



## Academic Senate: Executive Committee

Minutes- Extra Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 AM

**Location:** BPA Conference Room 134 and virtual.

**Zoom Link:** <https://csub.zoom.us/j/85981842316?pwd=M2QqHBI2e0S3BPLhSFGMavtTVfDYbA.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).

**Guest:** D. Cantrell, VP for SASEM

### 1. Call to Order

A. Chair Danforth called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

### 2. Announcements and Information

#### A. \*Added\* Lockdown Debrief

- i. EC briefly discussed the lockdown that occurred the previous day. One major concern was the quality of the audio directions, which were reported as inaudible. Provost Thien confirmed with the UPD Chief Mari that the new audio system has been approved in Procurement and debriefs are in progress, which includes speaking to ASI and other constituents. Provost Thien also said that the President will be sending out a message to the campus community soon.
- ii. Other concerns included the timeliness of notifications; the EIB construction livestream continuing during the lockdown; some fire marshals not performing assigned duties; lack of preparedness (e.g., no lockdown drills); faculty releasing students from classrooms during the lockdown; staff posting on social media during the lockdown; some classroom doors lacking locks; issues related to motion-sensor lights triggering, which may pose a safety concern during a lockdown; the emergency alert system being opt-in (instead of by default); and problems with messaging on the Zoom phone system. *Additional concerns raised via email included classroom phones not receiving calls and severe traffic congestion following the evacuation notice, with some faculty reporting it took up to an hour and 15 minutes to exit campus.*

#### B. Spring General Faculty Meeting Debrief

- i. EC discussed the Spring 2026 General Faculty Meeting (GFM). EC noted that the meeting remained on schedule and agreed that limiting comments to two minutes and having a designated timekeeper was effective. It was suggested that future meetings use two

timekeepers to rotate duties, as managing this role for the entire meeting is difficult for one person. Turn out of attendees was low (only about 50 in attendance in person). Some discussion ensued regarding reasons including the historically lower turn out for spring GFM due to faculty having classes on Friday.

- ii. During the GFM, there were suggestions to hold faculty meetings more frequently; several EC members agreed this could be beneficial, though some expressed concern that such meetings could devolve into venting sessions without a clearly defined agenda.
  - iii. EC brainstormed possible ideas to allow for more collaboration and community and boost morale through additional faculty social events.
  - iv. EC echoed concerns raised at the GFM by multiple faculty members regarding workload issues and inequities.
- C. \*Added\* ASI Request for Service re EO 0369 - Budget Review Board Membership (handout) (deferred)
- D. D. Cantrell – VP for SASEM (**Time Certain: 11:00 AM**)
- i. Following the departure of J. Padilla from MAGEC, the coordinator position is vacant. VP Cantrell consulted with EC regarding possible reassignment of MPPs to cover the role. Confidential, personnel-related discussion ensued. EC recommended open searches rather than reassignment of existing personnel. EC also emphasized the importance of the coordinator role for MAGEC and the role of the center in supporting vulnerable student populations.
- E. Spring 2026 Guests (deferred)
- i. EC Guests
  - ii. Senate Guests
    - a. J. Watkins – Center for Accessibility and Essential Needs
    - b. K. De Young – Facilities
  - iii. Annual Reports to Senate
    - a. FTLC, GECCo, GRaSP, UPRC, URC (?), etc.
3. Approval of Agenda (**Time Certain: 10:05 AM**)
- A. Amendments made to add a debrief regarding the lockdown that occurred yesterday, February 2, 2026, “CHRS Page Up” and “ASI Request for Service re EO 0369 Budget Review Board Membership.”
  - B. A. Grombly motioned to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Z. Zenko. Amended agenda approved.
4. Approval of Minutes (deferred)
- A. January 20, 2026 (handout)
  - B. January 27, 2026 (hold; in-progress)
5. Continued Items (**Time Certain: 10:30 AM**)
- A. 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)
- B. Provost Report (D. Thien) **(Time Certain: 10:45 AM)**
- i. Updates/ Status: (deferred)
    - a. Academic Administrator Searches
    - b. Academic Administrator Reviews
  - ii. The Provost also reported on the following items:
    - a. RTP: The Provost suggested revisiting the use of Interfolio for RTP processes, noting that 19 of 22 campuses currently use the platform.
    - b. Provost's Funds: The Provost noted that these funds are primarily used for conference travel and asked whether they should also support a broader range of faculty development activities. EC brainstormed potential alternative uses.
- C. Reports and Recommendations (deferred)
- i. Criteria for Proposing New Schools Taskforce (handout)
  - ii. Scholarship and Creative Activities Task Force (handout)
- D. ASI Resolution: SB 104 ASI and Shared Governance (HOLD; waiting for ASI's revisions) (handout) (deferred)
- E. Calendar Committee – A. Grombly, BPC Chair (deferred)
- F. “RES 2526XX- Statements of the Senate” and Votes of “No Confidence” – EC (handout)
- i. Z. Zenko shared a revised draft of the resolution. Chair Danforth asked all EC members to review the proposed resolution for discussion at the next EC meeting (deferred).
6. New Discussion Items (Time Certain: 11:15 AM) (deferred)
- A. ASCSU Lecturer Electorate Representative Term – EC (handout)
- B. Updates to Handbook Appendices B and C to address inconsistencies – EC (handout)
- C. CSU Fong and Fetterly Award:
- i. Updates for Spring 2026 service
  - ii. Develop formal procedures for appointments of two faculty members for future awards (handout)
- D. Elections and Appointments- D. Solano
- i. Exceptional Service Award: Committee work in progress
  - ii. Election for Senate Vice-Chair in progress; then ASCSU Senator.
- E. Items from Advising Council
- i. OnBase vs. Runner Connect
  - ii. CSU-wide Degree Audit and Planner Tool – AS&SS and (?)
    - a. uAchieve (software the Chancellor's Office has chosen)
  - iii. Faculty advising holds
- F. Development of a Senate Recording Retention Policy for recordings that are intended to develop Minutes
- G. ASI Requests – AS&SS and AAC (?) (handout)

- i. Office Hours
  - ii. Reporting Grades
  - H. Updates to the Distributed Learning Committee (DLC) Membership and Description – AAC, AS&SS and FAC (?) (handout)
  - I. Handbook and Bylaws Project – EC (handout)
  - J. Proposed updates to 308.2.4 Emeriti Privileges and Public Announcement (handout)
  - K. Dean’s List policy – AAC (?) (handout)
  - L. \*Added\* CHRS Page Up
7. Agenda Items for Senate (deferred)
8. Adjournment
- A. Chair Danforth adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am. EC has a regular meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, February 10, 2026.