



Academic Senate Meeting – Spring 2026

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Minutes

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Dezimmer 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, AH Senator M. Naser (virtual), BPA Senator D. Wu, BPA Senator S. Sarma (excused; alt. M. Choi, virtual), NSME Senator L. Kirstein, NSME Senator A. Stokes (excused; alt. H. Santoke), 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 (excused; alt. E. Kopp), At-Large Senator A. Hays, At-Large Senator A. Lauer, At-Large Senator T. Salisbury (absent), At-Large Senator R. Dugan, Lecturer Electorate Senator D. Horn, Senator H. Gonzalez (excused; alt. T. Marsh) – 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.

Guests: President Harper, K. Warner, E. Adams, and C. Diniz.

Virtual Guests: See attached Zoom attendees 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 land acknowledgement and reminded the Senators of Robert's Rules of Order and the Interruption Statement.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 12, 2026 (deferred)
- III. Announcements and Information
 - a. President's Report – V. Harper (**Time Certain: 10:10 am**)
 - i. President noted that it was Homecoming Week and also that the Alumni Hall of Fame event will be taking place this evening as well as Women's Basketball. President Harper reported on his activities at Advocacy Day and advocacy for full funding for

the governor's proposed budget, particularly regarding deferred maintenance for the campus and resources as it relates to the Shafter Research project.

- ii. President Harper will be meeting with the Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, who will be coming to Senate in the future to provide updates on their progress and CSUB has been working with ESPN on an article which will be coming out soon.
- iii. Discussion and Q&A:
 - 1. Senator Lam asked if CSUB could possibly bring a larger team for future advocacy days, as other universities have done. President Harper said that he would consider bringing a larger team in the future.
- b. Elections and Appointments – D. Solano (handout)
 - i. Vice-Chair Solano provided an update on open calls and elections.
 - ii. No questions or further discussion ensued.
- c. Information:
 - i. Memorandum re: Clarification of Dean's List Policy (handout)
- d. Upcoming Events:
 - i. March 16 – Spring Budget Open Forum
 - 1. 2-3 pm; Student Union MPR and virtual
 - 2. [Budget Open Forum Feedback](#) Form
 - ii. April 8 – President's Open Forum
 - 1. 9 am; Student Union MPR

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

- a. Chair Danforth communicated that AS&SS has requested for RES 252628 and RES 252629 to be returned to committee and removed from "New Business." Senator Zenko motioned to approve the amended agenda; seconded by Senator He. Amended agenda approved with one abstention.

V. Reports

- a. ASI Report – Senator Reed
 - i. Senator Reed reported on ASI's participation and activities in CSU Advocacy Day in Sacramento and the ASI Finance Committee will be holding a meeting on March 11 from 2-3 pm in the Student Union Blue Room to discuss the ASI budget. Per CSU policy, they will hold open-door sessions to take any recommendations from the campus community.
- b. Provost's Report – D. Thien (**Time Certain: 10:30 am**) (handout)
 - i. Provost Thien reported on the activities of the Emergency Response Workgroup, and they are in the process of coordinating with the Emergency Operations group co-chairs, which are Chief Rodriguez and EJ Callahan of SASSEM, and are working on scheduling.
 - ii. Provost Thien announced a data-informed increase of 20% for Faculty Development Funds effective June 1, 2026.

- iii. Provost Thien also discussed the upcoming WSCUC off-site review and accreditation visit. While these are 2027 dates, there is work to be done to get CSUB ready and meet the requirements. An institutional report is due approximately one year from today. AVP E. Adams has sketched out the preliminary plans, which will require 4-5 faculty leads with stipend positions. They are working on finalizing that.
- iv. Discussion and Q&A;
 - 1. Senator Tsantsoulas thanked Provost Thien for increasing faculty development funds and is happy to see the exploration of areas of community outreach and interdisciplinary outreach.
- c. ASCSU Report – Senators Lam and Michieka (deferred)
- d. Staff Report – Senator Marsh, alternate (handout)
 - i. Senator Marsh added to the report submitted by Senator Gonzalez, the annual Golf Classic on May 9 with a 12:30 kick off.
- e. Committee Reports:
 - i. Executive Committee – Vice-Chair Solano (handout)
 - 1. Vice-Chair Solano provided a brief overview of the attached report and the inclusion of a recent discussion about the Student Ombudsperson.
 - 2. Discussion and Q&A: Senator Zenko added clarification that Executive Committee has been meeting weekly and encouraged Senators and interested parties to read the committee reports.
 - ii. Standing Committees:
 - 1. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) – Senator Tsantsoulas (handout)
 - a. Senator Tsantsoulas provided a brief report on behalf of AAC and highlighted that AAC has been working hard to address and prioritize all the curricular proposals. Refer to included written report for more details.
 - 2. Academic Support and Student Services Committee (AS&SS) – Senator Kirstein (handout)
 - a. Senator Kirstein provided a brief report on AS&SS activities and thanked ITS and C. Diniz for their reports and assistance with some of the technical aspects. Refer to included written report for more details.
 - 3. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) – Senator Lauer (handout)
 - a. Senator Lauer reported on behalf of Senator Grombly, BPC Chair, that BPC has been collaborating closely with AAC on the curricular proposals. Refer to included written report for more details.
 - 4. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Senator Zenko (handout)
 - a. Senator Zenko reported on FAC activities and included that they are seeking feedback regarding various referrals from Human resources about the President’s Cabinet structure and Officers of the University section of the handbook, as well as feedback from URC regarding the clarification and structure of the working personnel action file, and

Senator Horn and lecturer constituents regarding the Senator Lecturer honorific and referrals regarding Scholarship and Creative Activities Task Force's report and Faculty for RISCA report.

- f. CFA Report – T. Salisbury, CFA Bakersfield (deferred; not in attendance).

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

a. Consent Agenda: No items.

b. Old Business:

i. RES 252626 – AS&SS Membership-Bylaws Change – AS&SS (handout)

1. Senator Kirstein presented the resolution for second reading on behalf of AS&SS.
2. Discussion ensued with the resulting amendment proposed by Senator Henderson. The amendment was voted on with most senators in favor; no abstentions.
3. Amended resolution was put to vote; motion carried and amended resolution RES 252626 passed.

ii. RES 252620 – Transitioning to Online SOClS – FAC (handout)

1. Senator Zenko presented the resolution for second reading on behalf of FAC.
2. Discussion/Feedback:
 - a. Senator Dong spoke in support of the resolution and appreciates FAC's work and agrees that various strategies can be explored to increase response rates. A few senators requested clarification regarding ensuring equitability for students, and options during the transitional period.
 - b. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the amount of scheduled class time to be allotted for SOClS. Modified amendment was put forward by Senator Tsantsoulas, seconded by Senator Lauer. Amendment passed with one abstention.
 - c. Amended resolution put to vote; majority in favor of the resolution with one opposition and 2 abstentions. Amended resolution passed.

iii. RES 252627 – Policy on Use of Informational Banner Space in Canvas – AAC, AS&SS (HOLD)

iv. RES 252622 – Academic Advising Structure Is an Academic Endeavor – AAC, AS&SS (HOLD)

c. New Business:

i. ~~RES 252628 – Inventory of Automated Decision-Making Software for the Classroom-AS&SS (handout)~~*Strike from the agenda per request of AS&SS; amended agenda approved.

ii. RES 252629 – Academic, Curricular, and Student Support Governance – AS&SS (handout) *Strike from the agenda per request of AS&SS; amended agenda approved.

iii. RES 252630 – New Minor in Medical Spanish – AAC and BPC (handout)

1. Senator Tsantsoulas presented the resolution for first reading on behalf of AAC and BPC. On behalf of BPC, Senator Lauer shared that Dr. William Flores came to BPC to discuss some of the questions they had regarding additional resources needed.
2. Discussion/ Feedback:
 - a. Senator Henderson suggested clarification in the listed rationale to reflect the appropriate majors and graduate level programs that would benefit from this proposal.
- iv. RES 252631 – New Minor in Early Childhood Development – AAC and BPC (handout)
 1. Senator Tsantsoulas presented the resolution for first reading on behalf of AAC and BPC. On behalf of BPC, Senator Lauer added that BPC did have additional questions, however, they were answered sufficiently by Dr. Elaine Correa. No additional feedback or discussion.

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

- a. Senator Lauer expressed concerns with campus sustainability and exposure to exhaust fumes from the food trucks.
- b. Senator Lam reported on various legislative bills of concern to the CSU: AB 1552, [AB-2301](#) Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program, [AB-2693](#) Independent Doctoral Programs, [AB-2606](#) Oil and Gas Demonstration Zones, and AB 2212 and 2236.
- c. A question was asked regarding the OneDrive quota limitations of 5G and requirements. C. Diniz responded that Microsoft no longer provides unlimited storage and that so far BOX storage is still unlimited. This is an issue that higher education is struggling with. Chair Danforth suggested that updating the version history may help improve OneDrive usage.
- d. OWLs International Women’s Day will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 3 pm in the SRC Solario.
- e. The mathematics department is hosting Math Field Day on March 7 for high school students, and a data science competition has been added.

VIII. **Adjournment**

- a. Chair Danforth adjourned at 11:16 am.

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