

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

RESOLUTION ON CSULB TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER (TPM) ADDENDUM

- Whereas academic freedom, critical inquiry, civic engagement, and open debate are integral to a healthy university campus, and free speech is a constitutional right protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution; and
- Whereas classrooms are vital spaces for learning and dialogue, but so too are many other venues on campus—including public forums, gathering spaces, and areas for rallies on social justice issues or advocacy for faculty rights; and
- Whereas speaking out and using sound to amplify a teach-in, workshop, or public address has long been a productive and constitutionally protected practice for advancing social and racial justice across CSU campuses and beyond; and
- Whereas the <u>CSU, Long Beach Campus Addendum</u> (CSULB TPM Addendum) to the <u>CSULB Time, Place, and Manner Policy</u>, in turn based on the <u>CSU Systemwide Time, Place, and Manner Policy</u>, and as currently enforced, creates significant barriers for faculty, staff, and students to exercise free speech rights and engage in shared governance, union activity, and civic discourse; and
- Whereas the CSULB TPM Addendum imposes restrictions on spontaneous public assembly, association, and workers' rights to concerted activity by limiting such gatherings to specific hours, locations, and administrative approval processes; and
- Whereas the prior TPM policy (2017–2018) was not enforced in this same manner, and the heightened enforcement and expanded approval requirements in the current CSULB TPM Addendum have had the effect—whether intended or not—of constraining timely responses to pressing events and issues; and
- Whereas the requirement for advance administrative approval of faculty, staff, and student gatherings, rallies, actions, events, and posted materials creates the perception and impact of administrative oversight and monitoring inconsistent with the university's educational mission; and
- Whereas these changes have occurred without robust engagement of faculty stakeholders and risk shifting decision-making power away from shared governance and toward administrative control; and
- Whereas the impact of these changes has been experienced most acutely by faculty, staff, and students from historically marginalized groups, who report a chilling effect on their ability to engage fully in the academic and civic life of the university; and
- Whereas the CSULB Chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA) supports all clauses in this resolution;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT

THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

- 1. Urges the CSULB administration to withdraw the CSULB TPM Addendum in its current form and engage in a transparent, collaborative process with faculty, staff, and students to revise it;
- 2. Calls on CSULB to affirm and actively support the ability of faculty, staff, and students to express ideas, including through organizing and participating in rallies;
- 3. Requests that the CSULB administration recognize the importance of protecting First Amendment rights on campus and ensure that enforcement of any TPM policy be content-neutral, equitable, and minimally restrictive; and
- 4. Reaffirms the role of CSULB as an institution dedicated to fostering an informed, empowered, and uncensored campus community committed to academic freedom, critical inquiry, civic engagement, and open debate.

This resolution shall be distributed to

- the CSULB Office of the President,
- the CSU Chancellor's Office,
- the California State Student Association, and
- the statewide leadership of the California Faculty Association.