



## ACADEMIC SENATE

CSU BAKERSFIELD

### Academic Senate: Executive Committee

Agenda- Extra Mtg

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

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

**Zoom link:** <https://csub.zoom.us/j/83670150920?pwd=j6waEPgopMaKPp35JbVCBBHvpBcB1S.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).

**Guest:** President Harper

- I. Call to Order
- II. Announcements and Information
  - a. President Harper **(Time Certain: 10:30 AM)**
  - b. Upcoming Forums:
    - i. Lecturer Town Hall – Friday, April 4
      1. Time: 1-2 PM
      2. Location: TBA and virtual
    - ii. Special Review Committee for Anthropology Open Forum – Wednesday, April 9
      1. Time: 10 – 11:00 AM
      2. Location: BDC 154B and virtual
    - iii. President's Open Forum – Wednesday, April 23
      1. Time: 9-10:30 AM
      2. Location: Student Union MPR; [Zoom Link](#)
- III. Approval of Agenda **(Time Certain: 10:05 AM)**
- IV. Approval of EC Minutes
  - a. March 25, 2025 (deferred)
- V. Continued Items
  - 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. Academic Administrator Review Committees (AARC)
    - 1. Isabel Sumaya, AVP GRaSP (was interim until July 2024)
  - ii. Administrator Searches:
    - 1. Dean for the College of Arts and Humanities- finalists on campus
      - a. Webpage: <https://www.csub.edu/dean-search/ah/>
    - 2. Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Humanities
- c. Budget and Schedule Build
- d. Rumor control
- e. Add "Statements of the Senate" Process to governing documents – EC
- f. Expected Spring Reports to Senate/Campus
  - i. Interim WASC Report – Academic Programs
  - ii. Strategic Plan Report – IRPA
  - iii. Advising Report- Interim Director of Academic Advising (Due: May 12, 2025)

#### VI. New Discussion Items

- a. AB 1361 Endorsement ([handout](#))
- b. Calendar Committee – Transition to Academic Senate?
- c. Advising Council – New; Faculty representation?
- d. Elections and Appointments (D. Solano)
  - i. Standing Committee Calls: Qualtrics Links
    - 1. Call for Chairs: [https://csup.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_efjP4lUVxf7m3ly](https://csup.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_efjP4lUVxf7m3ly)
    - 2. Public Dashboard for nominations received:  
<https://csup.iad1.qualtrics.com/public-dashboard/v0/dashboard/web/67e1bee3bc0ec70008964d50>
  - ii. Upcoming Calls: College Appointed positions
  - iii. Review of committees' activity (HOLD: Senate Office compiling list)
- e. University Faculty Ombudsperson – Release time and call/application deadline ([handout](#))
  - i. Update: President approved 3 WTU of reassigned time.
- f. Handbook and Bylaws Project; Summer Project – funding?
  - 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).
- xi. Update all references to the AVP of Enrollment Management- distinguish the VP of Strategic Enrollment Management from the new AVP of Enrollment Management
- xii. Bylaws Section IV.A.4 Annual reports from committees- limit to specific committees?
- g. Department Formation follow-up (HOLD follow up w/ Academic Programs)
- h. Resolution on CCC baccalaureate degrees [AB 927, SB 895] – EC (HOLD)
- i. Strategic Plan Group data gathering instrument(s) follow-up – BPC (HOLD 3/18/2024)
- j. SOCI Task Force on preamble and content of SOCI instrument (HOLD 3/11/2025)

VII. Agenda Items for Senate Meeting (deferred)

VIII. Adjournment

## Katherine Van Grinsven

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**From:** Marta Ruiz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 10:46 AM  
**To:** Campus Faculty; Campus Staff; Campus Students  
**Cc:** Kent Henderson; Elizabeth Adams  
**Subject:** Community Forum on Discontinuing the Anthropology Programs

Distributed on behalf of Dr. Kent Hernderson, Associate Professor of Sociology.

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Dear CSUB Community,

The Special Review Committee on the Discontinuance of the Anthropology Programs invites you to a community forum to gather feedback. Your voice is essential in understanding how this potential change will impact our campus and beyond.

**Event:** Community Forum on Discontinuing the Anthropology Programs

**Date:** April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**Location:** BDC B-154, CSUB Campus

**Zoom link:** <https://csub.zoom.us/j/86963497896?pwd=KcKj7sn1PaSSP6bfyUtoPfbfHbSZ0Y.1>

**Meeting ID:** 869 6349 7896

**Passcode:** 761013

We encourage all members of the CSUB community to attend and share their perspectives. Your input will help inform the committee's review process.

For questions or additional information, please contact Kent Henderson ([khenderson14@csub.edu](mailto:khenderson14@csub.edu))

Thank you for your engagement in this important discussion.

Sincerely,

Kent Henderson, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Sociology

Special Review Committee on Discontinuance of the Anthropology Program

California State University, Bakersfield



## **Assembly Bill 1361 of 2025 Endorsement**

**RES 2425xx**

EC

**RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of California State University, SU Bakersfield (CSUB) endorses California State Assembly Bill 1361 University of California: School of Medicine in the County of Kern: Feasibility Study.

**RATIONALE:** Assembly ~~bill~~ Bill (AB) 2357 of 2024, which was passed ~~in~~ by the California State Legislature in 2024, ~~that~~ establishes the University of California Kern County Medical Education Endowment Fund. The proposed legislation ~~ture~~ "would require the University of California, on or before January 1, 2027, to complete a feasibility study, in consultation with local voluntary stakeholders, to determine the steps necessary to establish a University of California medical school in the County of Kern." There is a critical shortage of need for healthcare professionals in underserved regions of California such as Kern County. And establishing a medical school in Kern County will help address this gap need by training the next generation of medical professionals and improving access to healthcare in the our region. Currently, there are no medical schools in Kern County offering Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) programs located in Kern County. The nearest medical school that offers a DO program is the California Health Sciences University College of Osteopathic Medicine (CHSU-COM) in Clovis, which is approximately 110 miles north of Bakersfield. The Academic Senate of CSUB endorses the development of a state medical school in Kern County, which will benefit the community by expanding access to healthcare, and foster future collaborative education and research opportunities with CSUB.

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Approved by the Academic Senate:

Sent to the President:

President Approved:

**From:** Melissa Danforth  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2025 11:35 AM  
**To:** Katherine Van Grinsven  
**Cc:** Danielle Solano  
**Subject:** Updates to EC agenda for Tuesday

Hi Katie,

My 11:00am Zoom meeting was with Dr. Cantrell to discuss how Senate and Strategic Enrollment Management can collaborate.

There are a couple of items for Senate Exec to discuss. Please add these to new discussion items, after the resolution on the Kern County medical school extension that was discussed by email.

- Calendar Committee – This committee now spans three divisions (Academic Affairs, Strategic Enrollment Management, People and Culture), so Dr. Cantrell is willing to hand the committee over to Academic Senate (or someone else Senate recommends)
- Advising Council – Dr. Cantrell would like to form a broader advising council that has faculty advisor input. What sort of faculty representation do we want on this committee?

Thanks,  
Melissa

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Dr. Melissa Danforth (she/they)  
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# ACADEMIC SENATE

## CSU BAKERSFIELD

**Date:** March 17, 2025

**To:** General Faculty

**From:** ORG- Academic Senate Office at [academicsenateoffice@csub.edu](mailto:academicsenateoffice@csub.edu)

**cc:** Danielle Solano, Academic Senate Vice Chair and Elections Committee Chair  
Katherine Van Grinsven, Academic Senate Analyst

**Subject:** Call for Interest: University Faculty Ombudsperson

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This is a Call for Interest to the position of University Faculty Ombudsperson.

**Position:** University Faculty Ombudsperson

**Type:** Coordinator    **Rank:** Full-time Tenured Faculty    **Available:** Two-year term, August 2025-2027

**Renewable Available:** August 2025

**Description:** California State University, Bakersfield seeks applications for the position of University Faculty Ombudsperson, a designated neutral and impartial dispute resolution practitioner whose major function is to provide confidential and informal assistance for faculty. Serving in this role as a designated neutral impartial dispute resolution practitioner, the Ombudsperson is neither an advocate for any faculty member nor for the University. Rather, the Ombudsperson is an advocate for fairness, who acts as a source of information and referral. The Ombudsperson aids in listening to a faculty member's concerns and assists in the resolution of concerns in critical situations. In reviewing any given issue, the points of view of all parties that might be involved are considered. The Ombudsperson supplements (but does not replace) the University's existing resources for formal complaint procedures and conflict resolution.

**Compensation:** 6 WTUs reassigned time. The Ombudsperson is appointed on a part-time, 10-month basis and reports to the President or designee. The performance of the Ombudsperson is reviewed annually by the President and more extensively at intervals not to exceed two years, under a procedure determined by the Academic Senate.

**Responsibilities:**

- Consultation, Referral, and Dispute Resolution
- Reporting



- Policy Analysis and Feedback

**Qualifications:** The Ombudsperson must be a tenured faculty member with experience in, or knowledge of, the following:

- University policies, procedures and regulations
- Communication skills necessary to relate to a diverse faculty community
- Conflict resolution skills
- Academic governance
- University resources
- Unit administration

**Applications:** Complete applications must include:

- Original and personalized letter of application addressing the responsibilities and qualifications described above
- Current vita
- Contact Information for two professional references

**Application Information:**

Applications will be accepted until **XX, March XX, 2025, by 5:00 PM**. Submit your nominations directly to the Academic Senate Office at [academicsenateoffice@csb.edu](mailto:academicsenateoffice@csb.edu).

The Senate Analyst Katie Van Grinsven will confirm receipt of your application.

**Katherine Van Grinsven** **Elections and Appointments: Faculty Ombudsperson- Update on Reassigned Time**

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**From:** Kristin Warner  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 9:04 AM  
**To:** Katherine Van Grinsven  
**Cc:** Danielle Solano; Vernon Harper  
**Subject:** RE: University Faculty Ombudsperson

Good Morning,

I was able to speak with President Harper regarding the reassigned time for Faculty Ombudsperson. He will offer **3 WTUs of reassigned time for this position.** It will be up to the individual to determine which term to apply the time to.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Kristin

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**From:** Katherine Van Grinsven <[kvan-grinsven@csub.edu](mailto:kvan-grinsven@csub.edu)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2025 3:40 PM  
**To:** Kristin Warner <[kwarnar2@csub.edu](mailto:kwarnar2@csub.edu)>  
**Cc:** Danielle Solano <[dsolano@csub.edu](mailto:dsolano@csub.edu)>  
**Subject:** University Faculty Ombudsperson

Good afternoon, Kristin,

The Academic Senate Executive Committee met this morning and were discussing the upcoming call that needs to be sent out for the Faculty Ombudsperson. We were reviewing the call and the faculty wanted to confirm that the 6 WTUs of re-assigned time are still available and accurate to be included in the call. As I believe the position reports to the President and is awarded the re-assigned time by the President's Office, Senate Chair Danforth asked that I follow up to confirm the availability of the re-assigned time.

I have attached the call that went out in 2023 for refence and a draft of the call to go out this year once the assigned time has been confirmed and the deadline determined.

Thank you in advance. We are hoping to be able to send out this call before Spring break. I have copied Vice-Chair Solano as I will be working with her on drafting and scheduling the call.

Katie

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**KATHERINE VAN GRINSVEN**

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