

melACADEMIC SENATE YEAR-END REPORT 2024-25

A. Academic Senate

I. **University Policies**

The Academic Senate moved, seconded, debated, and approved the following University Policies:

- **Proposed revision of Policy on Establishment and Dissolution of Departments and Programs 95-19 (AS-1081-19/CEPC)**
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 04-24-25
 - Concurrence from President on 04-29-25
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-15**
- **Proposal for Culminating Activity policy (AS-1152-21/CEPC)**
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 03-20-25
 - Concurrence from President on 04-09-25
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-12**
- **Proposed Revision of PS 14-01 Master's Degree Policy (AS-1111-20/CEPC)**
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 12-05-24
 - Concurrence from President on 04-09-25
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-11**
- **Revise PS 21-02, General Education Area-Specific Student Learning Outcomes (AS-1262-24/CEPC)**
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 02-06-25
 - Concurrence from President on 02-07-25
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-07**
- **Proposed Internship Policy (AS-1223-23/CEPC)**
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 10-10-24
 - Concurrence from President on 10-23-24
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **24-21**
- **Proposed revision of PS 21-09 GE Policy (AS-1244-24/GEGC/CEPC)**
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 09-12-24
 - Concurrence from President on 10-22-24
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **24-20**

II. **Degrees, Programs, Options, Certificates, Elevations, and Credentials**

The Academic Senate moved, seconded, debated, and approved the following degrees, programs, and certificates:

- Implementation: **Proposal for a Minor – Heavy Civil Construction** (AS-1213- 23/CEPC)
 - Approval by CEPC on 05-14-25
 - Concurrence from President on 06-11-25
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-17**
- Implementation: **Proposed BA in Multidisciplinary Sciences** (AS-1257-24/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 03-06-25
 - Concurrence from President on 03-07-25
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **24-16**
- Implementation: **Degree title change-BA in Child Development and Family Studies to BA in Child and Family Studies** (AS-1261-24/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 03-06-25
 - Concurrence from President on 03-07-25
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-14**
- Implementation: **Proposal to revise BA International Studies to BA Global Studies** (AS-1263-25/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 03-20-25
 - Concurrence from President on 03-21-25
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-13**
- Implementation: **BA in Econ, Option in Mathematical Econ and Econ Theory to: BS in Econ, Option in Math Econ and Econ Theory** (AS-1237-24/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 09-12-24
 - Concurrence from President on 10-14-24
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-10**
- Implementation: **BA Econ Change degree designation/title to: Bachelor of Science in Economics** (AS-1236-24/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 09-26-24
 - Concurrence from President on 10-14-24
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-09**
- Implementation: **Proposal to revise International Studies Minor to Global Studies Minor** (AS- 1264-25/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 03-20-25
 - Concurrence from President on 03-21-25
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-08**
- Implementation: **Proposal updating the title of a minor, Minor in Russian to: Minor in Russian and Eurasian Studies** (AS-1259-24/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by CEPC 11-20-24 (Final approval)
 - Concurrence from President on 02-05-25
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-05**
- Implementation: **Proposal to update Certificate title: Certificate in Professional Competencies for Heritage Spanish Speakers** (AS-1260-24/CEPC/URC)

- Approval by CEPC on 12-11-24 (Final approval)
 - Concurrence from President on 02-05-25
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-04**
- Implementation: **Proposed new Doctor of Public Health degree** (AS-1250-24/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 11-07-24
 - Concurrence from President on 11-14-24
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-03**
- Implementation: **Proposal for fully online, self-support Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice program** (AS-1253-24/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 12-05-24
 - Concurrence from President on 12-09-24
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-02**
- Implementation: **Proposal to update the CIP code for the MS in Psychology, Human Factors degree** (AS-1252-24/CEPC)
 - Approval by the Academic Senate on 11-21-24
 - Concurrence from President on 12-02-24
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-01**
- Implementation: **Proposed Certificate in Los Angeles** (AS-1255- 24/CEPC/URC)
 - **Approval by CEPC on 11-06-24 (Final Approval)**
 - **Concurrence from President on 12-02-24**
 - **Issued as University Policy Statement 24-25**
- Implementation: **Proposal for two new options under the MS in Applied Statistics degree: Option in Data Science, Option in Biostatistics** (AS 1247-24/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 10-24-24
 - Concurrence from President on 10-28-24, 11-6-24
 - Issued as Two University Policy Statements **24-23, 24-24**
- Implementation: **Proposed BS in Nutrition & Food Science Option in Nutrition and Dietetics to: BS in Nutrition & Food Science, Option in Nutrition** (AS-1242-24/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 09-12-24
 - Concurrence from President on 10-14-24
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **24-19**
- Implementation: **Proposal for name change BS in Health Science to a BS in Public Health** (AS-1218-23/CEPC/URC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 4-11-24
 - Concurrence from President on 7-22-24
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **24-18**

III. Discontinuances, Name Changes, and Rescissions of Academic Programs

The Senate approved the following discontinuances, name changes, or suspensions of academic programs this year.

- Implementation: **Proposal to discontinue the BA in English, Special Emphasis Option (AS-1265-25/CEPC/URC)**
 - Senate approved on 04-10-25
 - Memo sent to President 04-10-25
 - Concurrence from President 04-11-25
- Implementation: **Proposal to discontinue the Antelope Valley Engineering Program (AVEP (AS-1258-24/CEPC/URC)**
 - Academic Senate approved on 02-06-25
 - Memo sent to President 02-07-25
 - Approval Email 02-07-25
- Implementation: **Proposal for discontinuance of the MA in Dance (Stateside) (AS-1254-24/CEPC/URC)**
 - CEPC approved on 10-23-24 (final approval)
 - Memo sent to President 11-22-24
 - Concurrence from President 12-02-24
- Implementation: **Proposed disc of BA in Comm Studies, Option in Interpersonal and Organizational Comm, BA in Comm Studies, Option in Culture and Public Affairs Comm (AS-1249-24/CEPC/URC)**
 - CEPC approved on 08-28-24 (final approval)
 - Memo sent to President 09-18-24
 - Concurrence from President 10-14-24
- Implementation: **Proposal to discontinue the BS in Athletic Training Program (AS-1248-24/CEPC/URC)**
 - CEPC approved on 08-28-24 (final approval)
 - Memo sent to President 09-18-24
 - Concurrence from President 10-14-24
- Implementation: **Proposed name change: Dept of International Studies to the Department of Global Studies (AS 1256-24/CEPC/URC)**
 - CEPC approved on 02-06-25
 - Concurrence from President on 02-07-25
 - Issued as Policy Statement **25-06**

IV. **Memos and Guidelines**

- The Executive Committee created and distributed the following interpretive memos and guidelines:
 - Joint Update on University Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Policy and College and Department Alignment 02-3-25. Co-written with the Office of Faculty Affairs.

V. Charges, Task Forces, and Resolutions

The Academic Senate moved, seconded, debated, and approved the following charges:

- **Proposed revision of ACSEM charge and membership** (AS-1272-25/EC)
 - Approval by Academic Senate on 05-01-25
 - Concurrence from President on 06-23-25
 - Issued as University Policy Statement **25-18**

The Academic Senate moved, seconded, debated, and approved the following resolution, and distributed it to the campus and local communities.

- Resolution Recommending the Creation of a CSU Systemwide Staff Council and the Creation of the position of Staff Trustee on the Board of Trustees

VI. Reports

In the course of the year, the Academic Senate received reports from the following groups and individuals:

- President Jane Conoley (regularly)
- California Faculty Association (CFA) CSULB chapter co-president Shelly Collins (regularly)
- Academic Senate of the CSU (ASCSU) Senators Norbert Schürer, Eileen Klink, and Mehrdad Aliasgari (after each ASCSU meeting)

VII. Events

- **Academic Senate Retreat** was held on Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 2-5 pm at the Alumni Center. The topic was "Shared Governance over the last 75 years: A decade by decade look" Participants engaged with campus colleagues and special guests in discovering shared governance insights from CSULB archival materials.

VIII. Awards

The University Awards Committee selected the following faculty members for the 2024-25 University awards:

- Outstanding Professor Award
 - Andreas Bill, Physics & Astronomy, CNSM
 - Lijuan Li, Chemistry & Biochemistry, CNSM
- Distinguished Scholarly and Creative Achievement Award
 - Lauren Heidbrink, Human Development, CLA
 - Fangyuan Tian, Chemistry & Biochemistry, CNSM
 - Ted Stankowich, Biological Sciences, CNSM
- Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award

- Hugh O’Gorman, Theatre Arts, COTA
- Deepali Bhandari, Chemistry & Biochemistry, CNSM
- Bengt Allen, Biological Sciences, CNSM
- Distinguished Faculty Advising Award
 - Jeffrey Pair, Mathematics & Statistics, CNSM
 - Deborah Fraser, Biological Sciences, CNSM
- Early Career Excellence Award
 - Seung-hoon Jeong, Cinematic Arts, COTA
 - Laurie Huning, CECEM, COE
 - Kathryn McCormick, Mathematics, CNSM
- Distinguished Faculty Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities Mentoring Award
 - Judy Brusslan, Biological Sciences, CNSM
- Faculty Excellence in Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
 - Guido Urizar, Psychology, CLA
 - James Binnall, CCJEM, CHHS
- Nicholas Perkins Hardeman Academic Leadership Award
 - None
- Legacy Lecture
 - None

IX. Miscellaneous

- The Nicholas Perkins Hardeman Award and the Legacy Lecturer were not awarded this year.

X. Pending Policies and Proposals Carried Forward to the 2025-26 Academic Senate

- Proposed revision of PS 11-09 Grade Appeals procedure (AS-1085-19/CEPC/FPPC)
- Proposed revision of PS 07-01 Student Grievance Policy (AS-1086-19/CEPC/FPPC)
- Proposed revision of PS 17-19 Policy on the Rights & Privileges of Emeritus Faculty (AS-1132-20/FPPC)
- Proposal to revise PS 12-12 GVAR policy (AS 1207-23/CEPC)
- Proposed revision of PS 96-04 (AS 1210-23) Native American Burial Remains, Associated and Unassociated Funerary Objects, Sacred Objects, and Other Cultural Patrimony
- Proposed Copyright Policy (AS 1228-23/FPPC)
- Proposed Patent Policy (AS 1240-24/FPPC)
- Proposal for a guideline appendix to PS 21-01 Academic Integrity Regarding Cheating and Plagiarism
- Proposed revision of PS 95-02- selection and term of NCAA FAR representative (AS-1251-24/FPPC)

- Request to revise PS 85-05: Deadline for Adding Classes (AS-1274-25/CEPC)
- Proposed AS Policy on Guiding Principles in Inclusive Hiring of Tenure-Track Faculty (AS-1173-22/FPPC)

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B. Executive Committee

I. Membership

The elected members of the 2024-25 Executive Committee of the Academic Senate were:

- Chair Neil Hultgren, English, CLA
- Vice Chair Ryan Fischer, CCJEM, CHHS
- Secretary Melissa Dyo, Nursing, CHHS
- Member-at-Large Perla Ayala, Biomedical Engineering, COE (Spring 25)
Adam Moore, Cinematic Arts, COTA (Fall 24)
- Member-at-Large Chris Warren, Psychology, CLA
- Member-at-Large Chris Miles, School of Art, COTA
- Member-at-Large Nancy Meyer-Adams, Social Work, CHHS

II. Nominations, Appointments, and Proposals

The Executive Committee approved the following nominations, appointments, and proposals:

- Nancy Meyer-Adams appointed to Campus Academic Calendar Committee (CACC)
- Chris Warren appointed to Outstanding Staff Award Committee
- IRB Committee staffed
- Academic Centers and Institutes (ACI) Review Committees staffed

III. Visits, Presentations, Reports, and Guidance

The following individuals and groups visited the Executive Committee (EC) to give presentations, offer reports, or request guidance:

- Provost Karyn Scissum Gunn, Vice President Scott Apel, and Associate Vice President Donna Green gave weekly reports to the Executive Committee.
- URD VP Dan Montoya, Noemi Guevara and Chris Reese met with EC to discuss Expanding the definition of Alumni
- The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the annual reports of the committees under them for posting on website
- Provost Scissum Gunn reported on an Advisory Group to shift summer to stateside
- Kara Perkins and Scott Apel presented a Budget Presentation to EC for the upcoming AY
- EC Reviewed the Wang Family Excellence Award nominations and presented their recommendations to President Conoley
- FA VP Patricia Perez met with EC to discuss the RTP document procedure
- Members of the COB Finance Department met with EC to discuss concerns about students cheating online

- University Registrar, Meghan Griffith-Pina met with EC to present an Update on Academic disqualification
- Executive Committee met with CSU Trustee Sam Nejabat
- EC selects Chris Warren and Laura Gonzalez to be on the Committee on Honorary Degrees
- Members of EC met with Faculty Trustee Darlene Yee-Melichar
- A presentation on the USU Relocation plan was provided by Miles Nevin, Mark Zakhour, Monica Amalfitano, and Stephanie Gutierrez
- Theresa Gregor and Chris Reese reported on proposed revisions to PS 96-04 Native American Burial Remains, Associated and Unassociated Funerary Objects, Sacred Objects, and Other Cultural Patrimony
- Nancy Meyer-Adams reported on the Campus Academic Calendar Committee
- VP Perez requested an extension of the Interim Assistant VP Faculty Inclusive Excellence position, EC approved
- Recommendations for 2025-2028 IRB Faculty Membership. Guest: Jason Wang, Director, Research Integrity & Compliance
- Catherine Ward made a Presentation on DEIA Inventory from DEIA Collaborative
- Shariq Ahmed, Beth Lesen, Jesse Santana, and Min Yao made a presentation on Web Content Accessibility Guidelines
- Larisa Hamada and Jeff Klaus presented an update to Title IX, Federal Regulation related to Pregnancy
- EC met with members of the review Committee for AVP of Undergraduate Studies
- EC was presented with a Roadshow on USU updates
- The Academic Senate nominating committee selected a new member for ACIP (Academic Council on International Programs)
- CFA presented a resolution on the CSULB TPM Addendum for approval that was not approved this AY. Discussion of a revised resolution was planned for fall 2025.
- The Academic Senate Executive Committee had a listening session with Alberto Pimentel of SP&A Search and with Trustee Chris Steinhauser about the Presidential Search.
- The chairs (and co-chairs) of the four Academic Senate Councils gave their year-end reports to the Executive Committee
- Academic Senate Executive Committee had a listening Session with Dr. Damon Williams's staff
- The Executive Committee had one additional meeting this year during the summer to decide on three AIC cases.

IV. Memoranda, Decisions, Concurrences, and Recommendations

Discussion Topics

The Executive Committee discussed the following topics (among many others):

- EC made recommendations to President Conoley on the Campus Calendar after report by Nancy Meyer-Adams and Colleen Ryan, as well as the procedure for the yearly approval of the academic calendar
- EC discussed the extension of the interim AVP of Faculty Inclusive Excellence
- Chris Warren was chosen as the faculty member on the Staff council Outstanding Staff Award selection committee
- EC discussed possible changes in the charge of ACSEM
- EC discussed updates on GVAR
- EC discussed the new RTP Policy Implementation and Timelines
- EC discussed the Selection process for the Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (ACTCSP), EC will select due to tight timeline