



Academic Senate Meeting – Spring 2025

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Minutes

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Dezimmer 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 (virtual), Senator E. Correa (virtual), Senator J. Deal, Senator R. Dugan, Senator T. Salisbury (virtual), Senator J. Cornelison, Senator E. Pruitt, Interim Provost J. Rodriguez (excused), Senator J. Dong and Senate Analyst K. Van Grinsven.

Guests: President Harper, D. Cantrell, K. Warner, and C. Diniz.

Virtual Guests: E. Adams, E. Barnes, L. Blodorn, D. Boschini, S. Bozarth, L. Clifton, D. Cours, S. Gamboa, A. Gómez -Navarro, L. Hernandez, T. Hickey, K. Knopp, K. Lattimore, C. Livingston, K. Lopez, S. Marks, M. Malhotra, B. Mendiola, Y. Morones, H. Niemeyer, J. Paschal, E. Poole Callaham, A. Rodriquez, M. Ruiz, D. Valdez Arranaga, Á. Vázquez -Ramos, L. Vega, K. Watson, and K. Ziegler-Lopez,

- I. Call to Order and Tejon Tribal Land Acknowledgement
 - a. Chair Danforth called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM and read the land acknowledgement.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 27, 2025 (handout)
 - i. Senator Tsantsoulas motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Senator He. Majority of Senators approved; two abstentions. Minutes approved.
 - b. April 10, 2025 (deferred)
- III. Announcements and Information
 - a. President's Report – V. Harper (**Time Certain: 10:10 AM**)
 - i. Report:
 1. Thanked the Senate body for their leadership during this challenging time for higher education.

2. The new provost will be announced to the campus soon. Thanks given to Interim Provost Rodriguez for his great work during his interim appointment. An announcement will be sent out to campus soon regarding his new role at the university.
 3. The President's Open Forum took place and was treated as a State of the University Address. Topics included the merger of the Division of Student Affairs with Enrollment Management. President Harper acknowledges Dr. Dwayne Cantrell, who will be the VP of the Division of Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Affairs and recognizes the impact and great work of the current VP for Student Affairs, Dr. Thomas Wallace, who will be retiring. Dr. Jackie Kegley will also be retiring after 55 years.
 4. Photographs shared from various events on campus including the grand opening of the CSUB Maker's Space, photos of the Ethnic studies Faculty from the 95th Birthday Celebration for Dolores Huerta and the Student Research Scholars. The Economic Development Summit was also a huge success. Last photo shared was of President Harper' daughter getting asked out to prom.
 5. Commencement ceremonies will be coming up. This spring will be the last commencement held on this campus. Future ceremonies will be held at Dignity Health Arena, previously known as Mechanics Bank Arena. The decision was made after various conversations with ASI. The 50th Annual Athletics Barbecue will be held this afternoon at 5:30 PM.
- ii. Q&A/ Discussion:
1. Senator Lam requested transportation to be provided for those attending commencement next year. Traffic can be heavy downtown.
 2. Senator Zenko suggested that the new blue track shown at the President's Open Forum to have the CSUB gold color in the baton exchange zones to make it functional as well as aesthetically pleasing.
- b. Elections and Appointments – D. Solano (handout)
- i. See attached handout for the full report. In addition, Staff Forum has also completed the election for Staff Representative for the 2025-2026 Senate: Horacio Gonzalez.
 - ii. Q&A/ Discussion:
 1. Senator Salisbury asked for more information regarding the announcement of the Staff Representative. Vice-Chair Solano clarified that the Staff Representative elected is Horacio Gonzalez, from Procurement Services.
 2. Senator Tsantsoulas asked for more information regarding the call for staff representative and the process that took place. Vice-Chair Solano and Chair Danforth explained that the call was sent out by the Senate and nominations were forwarded to the chairs of Staff Forum, per the handbook. CSUB Staff Forum conducted their election and the name of the individual elected was sent to the Academic Senate Office.

c. Events:

- i. Emeriti Ceremony – Tuesday, May 6, 2025
 1. Time: 3:00- 4:30 PM
 2. Location: Dezember Reading Room, WSL
- ii. Senate Meeting – Thursday, May 8, 2025
 1. Session 1: Final Senate Meeting of the 2024-2025 AY
 - a. Time: 10:00- 11:00 AM
 2. Session 2: 2025-2026 Senate Organizational Meeting
 - a. Time: 11:00 - 11:30 AM
 - b. 2025-2026 Senators Only
 - c. Picture of 2025-2026 Senate to be taken outside (Time TBA)

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

- a. Senator Deal motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Senator Lam. Agenda approved.

V. Reports

- a. Interim Provost's Report – J. Rodriguez (Interim Provost Rodriguez traveling; deferred)
- b. ASCSU Report – Senators Lam and Michieka (deferred)
 - i. Senator Lam informed the Senate that the ASCSU Plenary will take place next week. Senator Lam and Senator Michieka will be traveling during the final Senate meeting on May 8, 2025.
- c. ASI Report – Senator Pruitt
 - i. The incoming ASI President is Anthonio Reyes. They are working on wrapping up the semester and getting ready for commencement. Holding their swearing in ceremony and banquet for the next year on Friday, May 9. Students have also been able to register for classes. Senator Pruitt thanked everyone for a great year.
 - ii. President Harper thanked President Pruitt for her remarkable service to the university, including but not limited to her exemplary leadership and advocacy for the CSU and students.
- d. Staff Report – Senator Cornelison
 - i. Senator Cornelison shared that it is currently advising week and the lines for walk-in hours are very long. The advisors are hoping that more sections can be opened for students.
- e. Committee Reports:
 - i. Executive Committee – Vice-Chair Solano (handout)
 1. See the attached report for further information.
 2. Q&A/ Discussion:
 - a. Regarding the challenges with ITS and the college reviews, Chair Danforth has been in contact with C. Diniz and ITS.
 - ii. Standing Committees:

1. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) – Senator Deal (handout)
 - a. Senator Deal presented the attached report. No additional discussion.
 2. Academic Support and Student Services Committee (AS&SS) – Senator Tsantsoulas (handout)
 - a. Memorandum in response to Referral 2024-25 #30 CSU Generative AI and Professional Ethics (handout)
 - i. Senator Tsantsoulas presented the attached report. No additional discussion.
 3. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) – Senator Wu (handout)
 - a. Senator Wu presented the attached report. No additional discussion.
 4. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Senator Zenko (handout)
 - a. Senator Zenko presented the attached report. No additional discussion.
- f. CFA Report – Senator Salisbury
- i. CSUB has gained its first statewide CFA officer. Senator Salisbury was elected as Associate Vice President for the entire Southern region. Senator Salisbury led the delegation to the Governor’s office during lobby day. Applause and congratulations given to Senator Salisbury.

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

- a. Consent Agenda: no items.
- b. Old Business:
 - i. RES 242528 – Updating the Bylaws to Create an Interruption Statement and Add Clarity to Procedures – FAC (handout)
 1. Senator Zenko, chair of FAC, presented the resolution for second reading.
 2. Senator Salisbury stated that the campus has become performative with land acknowledgements and the indigenous student group has repeatedly asked for something different and tangible to be done to truly recognize the sacrifices and contributions of the indigenous population.
 3. Chair Danforth called for a vote on RES 242528. Senators voted in favor with one abstention. The motion carried; resolution passed.
 - ii. RES 242529 – Updating the CSUB Policy on Discontinuance of Academic Degree Programs – FAC and AAC (handout)
 1. Senator Zenko, chair of FAC, and Senator Deal, chair of AAC, presented the resolution for second reading.
 2. Chair Danforth called for a vote on RES 242529. Senators voted in favor with one abstention. Motion carried. Resolution passed.
 - iii. RES 242530 – Class Cancellation Guidelines – AAC and BPC (handout)
 1. Senator Deal, chair of AAC, presented the resolution for second reading. There may be a referral for next year that will address the issues related to

independent studies that were brought up by Vice-Chair Solano during first reading.

2. Q&A/ Discussion:
 - a. Senator Tsantsoulas asked for clarification regarding the distribution plan as general faculty was not listed. Chair Danforth confirmed this was just a typo and general faculty will be added back to the distribution list.
 - b. Senator Sarma asked for clarification on whether the guidelines are meant for graduate or undergraduate courses. Senator Deal and Senator Wu responded that the intent based on the referral was that these guidelines would be for all classes, both graduate and undergraduate.
 - c. Senator Roberts and Senator He spoke in favor of the resolution and that the guidelines be for all courses, both graduate and undergraduate.
3. Chair Danforth called for a vote on RES 242530. Senators voted in favor with no abstentions. Motion carried; resolution passed.
- iv. RES 242531 – Assembly Bill 1361 of 2025 Endorsement – EC (handout)
 1. Chair Danforth and Senator Lam presented the resolution for second reading. No changes were made.
 2. Senator Zenko motioned to table discussion and move to a vote; seconded by Senator Deal. Chair Danforth called for a vote on RES 242531, Senators voted in favor with no abstentions. Motion carried; resolution passed.
- v. RES 242533 – Faculty Hiring Prioritization and Funding for Student Services – BPC (handout)
 1. Senator Wu presented the resolution for second reading. BPC considered the feedback from first reading regarding tenure density measure, however, BPC agreed to no changes.
 2. 1st Amendment:
 - a. President Harper provided feedback on the resolution to ensure the plan should be developed by the Provost and VP for Academic Affairs.
 - b. Senator Dong spoke in support of the resolution as it would advocate for the prioritization of hiring tenure and tenure track faculty.
 - c. Senator He proposed a friendly amendment where it would be appropriate to add “call on the President and Provost” where it is referenced in the resolution. Chair Danforth called for a vote on the motion to amend; seconded by Senator Roberts. Motion carried. Second reading continued.
 3. 2nd amendment proposed by Senator Dong regarding language to change “restore” to “reconsider” class caps. Seconded by Vice-Chair Solano. Senator

Zenko proposed an amendment to the amendment. Further discussion ensued. Senator Roberts spoke in support of a more definite stance. Back and forth discussion continued regarding wording of the second resolve.

4. 3rd amendment proposed by Senator Lam resulting in splitting the resolve.
5. All amendments proposed by Senator He, Senator Dong, and Senator Lam were voted on; Senators approved, and motion carried. Further extended discussion ensued regarding potential amendments.
6. The second reading will be continued at the next Senate meeting on May 8, 2025.

vi. (TABLED) RES 242527 – Standardizing the Unit RTP Composition Process – FAC

c. New Business:

- i. No new resolutions.

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

- a. K. Ziegler-Lopez voiced concerns regarding the election of the Staff Representative on the Academic Senate. Chair Danforth responded that the Staff Senator elections are to be run by Staff Forum per the handbook constitution. K. Ziegler-Lopez stated that the previous Academic Senate Analyst sent the election announcements to the campus staff and all full-time staff were able to vote; the election for Staff Senator was not historically coordinated or held by Staff Forum. K. Ziegler-Lopez will forward the historical documents to the Senate Office and would recommend that the Academic Senate reconsider this handbook language and procedures. Chair Danforth confirmed that the Senate Office would follow up with Staff Forum for the details of how the election was held and look into this further.
- b. Senator Lam brought attention to the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Graduates Celebration that will be held 6 PM on May 12 in the Icardo Center and invited attendees to the Kern County Oceania Culture and Arts Festival that will be held at the CSUB Amphitheater on Saturday, May 3 from noon to 6 PM.
- c. D. Cantrell, VP for Strategic Enrollment Management, shared that the NACADA Report will be available and on the Academic Advising website for all to see. The University Advising Council will be launched in the fall. Co-chairs will be the Academic Senate Chair and the VP for Strategic Enrollment Management. Regarding the division merger, the purpose of the merger will be to provide more and better services to students.

VIII. Adjournment

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