



# ACADEMIC SENATE

CSU BAKERSFIELD

## Academic Senate: Executive Committee

Minutes- Extra Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

**Location:** BDC 134- BPA Conference Room

**Zoom link:** <https://csub.zoom.us/j/86246099574?pwd=NSJ6qfG4pcwuz28rsI9lGNeXhWjxbm.1>

**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.

2. Announcements and Information

- a. Regarding the US Department of Education letter that came out on Friday, February 14, 2025:
  - i. The Education Department's Office for Civil Rights issued a letter prohibiting all race-based programming and spending at colleges. Such items that will be affected include scholarships, cultural centers, and graduation ceremonies.
  - ii. Interim Provost Rodriguez: The Provost and President have been in discussion. Provost Rodriguez will be meeting with the MPPs for Academic Affairs today for an urgent meeting.
  - iii. Additional EC meetings may need to be scheduled to respond to this issue. Chair Danforth requested that EC members share their calendars with the Senate Analyst.
  - iv. N. Michieka: Communication will be coming from the CSU Chancellor's Office soon.
  - v. Discussion ensued regarding the broadness of the Department of Education's letter and how it will affect certain departments, funding, and course offerings.
- b. ASI Student March for Solidarity will be taking place tomorrow. February 19 at 10:00 AM in front of the Student Union.

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

- a. A. Hegde motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by J. Deal. Agenda approved.

4. Approval of EC Minutes (Tabled)

- a. February 11, 2025 (in progress)

5. Continued Items (Tabled)

- a. AS Referral Log ([handout](#))
  - i. AAC (J. Deal)
  - ii. AS&SS (T. Tsantsoulas)
  - iii. BPC (D. Wu)
  - iv. FAC (Z. Zenko)
- b. Interim Provost Update (J. Rodriguez)
  - i. Dean of EEGO: The provost will be taking on the position of Interim Dean of EEGO. Dr. Rhonda Dawson, Associate Dean of EEGO has been consulted and will be asked to take on additional tasks regarding graduate areas. The position inhabited by Denver Fowler has been eliminated. A few EC members spoke in favor of promoting Dr. Dawson as Interim Dean of EEGO, but the provost responded that her experience in graduate programs was needed elsewhere.
  - ii. C. Lam: Communication regarding the elimination of Denver Fowler's position to campus would be beneficial.

6. New Discussion Items

- a. Special Review Committee for the Proposed Discontinuation of the MA and BA in Anthropology (handout)
  - i. The structure of the committee, given that the policy is out of date with the current academic structure. The current policy indicates that one faculty member from each of the other two schools should serve. As the policy was written when there were only two schools, EC agreed that one faculty member from each of the other three colleges should serve on the committee.
    - 1. Structure:
      - a. Seven tenured faculty members: One (1) Tenured faculty member from the program; three (3) tenured faculty members from different programs within SSE and one (1) tenured faculty member from each of the other colleges (NSME, AH, and BPA).
      - b. Interim Dean Vega (non-voting)
      - c. Interim Dean of Academic Programs, E. Adams (non-voting)
    - 2. Vice-Chair Solano and the Senate Analyst will send out a special call for this committee today. Appointments will be made at the next EC meeting.
  - ii. The call and timeline for the call
    - 1. Once the committee has been formed, the 45-day timeline can begin. A. Hegde: cautioned against underestimating the length of time the process will take and potential problems with future proposed discontinuations likely to come with the budget cuts.
  - iii. Scheduling of EC meeting to make appointments by February 28, 2025.

- iv. Discussion:
  - 1. 2024-2025 Referral #27 Program Discontinuation/ Moratorium Policy
    - a. Discussion ensued regarding the outdated Program Discontinuation policy, which is currently referred to AAC and FAC. Discussion continued regarding the need for a revised policy so that Senate is always involved, all full-time faculty should be able to raise objections, clarify if a special committee is needed or not, and add the requirement of UPRC consultation and report. The UPRC report should be part of the input (whoever submits the discontinuation).
  - 2. Interim Provost: Clarified that the Proposed Discontinuation for Anthropology programs was not a budget-based decision.
- b. Elections and Appointments (D. Solano) (deferred)
  - i. Review of committees' activity (HOLD; Senate Office compiling list)
- c. 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).
  - v. Council of Academic Deans: Review Composition and name (Handbook 105.2)
  - 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.
  - vii. Review committees listed (Handbook 107).
  - viii. Update TEAC Description: Currently lists old college names (H&SS, SOE, and NSM) (Handbook 201.5)
  - ix. Update reference to Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs- association with Academic Advising and review other duties (Handbook 104.2.1).
  - x. Update position titles in 309.9 (Handbook 309.9).
- d. 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
- e. Academic Degree Policies– AAC (deferred)
  - i. Double-Major Policy: Timeline for Declaring ([handout](#))
  - ii. Minor Policy: Double counting courses between the major and the minor ([handout](#))
- f. Faculty concerns about SSD Testing – AS&SS (deferred)

- g. ASCSU Interruption Practice Policy (AS-3551; [handout](#)) (deferred)
- h. 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 respects to SOCIs ([handout](#))
- i. Discuss adding Statements of the Senate Process (deferred)
- j. Department Formation follow-up (HOLD follow up w/ Academic Programs)
- k. Resolution on CCC baccalaureate degrees [AB 927, SB 895] – EC (HOLD)
- l. Strategic Plan Group data gathering instrument(s) follow-up – BPC (HOLD 3/18/2024)

7. Agenda Items for Senate Meeting (Tabled)

8. Adjournment

- a. Chair Danforth adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.