



CSULB Staff Council Meeting March 8, 2024

- Start Time: [8:30am]
- Land Acknowledgement
- Mission Statement
- POLL FOR QUORUM: [74%]
- Agenda: moved by [AK], seconded and approved.
- Past Meeting Minutes: Move to amend by [PJ], seconded [CR]:
 - Modification of agenda to reorder the guest speakers' times

Chair's Report- Alessandro Russo

- Happy International Women's Day!

Vice Chair's Report – Ann Kinsey

- See Membership and Nominating committee reports below
- Welcome New Rep! Oscar Rodriguez, Access Services, University Library

Treasurer – Julie Woods

- Current balances:
 - LB49R Fund N0202: \$1969
 - LBCMP Fund MT153: \$201
- Pending Expenses:
 - March Staff Meet-N- Greet = \$355
 - Outstanding Staff Award = \$190
 - Spring Staff Day = TBD

Secretary – Laura Emery

- What's New on [Staff Council Web](#):
 - Fundraising Events – find flyers to share with your department about these and all upcoming events
- Elections
By April 19, please contact Ann.Kinsey@csulb.edu if you are interested in running for an Exec Committee position or Chair of any of our subcommittees. At the May 10 SC meeting, we will vote on:
 - Executive Committee Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Members-at-large (2).
 - Sub-Committee Chairs: Special Events, Staff Development, Ways and Means, Bylaws Policy & Procedure, and Nominating.
 - NOTE: You can [become a Representative](#) at any time of the year—no need to wait for elections, if a seat is open in your unit/division.

- Donate to SC- on the [SC home page](#) (right side), there is a button to [GIVE TO SC which leads to our Support SC](#) page outlining various ways to support us. You can [DONATE](#) cash through the campus giving site, or reach out to us directly to donate supplies for events. Participating in fundraising events is also a way to help, but if you would rather just give directly, use the [DONATE](#) button.

Members-at-Large – Jeff Scott & Colleen Ryan

- Dirtbags Baseball event for Feb got rained out —new date and sign up info coming soon for April 16th (against SD State!)
- Thanks for coming to the Meet n Greet—Lots of fun and a great way to meet colleagues!

Special Reports

- Pei-Fang Hung, Academic Senate
 - Happy March! AS legacy lecture next Thursday Japanese Garden; emeritus faculty. RSVP if interested in attending
 - AS Retreat Report on Black Excellence coming next week; Will be distributed when ready.
 - Upcoming work includes Certificate Programs Policy, Establishment & Dissolution of Departments & Programs Policy, and a proposed revision of the charge of the Advisory Council of Strategic Enrollment Management (ACSEM).

Special Guests

- 8:45am: President Conoley
 - Special Task force K-12 outreach work coming up.
 - Continuing to work with legislators regarding the budget (finalized budget in June) based on the Governor’s promised compact. Campus budget is in deficit.
 - Congrats on graduation rates of athletes—now at 95% due to your work in supporting them.
 - Beach XP / Promise – research showed that students in these programs were more likely (slightly) to continue to enroll (persistence); our main goal.
 - Go to Pow Wow this weekend on Saturday – dance, crafts, food!
- 9:00am: Sally Schliesmayer and Jessica Lane: Commencement (see PPT attached)
 - At Angels stadium for 4th year
 - We get the whole stadium! Concessions stands will be open for food & drinks!
 - The event will be livestreamed! Watch it live on the [Commencement website](#) or a recording on the CSULB YouTube channel.
 - 10 ceremonies over 5 days, May 19-23
 - We have so many graduating students – that’s why we need the stadium, over 15,000 students graduating (as of this week, but this number will grow a lot over the next few weeks)
 - 75-80% participation rate of potential graduates coming to Commencement ceremonies.
 - Not planning any direct shuttle transport to stadium from campus

- All graduates will have their name read aloud as they cross the main stage; students can record the correct pronunciation of their name to be announced;
- No micro stages in the stadium parking lot this year since students will be on the main stage this year
- Senior Send Off Event: April 16 & 17 at Ngai Alumni Center; 2 sessions can handle up to 100 students + walkups
- Beach Grad Day May 18: campus-wide open day; for students to walk the campus with their families and take it all in for maybe the last time, take photos, etc.
- Stadium Usage – 12 tickets per grad; if we have extra tickets, we will make those available depending on how many people grab their 12;
 - Free parking
 - Stadium will be decorated everywhere with black and gold
 - Will have a DJ there; Elbee comes out; an exciting vibe both before and after
 - Students gather at the big A sign and then walk through a tunnel to their seats and then up to main stage for their name to be read aloud
 - Name reading: working with a company called Marching Order; they create slides that are displayed when students walk across with their names on the slide and their names are read aloud by a professional.
 - Questions? Check the commencement website csulb.edu/commencement or email the staff there commencement@csulb.edu
- 9:15am: Damian Zavala (Health & Wellness Update), Student Affairs
 - Good morning! (See PPT attached to SC meeting notes)
 - We are available to come to your department and do a presentation any time.
 - [Beach Well](#)- Campus Mental Health Strategic Plan
 - One stop shop for resources: Health and Wellness Tile on SSO
 - Find Help Now – another app available via SSO; anonymous; students fac and staff can use it; click it and get immediate list of all resources available to you.
 - Every year we do a survey to about 20,000 students; about 10% return
 - Top student challenges: anxiety, depression, stress
 - Higher level anxiety among women and transgender (see stats/charts in PPT)
 - Sources of stress: procrastination, finance, personal appearance, academics
 - 73% said the campus was providing adequate support
 - Support Services usage: majority of students using Rec Center, Basic Needs
 - Last year 350 mental health events on campus
 - Peer to Peer texting initiative- proactive way to reach out to students; peer students send message at strategic times in the semester to check in—run by REAL students, not bots. We are increasing our numbers of peers who are participating
 - Campus Training events: over 1000 available for faculty and staff
 - “Attensi” – new virtual platform launching in the fall; access to training and is gamified to make it fun.
 - [Wellness Ambassador Training](#)- certificate program; training for faculty and staff to give you tools to recognize and support students in stress
 - [Beach Wellness Events](#) : eg. [Lunch and Learn](#)- we talk about CARES and Basic Needs, other programs. We provide lunch! Open to all – faculty, staff, students. Learn about resources!

- [Beach Crisis Text Line](#): a vendor supported service in English and in Spanish for students to get help. By texting "BEACH" to 741741, you will connect to a trained crisis volunteer, who will introduce themselves, reflect on what you've typed, and invite you to share at your own pace. Text responders are here for support, and to help you sort through your feelings by asking questions, empathizing, and actively listening.
- Mobile crisis CAST program: 106 issues were resolved in the last year
- CSU System-wide mental health conference hosted at CSULB March 22; find it on Beach Events and Orgs

Staff Development -Susan Tsuji, Karla Reyes

- Last week-- campus walking tour of upper campus—a lot of fun and informative! We will try to schedule another one for lower campus.
- Dining Hall tour on March 29; limited to 15 people; rec'd 65 RSVPs! Will send an email to confirm—please let us know if you can't come so the next person on the waiting list can attend. Looking at another date for summer and fall.

Bylaws & Policies – Charleen Rice

- No report

Membership – Ann Kinsey, Colleen Ryan, & Jeff Scott

- Meet and Greet Event March 6, 4-6pm, at the Nugget
 - Thanks for coming! 39 people attended. It was raining pretty hard, so thanks for making it over.
 - Feedback from attendees suggested more of these kinds of casual, social events.

Nominating – Ann Kinsey

- Opening for LGBTQIA – call to the floor to self-nominate
 - Raul Racheco- (see SC PPT for statement)
 - Mayra Lopez- (see SC PPT for statement)
 - Poll for voting: Raul was approved at 66% of votes.
- Upcoming Campus Committee Openings for staff members: These are through Academic Senate—not SC committees. Nominations accepted at the SC April meeting; you can send Ann an email in advance if you are interested or have any questions. We will vote on this in May. Join a committee and get involved in campus governance issues:
 - CCC – (Campus Climate Committee) 3-year term
 - URC – (University Resource Council) 3-year term
 - SFAC – (Student Fee Advisory Committee) 1-year term
 - CEG - (Community Engagement Committee) 1-year term
 - URECBOT -(The University Student Union & Student Recreation and Wellness Center, Board Of Trustees)- 1 year term, begins in June

Ways and Means – Julie Woods

- 2 fundraisers this month

- See's candy next Friday; so far we have \$95
- Kebab Shop, 3/21
 - Staff Council folks will be there after work—join us to meetup and get acquainted!

Special Events - Kristin Bonetati, Christina Salvador

- Still planning to hold Spring Staff Day on April 3; waiting for some funding resources to decide location; there is a fee for use of the USU where we want to have it.
- We'll update you as soon as possible!

Announcements

- Academic Technology Services announcements:
 - Staff Workshops throughout the year! Visit csulb.edu/ats-events. Learn about using Canvas, AI, iPads, and other tools! Watch recordings of past workshops too.
 - [Affordable Learning Solutions Programs](#): campus partnership with ATS, Library and Beach Shops to provide zero- to low-cost course materials for students. ATS is offering workshops and programs for faculty and staff to learn more about what resources are available and how to integrate them into classes.
 - [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Initiatives](#): website, workshops, resources, committees! If you are interested in participating or have recourse we could add to this website, contact laura.emery@csulb.edu
 - CoPilot website is coming soon to let campus know about features and how to use this AI resource.
- Grad Fair—March 11 -14
 - Student Portraits!
 - Merch at discounts!
 - Green sustainability group will be tabling
 - If you want us to pass out your materials – drop off at Beach Shops asap
 - Custom sashes! Student can design up to 6 embroidery items to add to sash—a new option
- HR: [CSU Fee Waiver](#) workshop on March 14, 11-12pm. [ZOOM MEETING LINK](#)
- Library- Special Collections Archives
 - Exciting news! We now have a website: [Special Collections](#).
 - Syllabus collection! To request a past syllabus, use form on the website.
 - Student event lecture/zine workshop on “Reproductive Justice”; please let your students know. March 20—[sign up on website](#).
- Benefits:
 - [Upcoming workshops](#): Life Matters, March 12; Wellness workshop on 19th ; Kaiser Rep: Medicare workshop April 3.
- Sustainability:
 - [GreenGen](#) event for students who want to work in sustainability
- Faculty/ Staff Affinity Group: If you self-identify as a parent or caregiver of an older or younger one, please consider being a founding member of a new CSULB affinity group, the Faculty and Staff Parents and Caregivers Affinity Group. Email Danny.Paskin@csulb.edu
- [Academic Resources Conference](#) May 28: staff are encouraged to attend

- Day at the Beach – Saturday April 13th

Adjournment: motion to adjourn [KB] seconded and adjourned at [10:01am].

Submitted by: Laura Emery, SC Secretary