



ACADEMIC SENATE CSU BAKERSFIELD

Academic Senate: Executive Committee

Minutes

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Location: BDC 134- BPA Conference Room

Zoom link: <https://csu.zoom.us/j/84413121414?pwd=bGl6cVVtVHJZcDQyaWVzYjQvVU04dz09>

Members: M. Danforth (Chair), D. Solano (Vice-Chair), J. Rodriguez (Interim Provost), A. Hegde, C. Lam, N. Michieka, J. Deal, T. Tsantsoulas, D. Wu, Z. Zenko and K. Van-Grinsven (Senate Analyst).

1. Call to Order

- a. Chair Danforth called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

2. Announcements and Information

- a. January 31 – Spring General Faculty Meeting
 - i. Chair Danforth shared the list of topics and issues that were shared with President Harper for discussion at the GFM. Additional topics to discuss include addressing concerns with the pause on federally funded loans and grants and how it affects the campus community; addressing metrics regarding class cancellations; the status of graduation initiatives; details regarding current outreach activities; fundraising strategies; exorbitant last minute event charges for IT support (\$3500) and campus contract with PacWest; shared governance, specifically pertaining to the permanency of certain MPPs. There was some discussion regarding the modality of future GFMs considering the increase in cost. The EC supports the request by the deans to attend the GFM Open Session.
- b. February 4 – Extra EC Meeting scheduled; President Harper will attend.

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

- a. N. Michieka motioned to approve the agenda; multiple individuals seconded. Agenda approved.

4. Approval of EC Minutes (deferred)

- a. January 21, 2025 (handout)

5. Continued Items

- a. AS Referral Log (handout)

- i. AAC (J. Deal) (deferred)
- ii. AS&SS (T. Tsantsoulas)
 - 1. AS&SS discussed referral 2024-2025 25 Academic Advising Structure and Report. T. Tsantsoulas reported that the discussion that took place was uncomfortable and some individuals on AS&SS voiced their feelings that Senate was overreaching. They also discussed having the Interim Director of Advising consider tailoring her report to consider this question. Chair Danforth: Advisors would not exist if the programs did not exist and therefore the program faculty have oversight over academic advising.
- iii. BPC (D. Wu) (deferred)
- iv. FAC (Z. Zenko)
 - 1. RES 242515 – Bylaws and Handbook Changes in Response to ASCSU Constitution Ratification. FAC is working on this resolution and had a few questions. FAC is proposing to add the lecturer electorate representative as a new seat on Senate, not to take any of the at-large seats. Some discussion ensued regarding if it would be a new seat on EC or not and the term length. N. Michieka suggested considering policies that are in place for adding and removing ASCSU seats. For example, CSU SLO and Maritime are merging. There may be another future constitutional change that needs to be ratified if they decide to formalize the language in the ASCSU constitution.
- b. Interim Provost Update (J. Rodriguez) (deferred)
 - i. Arts and Humanities Dean Search
 - ii. Arts and Humanities Associate Dean Search
 - iii. Paper SOCI inquiry
- c. RES 242514 – Interim Time Place Manner Policy ([handout](#))
 - i. Z. Zenko discussed the minor change to the resolution including striking out the clause referring to the use of masks. Vice-Chair Solano suggested adding in “CSU” to the title for clarification. The EC agreed on the changes. The resolution will be added for second reading to the Senate agenda for Thursday. This is a statement resolution that they do not necessarily expect President Harper to sign.

6. New Discussion Items (Time Certain: 10:45 AM)

- a. New Items over Winter Break
 - i. Class Cancellations – to AAC and BPC
 - 1. Discussion ensued regarding how class cancellations are managed across the colleges and the inconsistencies. Interim Provost Rodriguez confirmed there have not been any updates regarding the 1972 memo that was distributed last year regarding program cancellations. Some members of EC expressed that if there is a degree being offered, then there is a commitment to the students that those classes will also be offered. There was also concern about how class

cancellations are also affecting student graduation. A set of guidelines and/or philosophy on how course cancellations are handled should be developed. This item will be referred to the subcommittees for discussion and clarification on how class section class cancellations are managed.

2. The referral will be drafted and sent to AAC and BPC.
- ii. Request for Consultant Data for the ASCSU ([handout](#))
 1. N. Michieka: CFA will be providing this information. No action needs to be taken at this time.
- iii. Program Discontinuation/ moratorium – AAC and FAC ([handout](#))
 1. Chair Danforth presented the issues with the current policy. One issue is that it does not require consultation with lecturers of the programs being discontinued. Also, the language does not require a formal discontinuation proposal, does not align with proper Senate process and timelines.
 2. The referral will be drafted and sent to AAC and FAC.
- b. CSU Generative AI report and professional ethics ([handout](#)) – AS&SS? and FAC? (deferred)
- c. Work group for CSUB Communications Standards ([handout](#))(deferred)
- d. Data Governance Committee ([handout](#)) (deferred)
- e. Elections and Appointments (D. Solano) (deferred)
 - i. Spring 2025 Call Timeline
 - ii. Review of committees' activity (HOLD; Senate Office compiling list)
- f. Handbook and Bylaws Project; create taskforce or consent agenda resolutions? (deferred)
 - i. Updating Schools to Colleges
 - ii. Updating all references to quarters
 - iii. Standing Committees Composition:
 1. Clarify Handbook language about staff positions being non-MPP staff
 2. AS&SS Composition: Associate Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies is not actually listed in the bylaws as an ex-officio member of AS&SS.
 - iv. Director of Assessment: Review position (Handbook 105.2 and 305.6.) (deferred)
 - v. Council of Academic Deans: Review Composition and name (Handbook 105.2) (deferred)
 - vi. Public Affairs Committee: Committee in handbook but not bylaws (Handbook 107.1. Standing Committees of the Academic Senate). Discussion on if we want to create the committee or not. (deferred)
 - vii. Review committees listed (Handbook 107) (deferred)
 - viii. Update TEAC Description: Currently lists old college names (H&SS, SOE, and NSM) (Handbook 201.5) (deferred)
- g. RTP – FAC (deferred)
 - i. Unit Review Committee Procedures ([handout](#))
 - ii. PAF Insertion/deletion
 1. Handbook Section 301.6.4 "Correction of Materials in the PAF" has current procedures

- h. Double-Major Policy: Timeline for Declaring ([handout](#)) – AAC (deferred)
- i. Faculty concerns about SSD Testing – AS&SS (deferred)
- j. ASCSU Interruption Practice Policy (AS-3551; [handout](#)) (deferred)
- k. Additional SOCI Concerns discussed at Senate; see minutes from December 5, 2024 (handout) (deferred)
 - i. SOCI Waivers for combined sections
 - ii. SOCI Administration when instructor goes on leave during the semester
 - iii. SOCI Task Force on preamble and content of SOCI instrument
 - iv. RTP committee training with respect to SOCIs (handout)
- l. Department Formation follow-up (HOLD follow up w/ Academic Programs) (deferred)
- m. Resolution on CCC baccalaureate degrees [AB 927, SB 895] – EC (HOLD) (deferred)
- n. Strategic Plan Group data gathering instrument(s) follow-up – BPC (HOLD 3/18/2024) (deferred)

7. Agenda Items for Senate Meeting (Time Certain: 11:15 AM)

Academic Senate Meeting – Spring 2025

Thursday, January 30, 2025

Agenda

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Dezember Leadership and Development Center, Room 409-411

Zoom Link: <https://csub.zoom.us/j/89047995676?pwd=VEdFQVJkZTk5UUVzblQyNDR4UkZrUT09>

Senate Members: Chair M. Danforth, Vice-Chair D. Solano, Senator A. Hegde, Senator C. Lam, Senator N. Michieka, Senator T. Tsantsoulas, Senator M. Naser, Senator D. Wu, Senator S. Sarma, Senator L. Kirstein, Senator A. Stokes, Senator Z. Zenko, Senator S. Roberts, Senator K. Holloway (virtual), Senator H. He, Senator A. Grombly, Senator E. Correa, Senator J. Deal, Senator R. Dugan, Senator T. Salisbury, Senator J. Cornelison, Senator E. Pruitt, Interim Provost J. Rodriguez, Senator J. Dong and Senate Analyst K. Van Grinsven.

Guests: President V. Harper

- I. Call to Order and Tejon Tribal Land Acknowledgement
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. December 5, 2024 (handout)
- III. Announcements and Information
 - a. President's Report – V. Harper (**Time Certain: 10:10 AM**)

- b. Elections and Appointments – D. Solano (handout)
- c. Events:
 - i. January 31 – General Faculty Meeting, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, MPR
 - ii. March 17 – Spring Budget Forum; time and location TBD.
 - 1. *Note: Location and time will likely be the same as in the past, 9:00 AM in the Student Union MPR. BPC Chair, Dr. Wu will confirm once details are shared.*

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

V. Reports

- a. Interim Provost's Report – J. Rodriguez
- b. ASCSU Report – Senators Lam and Michieka (handout)
- c. ASI Report – Senator Pruitt
- d. Staff Report – Senator Cornelison
- e. Committee Reports:
 - i. Executive Committee – Vice-Chair Solano (handout)
 - ii. Standing Committees:
 - 1. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)– Senator Deal (handout)
 - 2. Academic Support and Student Services Committee (AS&SS)– Senator Tsantsoulas (handout)
 - 3. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) – Senator Wu (handout)
 - 4. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Senator Zenko (handout)
- f. CFA Report – Senator Salisbury (*handout?*)

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

- a. Consent Agenda:
- b. Old Business:
 - i. Addition: RES 242514 – Resolution on the CSU Interim Time Place Manner Policy (handout)
 - ii. RES 242510 – Process and Timeline of SOCI Administration – FAC and AAC (handout) (Hold; in committee for revision).
- c. New Business:
 - i. RES 242509 – Search and Screening Procedures for Administrators – FAC and BPC (handout)
 - ii. Addition: RES 242515 – Bylaws and Handbook Changes in Response to ASCSU Constitution Ratification – FAC

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

VIII. Adjournment

8. Adjournment

- a. Discussion regarding attendance at the Academic Senate meetings and clarification on the appropriate processes for those not able to attend. The suggestion was made for the Senate to send a reminder regarding the attendance policy at the next meeting.
- b. Chair Danforth adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.