



ACADEMIC SENATE

CSU BAKERSFIELD

2026-2027 AY

Academic Senate Executive Committee			
Position	Name	Department	Term
Academic Senate Chair	Melissa Danforth	Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science	May 2026-2028
Academic Senate Vice Chair & Elections Committee Chair	Tiffany Tsantsoulas	Philosophy and Religious Studies	May 2026-2028
CSU Senator	Charles Lam	Mathematics	May 2026-2029
CSU Senator	Nyakundi Michieka	Economics	May 2025-2028
Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) Chair	John Deal	Economics	May 2026-2028
Academic Support & Student Services (AS&SS) Chair	Leslie Kirstein	Nursing	May 2026-2028
Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) Chair	Di Wu	Finance/Accounting	May 2026-2028
Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) Chair	Zachary Zenko	Kinesiology	May 2025-2027
VP for Academic Affairs **	Deborah Thien	Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs	
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