



Academic Senate: Executive Committee

Minutes

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 AM

Location: BPA Conference Room 134 and virtual.

Zoom Link: <https://csub.zoom.us/j/85981842316?pwd=M2QqHBl2e0S3BPLhSFGMavtTVfDYbA.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 10:08 am.

2. Announcements and Information

A. Prioritize New and Continued items

- i. As there are only five subcommittee meetings left, EC discussed prioritization of the remaining items in subcommittee to determine what might need to be rolled over to the next academic year.

B. Spring 2026 Guests

- i. EC Guests
 - a. President attending EC on March 24

C. Senate Guests (deferred)

- a. J. Watkins – Center for Accessibility and Essential Needs
- b. K. De Young – Facilities

ii. Annual Reports to Senate

- a. FTLC, GECCo, GRaSP, UPRC, URC (?), etc.

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

A. N. Michieka motioned to approve the amended agenda; seconded by L. Kirstein. Amended agenda approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Tabled)

- A. January 20, 2026 (handout)
- B. January 27, 2026 (handout)
- C. February 3, 2026 (handout)

D. February 10, 2026 (deferred)

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

A. AS Referral Log (see BOX folder; handout)

- i. AAC (T. Tsantsoulas)
 - a. Regarding RES 252622 Academic Advising Structure Is an Academic Endeavor, AAC wishes to move forward and hope to have it for second reading 2/26/2026. Some discussion ensued regarding the intent of the referral and purpose of the resolution.
 - b. AAC and BPC will be prioritizing curriculum referrals, and those should be completed before the end of the term.
- ii. AS&SS (L. Kirstein)
 - a. L. Kirstein shared that AS&SS is struggling with RES 252622 Academic Advising Structure Is an Academic Endeavor and asked EC for advice on how to move forward. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the referral and resolution and several suggestions were offered. AS&SS and AAC will discuss in their committee meetings on Thursday.
- iii. BPC (A. Grombly)
 - a. BPC has been prioritizing curriculum referrals and likely will not complete referral 2025-2026 04 Time Blocks.
- iv. FAC (Z. Zenko)
 - a. FAC sent their recommendations for referral 2025-2026 19 Teaching Modality to AAC. AAC has been backlogged with curricular proposals but will review and work on the other joint referral with FAC, 2025-2026 24 First-Year Seminar (CSUB 1029). FAC is also waiting for the referrals regarding the reports submitted for the Criteria for Proposing New Schools Taskforce and Creative Activities Task Force. Referrals will be sent.

B. Provost Report (D. Thien) (Time Certain: 10:15 AM)

- i. Updates/ Status: (deferred)
 - a. Academic Administrator Searches
 - b. Academic Administrator Reviews
- ii. The Provost addressed the following topics:
 - a. Special Review Committee for Anthropology (RES 252618):
 - i. The Provost noted that the “Resolved” clause related to resource allocation and schedule building warrants clarification, as these areas fall outside the Senate’s purview. EC discussed options for framing the clause as a recommendation and the process for presenting the resolution to the Senate floor again as it has already been sent to the President.
 - b. Work Group to Examine Emergency Response Protocols:
 - i. The Provost asked for someone from Senate to serve on the working group. EC discussed potential representatives and decided that Chair Danforth would serve as the EC representative. It was also recommended that someone with laboratory experience

serve on the committee; the Provost will request a representative from NSME for that role.

- ii. Other members of the group are: AVP and Chief of Police Mari Gonzalez; AVP and Chief Information Officer Chris Diniz; AVP of Capital and Facilities Management Services Kristine De Young; AVP for Campus Life EJ Callahan; Accounting Technician III Amy Polston; Senior Director of Strategic Communications Jennifer Self; and one representative each from ASI and the Academic Senate.

c. Proposed Changes to Title 5:

- i. The CSU is considering proposing possible changes to Title 5 to the Board of Trustees. If approved, these changes may require campus policy updates.

d. Discipline Earnings Test for Federal Student Loans:

- i. The Provost reported that none of CSUB's programs are currently affected; however, Chair Danforth noted that about half of our programs do not have data and shared the data file through email. Programs that fail twice consecutively will be affected. The first year of measurement is 2026, with the first effective year in 2027.

C. Reports and Recommendations

- i. Criteria for Proposing New Schools Taskforce (handout)
- ii. Scholarship and Creative Activities Task Force (handout)
- iii. **Action:** Both items were referred to FAC. The Scholarship and Creative Activities Taskforce materials and the RSCA report will be sent to FAC along with the referral.

D. RES 252624 - Codifying Procedures for Statements of the Senate and Votes of No Confidence – EC (handout) (deferred)

E. Calendar Committee – A. Grombly, BPC Chair (deferred)

F. ASI Resolution: SB 104 ASI and Shared Governance (handout) (HOLD; waiting for ASI's revisions)

6. New Discussion Items (Time Certain: 11:00 AM)

A. Elections and Appointments- D. Solano (HOLD)

- i. In-Progress:
 - a. Exceptional Service Award: Committee work in progress
 - b. Open Calls: College Senators – in progress.
- ii. Develop formal procedures for appointments for the CSU Fong and Fetterly Award (handout)
- iii. ASCSU Lecturer Electorate Representative term (handout)

B. Items from Advising Council (deferred)

- 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

C. Development of a Senate Recording Retention Policy for recordings that are intended to develop Minutes

- i. **Action:** A. Grombly will begin working on drafting a policy on behalf of EC.

D. ASI Requests – AS&SS and AAC (?) (handout)

- i. Office Hours
 - ii. Reporting Grades
 - iii. Discussion: EC discussed concerns raised by ASI regarding office hours and grade reporting. There are existing policies on office hours; therefore, EC determined that additional Senate action is unnecessary. Reporting grades is also likely not a Senate issue.
 - iv. **Action:** Chair Danforth will share the current policy with ASI and inform them of the chain of command for addressing concerns. Chair Danforth will also seek clarification regarding ASI's request (e.g., whether they are requesting a centralized online location for posting office hours). EC also recommended referring this issue to CPR and it may also be an item for FTLC.
- E. Handbook and Bylaws Project – EC (handout) (deferred)
- F. Updates to Handbook Appendices B and C to address inconsistencies – EC (handout) (deferred)
- G. Updates to the Distributed Learning Committee (DLC) Membership and Description – AAC (handout)
- i. *Action:* Referred to AAC to consider the recommended updates to the membership and charge.
- H. Proposed updates to Handbook 308.2.4 Emeriti Privileges and Public Announcement (handout) (deferred)
- I. Dean's List policy – AAC (?) (handout)
- i. Discussion ensued with EC agreeing to draft a memo clarifying that existing catalog language should be followed. The memo will clarify that the six-unit requirement applies to graded coursework only, not total enrolled units.
 - ii. **Action:** D. Solano agreed to draft a memorandum on behalf of EC.
- J. Concerns about CHRS Page Up (deferred)
- K. *NEW*:
- i. Lecturer Title Change (handout)
 - a. Discussion: Senator D. Horn sent information regarding a proposed (non-contractual) academic title for lecturers, also shared with Z. Zenko. The Provost mentioned that she would be meeting with D. Horn and D. Stowe this week and would discuss this item.
 - b. **Action:** Referred to FAC.
 - ii. ATI- IM Item (handout) (deferred)
 - iii. ATI 5-year plan (deferred)
- L. Items for Summer Senate consideration:
- a. Teaching Observations: Z. Zenko mentioned issues related to teaching observations, particularly concerning Canvas shells. Chair Danforth indicated that there is insufficient time to address this issue this year and that it will likely be taken up next year. Additionally, DLC may be able to assist once its charge is updated. Summer Senate to consider for 2026-2027.

7. Agenda Items for Senate (deferred)

8. Adjournment

- A. Chair Danforth adjourned the meeting at 11:31 am.