



Academic Senate Meeting – Spring 2026

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Minutes

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 (virtual), AH Senator M. Naser (virtual), 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, At-Large Senator A. Grombly, At-Large Senator A. Hays, At-Large Senator A. Lauer, At-Large Senator T. Salisbury (virtual), 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.

In-Person Guests: President Harper, UPD Chief M. Gonzalez, Deputy Chief Information Officer B. Chen, and K. Warner.

Virtual Guests: See attached list.

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Tejon Tribal Land Acknowledgement
 - b. [Robert's Rules of Order](#)
 - c. [Interruption Statement](#)
 - d. Chair Danforth called the meeting to order at 10:01 am and read the Tejon Tribal Land Acknowledgement and reminded Senators and guests of Robert's Rules of Order and Interruption Statement.

- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 29, 2026 (handout)
 - i. Senator Zenko motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Senator Grombly. Minutes from January 2, 2026, minutes are approved.

- III. Announcements and Information
 - a. President's Report – V. Harper (**Time Certain: 10:10 am**) (handout)

- i. President Harper congratulated Vice-Chair elect Senator Tsantsoulas and thanked Vice-Chair Solano for her service to the university.
- ii. President Harper discussed the recent campus emergency, expressing gratitude for the swift response from law enforcement and highlighting the need for improved communication systems and security measures. Provost Thien will be leading a workgroup to look at the campus's emergency response processes and have asked the workgroup to produce a spending plan, as one million dollars have been allocated. The work group will meet frequently over the next three months and present their recommendations to the Senate.
- iii. President Harper also mentioned upcoming events, including the grand opening of the Technology Engagement Center on campus and attended the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Gala, Boys and Girls Club Gala, and dinner to support baseball.
- iv. The President's Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics concentrating on athletic advising, human resources as it relates to hiring for athletics, and development and advancement.
- v. President Harper encouraged further discussion on the Shafter Research Station project, emphasizing its potential to increase enrollment, research grants, and fundraising opportunities. He has been contemplating whether to hold an open forum and encourages more conversations and dialogue.
- vi. President Harper also briefly mentioned the ESPN.com article in progress that will provide the university's perspective on recent events in athletics.
- vii. Q&A/ Discussion:
 - 1. Senator Gonzalez asked about the timeline of the Shafter Research Project and where CSUB is at in the decision-making process. Dr. Watson said they are waiting for the last of this series of due diligence reports from the engineering firm and are expecting that in early March. They have requested an extension to the letter of intent deadline, and are in constant communication with the county, with one more issue to resolve regarding the title clearance. Dr. Watson also reported that the foundation is funding this work, including \$150,000 for the due diligence reports, of which there are three, and has also committed a \$100,000 purchase price.
- b. Campus Lockdown Debrief – UPD Chief and CIO designee **(Time Certain: 10:20 am)**
 - i. Chief Mari Gonzalez reported on the events related to the campus lockdown including details of the call to the ITS Service Center. Campus lockdown was initiated and maintained for just under two hours. The Bakersfield Police Department sent over a team to help analyze the call, attempt to track down the caller, and maintain a perimeter. They attempted to keep messaging going every thirty minutes, and as often as possible provide as much information as possible and clarify that it was a threat, not an actual scene of an active shooter. As mentioned, there were significant technical issues with the vendor responsible for campus wide communications and

messaging; CSUB is working with a new vendor and UPD are actively meeting to debrief, retrain, etc.

- ii. Deputy Chief Information Officer, Brian Chen, provided information on technical issues with the vendor responsible for the messaging. CSUB worked with the current vendor for clarity regarding what happened and by Wednesday, the issues were resolved and another test message has been distributed. If anyone has not received the test message, they have been directed to contact the ITS Service Center. ITS has been supporting the new 3rd party vendor implementation and a contract is in progress. This vendor is used by twenty of the other CSUs and offers additional features which will be beneficial for the safety of the campus. A video will be released to campus for how to go about updating contact information and another campus-wide test of the alerts to ensure everyone is receiving them.

1. Q&A/ Discussion:

- a. Extensive discussion ensued with feedback provided by various constituents regarding the PA systems needing to be repaired or replaced, accessibility of the campus despite the “lockdown,” campus Children’s Center and need for a better reunification plan for children to be moved off campus for quicker unification with parents and guardians. Others reported on the poor reception on campus, issues with the instructional labs in the sciences, some doors open outwards (making them difficult to barricade), and some doors do not lock. Concerns also voiced about why employees and students have to “opt-in” to emergency messaging systems and that it should be done by default and would have to “opt-out.” Discussion also ensued regarding the viability of a campus-wide active shooter drill.
 - b. Questions were asked regarding whether the caller has been identified or tracked. Chief Gonzalez discussed that it is still undergoing active investigation, however, there is a good likelihood that the caller is the same that called other locations, both within Kern County and across the state, and there is a good likelihood that this caller was calling from outside of the country.
 - c. Chief Gonzalez also emphasized “Run-Hide-Fight” as a key component in the active shooter training.
- c. Elections and Appointments – D. Solano (handout)
- i. Vice-Chair Solano provided a brief report on completed and current elections and calls.
- d. Upcoming Events:
- i. February 20 – Committee on Professional Responsibility Town Hall
 - 1. 1-2 pm; Humanities 1107 and virtual
 - ii. March 16 – Spring Budget Open Forum
 - 1. 2-3 pm; Student Union MPR and virtual

iii. April 8 – President’s Open Forum

1. 9 am; Student Union MPR

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

- a. Senator Grombly motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Senator Lam. Agenda approved.

V. Reports

a. ASI Report – Senator Reed

- i. IRA is opening February 23 and closing April 7
- ii. ASI AI Guidance Workshops will be held for each college, the first of which is the College of Arts and Humanities, which will be held on Wednesday at MAC 103 at noon.

b. Provost’s Report – D. Thien (**Time Certain: 10:30 AM**) (handout)

- i. Emergency Response Workgroup: Seven topics have been identified: 1. Communication and alerts; 2. Campus access, police presence, traffic control; 3. Lock down procedures and training; 4. Building and infrastructure safety issues; 5. Laboratory and high-risk area concerns, 6. Childcare and other vulnerable populations, 7. Post-incident support and best practices.
- ii. Encouraged participation in the Strategic Plan and thanked all who have participated process and added that there will be a student listening session. Senator Gonzalez also welcomed feedback regarding the campus lockdown and also informed that the teamsters will be on strike next week and shared the CSUEU’s stance. Senator Gonzalez will be attending Lobby Day in Sacramento, and encouraged anyone interested to reach out.

c. ASCSU Report – Senators Lam and Michieka (deferred)

d. Staff Report – Senator Gonzalez (handout)

- i. Strategic Plan Staff Listening session will be held tomorrow, 1-2 pm in the Dezember Leadership Development Center, Room 402. CSUB is in phase 2 of the Strategic Plan.

e. Committee Reports: (deferred)

i. Executive Committee – Vice-Chair Solano (handout)

ii. Standing Committees:

1. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) – Senator Tsantsoulas (handout)

- a. Memo from AAC, Referral 2025-2026 16 Catalog Language Inconsistency with Title 5 (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 – T. Salisbury, CFA Bakersfield (deferred)

- i. Senator Salisbury reported during the President's report that faculty were unprepared to deal with the campus lockdown and that a town hall is needed. There will be a union-wide town hall. The CFA town hall will be held tomorrow, February 13 from 11:30-1 in the Walter Stiern library, Dezember Reading Room.

VI. Resolutions **(Time Certain: 10:35 AM)**

a. Consent Agenda: No items.

b. Old Business:

- i. RES 252610 – Unit RTP and PTR Composition- Handbook Change – FAC (handout)
 1. Senator Zenko presented the resolution for second reading and discussed the revisions made in response to feedback from first reading.
 2. Amendment: Senator Dong proposed an amendment with Provost Thien suggesting a slight change, agreed by Senator Dong. Amendment passed, motioned carried with four abstentions. Resolution amended.
 3. Amended resolution was voted upon; three abstentions recorded. Motion carried; amended resolution passed.
- ii. RES 252621 – Department Chair Terms-Handbook Change – FAC (handout)
 1. Senator Zenko, FAC Chair, presented the resolution on behalf of FAC for second reading.
 2. Discussion/ Feedback: none.
 3. Majority voted in favor; resolution passed unanimously.
- iii. RES 252622 – Academic Advising Structure Is an Academic Endeavor – AAC, AS&SS (handout)
 1. Senator Hayes, AAC Vice-Chair, presented the resolution for second reading on behalf of AAC and AS&S.
 2. Discussion/ Feedback:
 - a. Provost Thien provided feedback and commentary regarding the resolution and suggestion to refer to NACADA recommendations and suggestions for consideration of the work needed to create the structure on the faculty advising side. Suggestions were also made for a resolve to be added to the resolution that includes some language recommendations for faculty representation for the Director of Academic Advising position.
 - b. Resolution was returned to AS&SS and AAC for further discussion with one objection noted.
- iv. RES 252620 – Transitioning to Online SOCLs – FAC (HOLD)

c. New Business:

- i. RES 252626 – AS&SS Membership-Bylaws Change – AS&SS (handout)
 1. Senator Kirstein, Chair of AS&SS, presented the resolution for first reading on behalf of AS&SS.

2. Discussion/ Feedback: Senate Analyst Van Grinsven suggested the inclusion of “designee.” No further discussion or feedback.
- ii. RES 252627 – Policy on Use of Informational Banner Space in Canvas – AAC, AS&SS (handout)
 1. Senator Kirstein, Chair of AS&SS, presented the resolution for first reading on behalf of AS&SS.
 2. Discussion/ Feedback: Chair Danforth suggested adding language in the fourth resolve that makes it clear that the banner can be used for emergency notification purposes. Senator Zenko also provided feedback on the fourth resolved and clarifying intent and Vice-Chair Solano also suggested adding who would be the appropriate contact for determining if an item would be appropriate, such as Academic Programs.

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

- a. Senator Zenko encouraged the faculty to attend the CFA town hall and also mentioned current bargaining concerns surrounding Article 18.7 and the Personnel Action Files and reprimands and encouraged participation in these conversations.
- b. Senator Grombly encouraged participation in the Strategic Plan.
- c. Senator Dong announced two events taking place today: Women in STEM event at 12 noon in the Student Union MPR and Energy Career Panel at 2 pm.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Chair Danforth called for a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Majority in favor; motion carried.
- b. Chair Danforth adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.

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