH.
- ii. At-large Appointed positions – *Calls in progress*
 - a. Vice Chair Solano asked whether at-large calls requiring department chair experience could be expanded to include former department chairs where appropriate; no objections were raised.
- B. Academic Tuition/ Scholarship Waiver (handout) (deferred)
- C. State Legislation (deferred)
 - i. ASCSU Legislative Positions – C. Lam
 - ii. [AB-2606](#) Oil and Gas Demonstration Zones
 - iii. [AB-2301](#) Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program
 - iv. [AB-2236](#) Postsecondary education: articulation agreements.
 - v. SB-960 *added* Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate degree program
- D. Staff Representative on Senate (handouts in BOX) (deferred)
- E. Summer Retreat agenda and logistics (deferred)
 - i. Date selected at Senate Organizational Meeting on May 7
 - ii. Agenda Items
 - a. Carry-over business
 - b. FHAC policies and procedures
 - c. Senate Recording Retention Policy *added*
 - d. Calendar Committee *added*

7. Agenda Items for Senate (Time Certain: 11:15 am)

Academic Senate Meeting – Spring 2026

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Agenda – Session 1

10:00 – 11:00 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 (alt. E. Montoya), CSU Senator N. Michieka (excused), AH Senator T. Tsantsoulas, AH Senator M. Naser, BPA Senator D. Wu, BPA Senator S. Sarma, NSME Senator L. Kirstein, NSME Senator A. Stokes, SSE Senator Z. Zenko, SSE Senator S. Roberts (alt. for Spring 2026 K. Henderson), AV Senator K. Holloway (virtual), At-Large Senator H. He (alt. L. Punsalan), At-Large Senator A. Grombly (alt. K. Lattimore), 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 E. Reed – ASI Executive Vice-President, VP AA & Provost D. Thien, Senator J. Dong – Dean Representative, and Senate Analyst K. Van Grinsven.

Guest: President Harper and S. Wempe, FHAC.

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Tejon Tribal Land Acknowledgement
 - b. [Robert's Rules of Order](#)
 - c. [Interruption Statement](#)

- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 30, 2026 (handout)

- III. Announcements and Information
 - a. Faculty Award recommendations from FHAC – S. Wempe (**Time Certain: 10:10 am**)
 - b. President's Report – V. Harper (**Time Certain: 10:15 am**)
 - c. Elections and Appointments – D. Solano (handout)
 - d. Upcoming Events:
 - i. May 14 – Senate Social with the Harpers
 - ii. May 16 – Commencement, Dignity Health Arena
 1. 8:30 am – AH, BPA, NSME and Criminal Justice
 2. 1:30 pm – SSE
 3. csub.edu/commencement
 - e. Submitted Reports for 2025-2026 (*written reports only*):
 - i. UPRC Annual Report – M. Hur (handout)
 - ii. Committee on Professional Responsibility (CPR) Report (handout)

- IV. Approval of Agenda (**Time Certain: 10:05 AM**)

- V. Reports
 - a. ASI Report – Senator Reed
 - b. Provost's Report – D. Thien (handout)
 - c. ASCSU Report – Senators Lam and Michieka (handout)
 - 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
 2. Academic Support and Student Services Committee (AS&SS) – Senator Kirstein
 3. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) – Senator Grombly
 4. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Senator Zenko
 - f. CFA Report – T. Salisbury, CFA Bakersfield

- VI. Resolutions **(Time Certain: 10:25 AM)**
 - a. Consent Agenda
 - i. RES 252650 – Commendation for Dina Ebeling (handout)
 - ii. RES 252651 – Commendation for Heath Niemeyer (handout)
 - b. Old Business:
 - i. RES 252643 – Policies & Procedures for Establishing New Schools – EC (handout)
 - ii. RES 252648 – Teaching Modality – Handbook Changes – AAC, FAC (handout) *No changes made for second reading.
 - iii. RES 252642 – Post-Enrollment Requirement Checking (PERC) Timing Alignment for Prerequisite Verification and Enrollment Stability – AAC, AS&SS (handout) *No changes made for second reading.
 - c. New Business: None.
- VII. Open Forum **(Time Certain: 10:45 AM)**
- VIII. Adjournment **(Time Certain: 11:00)**

Agenda – Session 2

11:00 – 11:30 AM

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

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

2026-2027 Senate: Chair M. Danforth, Vice-Chair T. Tsantsoulas, CSU Senator C. Lam, CSU Senator N. Michieka, AH Senator M. Palaiologou, AH Senator B. Moreno, 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 (virtual), At-Large Senator H. He, At-Large Senator A. Grombly, At-Large Senator A. Hays, At-Large Senator A. Lauer, At-Large Senator J. Deal, At-Large Senator R. Dugan, Lecturer Electorate Senator D. Horn (alt. D. Stowe), Senator TBA – Staff Representative, Senator TBA – ASI President, VP AA & Provost D. Thien, Senator D. Cours – Dean Representative, and Senate Analyst K. Van Grinsven.

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Picture of the 2026-2027 Senate to be taken outdoors **(Time Certain: 11:00 AM)**
 - b. Information:
 - i. Academic Senate Orientation (handout)
- II. Introduction of Members (handout)
- III. Approval of Academic Senate Meeting Schedule 2026-2027 (handout)
- IV. Election of Standing Committee Chairs (Statements of Interest attached – see handout)

- a. Academic Affairs Committee
- b. Academic Support and Student Services Committee
- c. Budget and Planning Committee
- d. Faculty Affairs Committee

V. Adjournment (**Time Certain: 11:30 AM**)

8. Adjournment

- A. Chair Danforth adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.