



Academic Senate: Executive Committee

Minutes - Extra Meeting
TUESDAY, MARCH 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; excused), C. Lam (ASCSU Senator), N. Michieka (ASCSU Senator), T. Tsantsoulas (AAC Chair), L. Kirstein (AS&SS Chair; virtual), 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. Spring 2026 Guests

i. EC Guests

a. March 24- President attending EC

i. Develop list of questions

(i) EC developed a list of questions for President Harper in advance of his visit on March 24. Chair Danforth will circulate the list via email for edits and additions. Items discussed include:

1. Budget:

- a. Academic Affairs budget allocations; particularly regarding Sociology and why funds were not allocated initially if available resources are supposed to prioritize Academic Affairs. Also, do departments need to raise concerns in order to receive appropriate funding?
- b. Clarification on President Harper's reference to CSUB approaching a situation similar to Sonoma State at the General Faculty Meeting.
- c. Clarification on why the BAS division does not appear to have experienced any budget or MPP reductions.
- d. More information on the Strategic Enrollment plan and what the plan is for securing a budget model from the Chancellor's Office that aligns with enrollment demand.
- e. What is the plan to address the structural budget issues (back up plans)? Enrollment appears strong, yet the enrollment situation remains problematic.

2. Student Affairs and Strategic Enrollment Management (SASEM)

- a. Current status of the MAGEC Center and clarification of what the plan is for bringing the cultural centers together and staffing replacements. Will there be dedicated staffing for the Dreamer's Resource Center?

- b. More information about the SASEM review referenced by President Harper during the budget forum.

3. IRPA

- a. Has the IRPA review committee been meeting, and if so, what progress has been made? There are still issues with accessing and collecting data on enrollment information.

ii. Senate Guests (deferred)

- a. March 26 – D. Cantrell, Enrollment report
- b. April 30 – Spring Reports
 - i. FTLC, GECCo, UPRC, URC (if needed)
 - ii. Written report as well as oral (?)
- c. May 7 – Senate Organizational Meeting
 - i. Faculty Award recommendations from FHAC
- d. Early Fall 2026
 - i. GRaSP, FAR (oral reports/presentations)
- e. **Unscheduled:**
 - i. Committee on Professional Responsibility (CPR)
 - ii. WSCUC Logistics – E. Adams (*provide updates to Senate*)

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

- A. Z. Zenko motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by A. Grombly. Agenda approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. March 10, 2026 (deferred)

5. Continued Items (Time Certain: 10:10 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. Additional Items
 - a. Instructional Budget Model Town Hall: Senate Analyst Van Grinsven worked with Leslie Willams (Provost Office) to schedule the symposium for April 24 from 9:00–10:30 AM, and a room has been reserved. The Provost recommended joint communication be sent out to the campus. Senator Grombly offered to assist in drafting it.
 - b. Spring 2026 Budget Forum debrief: The Provost requested feedback on the budget forum. Senator Zenko noted that, during the forum, after concerns were raised by Sociology, President Harper indicated that additional funds would be directed to Academic Affairs. He questioned why these funds were not allocated initially, if available resources are intended to prioritize Academic Affairs. The Provost indicated that the university is currently building the schedule at a higher FTES (8,800

annualized) than is funded by the Chancellor's Office (8,567), thereby strategically exceeding the Chancellor's Office target to meet CSUB's anticipated enrollment. This represents an important enhancement from last year. The Provost also noted that the President has empowered her to add classes to the schedule as needed. She indicated that this will be approached from a student-centered and data-informed perspective in collaboration with the Deans. The Provost also stated that no layoffs have occurred. EC discussed strategies for presenting this information at the instructional budget model town hall. Chair Danforth noted that K-Factor (i.e., restrictions based on safety, accreditation, etc.) should be a part of the discussion. Senator Grombly pointed out that SFR also be included in discussions due to concerns about equity of faculty workload.

C. Reports and Recommendations

i. Criteria for Proposing New Schools Taskforce (handout)

- a. Executive Committee agreed to draft a resolution to adopt the taskforce's recommendations. Vice-Chair Solano will bring a draft to the next meeting for review.

D. RES 252624 – Senate Bylaws Revisions- Sections III and V. Expressions of the Senate – EC (draft in progress)

- i. Senator Zenko shared an updated draft of the revised bylaws. Discussion focused on the format of the resolution text, including the possibility of developing a standardized template for the website. It was also decided that proposals originating from the General Faculty should be titled "Petition for a Vote of No Confidence" rather than "Vote of No Confidence." Additional discussion addressed the rationale for this provision. EC agreed that signatures must be dated and collected within a 30-day period. Senator Zenko will bring a revised draft to the next EC meeting.

E. Calendar Committee – A. Grombly, BPC Chair

- i. Senator Grombly provided an update on the Calendar Committee. Key issues include extending time blocks to make more efficient use of instructional days (however, this cannot be addressed this year and will need to be revisited in the future), and the scheduling of commencement (specifically whether it should occur while faculty are still on contract). There are also anticipated conflicts with Saturday exams, as a Saturday must be included in the final exam schedule due to Saturday classes. The calendar should clearly indicate periods when the campus is open but faculty are not on contract, as well as both grade submission deadlines and grade posting dates. Concerns were raised about the length of the winter intersession. Chair Danforth noted that some campuses begin winter intersession before fall grades are due; however, AVP Boschini indicated that winter intersession cannot begin before grades are due. There was additional discussion regarding the deadline to apply for graduation. While the committee would prefer a formal policy, SASEM has directed users to the website. Students have requested that this deadline be included on the academic calendar, so further engagement with SASEM will be needed to establish a clear policy.

F. Planning for April Town Hall to discuss Instructional Budget Model (Tabled)

- i. Date and location confirmed: Friday, April 24, 2026, 9-10:30 am, HUM 1109.
ii. This item will remain on the agenda to allow continued discussion regarding planning.

G. Development of a Senate Recording Retention Policy for recordings that are intended to develop Minutes – EC (HOLD; draft in progress) (deferred)

H. Handbook and Bylaws Project – EC (handout) (deferred)

- i. Composition of Handbook and Bylaw Summer Working Group
ii. Expected timeframe of project

I. ASCSU Lecturer Electorate Representative term (HOLD for Fall)

J. Policies on approval of Course Coding Changes (CS Numbers) (HOLD; pending data)

K. Faculty advising and CSUB Advising Council (HOLD)

L. ASI Resolution: SB 104 ASI and Shared Governance (HOLD; pending ASI's revisions)

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

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

- i. In Progress: College Elected Positions (elections and 2nd calls)
- ii. Develop formal procedures for appointments for the CSU Fong and Fetterly Award (HOLD; pending FHAC discussion)

B. Faculty Legislative Liaison (handout) (deferred)

C. State Legislation (deferred)

- i. ASCSU Legislative Positions – C. Lam
- ii. [AB-2693](#) Independent Doctoral Programs
- iii. [AB-2606](#) Oil and Gas Demonstration Zones
- iv. [AB-2301](#) Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

D. Staff Representative on Senate (handout) (tabled)

- i. An additional email thread has been added to the handout.
- ii. Discussion: EC received an email from Karen Ziegler-Lopez requesting that the current staff election process be suspended until her referral regarding the staff representative could be addressed. Some on EC thought that staff should determine their own process without senate involvement. Senate Analyst Van Grinsven pointed out that the Staff Representative position is identified in the constitution, which lists Staff Forum as responsible for electing the representative. She added that she views Staff Forum as a social committee and voiced concerned about Staff Forum's election procedures and process. Chair Danforth noted that changing the language would require a constitutional referendum. EC decided not to suspend staff representation but will revisit the issue next year. For the current election cycle, EC agreed to strongly suggest that Staff Forum give every staff member an opportunity to be nominated and vote, perhaps with a requirement that the staff representative report regularly to Staff Forum. Additionally, a one-year term will be recommended. Chair Danforth and Vice Chair Solano will draft an email response to Karen.

E. Chair/Director of the Year (handout) (deferred)

F. Academic Tuition/ Scholarship Waiver (handout) (deferred)

G. Items from Advising Council (handout) (deferred)

H. Summer Retreat agenda and logistics (deferred)

- i. Date selected after the incoming subcommittee chairs are elected at the Organizational Meeting on May 7
- ii. Agenda Items:
 - a. Carry-over business
 - b. Interfolio

7. Agenda Items for Senate (deferred)

8. Adjournment

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