

CSULB Staff Council Meeting

March 14, 2025



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
LONG BEACH
Staff Council

- Start Time: [8:31am]
- Land Acknowledgement:
CSULB is located on the sacred site of Puvungna. We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Tongva/Gabrieleño and the Acjachemen/Juaneño Nations who have lived and continue to live here. We recognize the Tongva and Acjachemen Nations and their spiritual connection as the first stewards and the traditional caretakers of this land. We thank them for their strength, perseverance and resistance.
- Mission Statement:
Staff Council actively supports the mission of the University and seeks to develop, maintain, and encourage positive relationships and communications with our campus community, friends, and neighbors. Staff Council is concerned with the viewpoints and interests of staff on University or community issues **NOT** covered by collective bargaining.
- POLL FOR QUORUM [29 members]
- Approval of February Minutes: Yes / Approval of the March Agenda: Yes

Special Reports

- **Neil Hultgren, Academic Senate Chair**
 - Senate continues its policy work; in the middle of discussions on:
 - Culminating activities for Master's degrees (thesis, projects, etc.)
 - Revision of Emeritus policies (rights and benefits of retired faculty)
 - Graduation Writing Assessment (GWAR); policies related to writing proficiency exam; also to what degree should we ask students to study writing over and above degree requirements?
 - Elections for CSU Academic Senate
 - Started a process to gather names of faculty from across CSU who are eligible to form an Electoral College to vote on new CSU Senate members
 - Some nerves among faculty around funding insecurities happening now at other schools due to federal policies
- **Stacey Schack, Associate Director, Staff Learning Development**
 - See the list of all offering on the [Beach Staff Development website](#)
 - **March 2025 Employee of the Month:** Elizabeth Harris, Faculty Affairs
 - **CSU's Got Talent:** April 15 webinar: Business Writing with AI, Nancy Flynn
 - **Upcoming Events @the Staff Dev Center:** 8 workshops: Ted Talks, Excel Tips, Printing Services at CSULB, CPR, Inspiring Awe & Encouraging Wonder, "Cycle of Socialization," ARC Conference virtual watch party w/snacks (more info TBA)
 - **YOU, too, can present a workshop at the Staff Dev Center!** Reach out to Stacey to coordinate if you have an idea or topic you'd like to share.

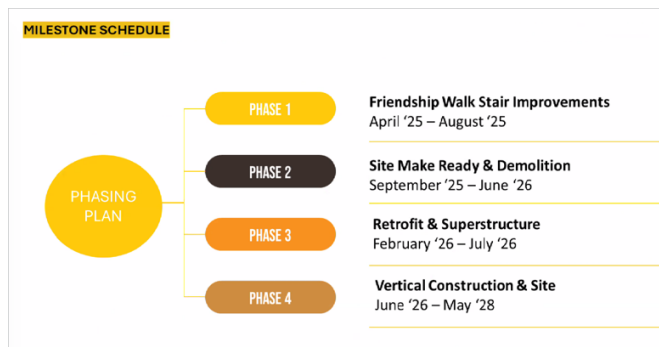
Special Guests

- **President Conoley**

- We continue to forge ahead on values based programming for students; the best way forward during changing tides is to stick to our commitments and values
- Upcoming Medicaid budget has a shortfall, so that does not bode well for CSU budget

- **Melissa Soto, Monica Amalfitano, Shannon Couey , DCS- Summer Construction Map & USU Construction Update**

- See [Current Projects in Progress website](#)
- G12 Parking lot—after spring break this will be shut down for construction
- La Playa construction is underway until July 2026
- FCS Child Care project construction will wrap up this summer!
- USU Project – all info, renderings, videos, timelines, etc. in [FutureU website](#), and [Beach Building Services page](#)
 - Wrapping up road shows; construction starts in a month!
 - Watch this great video about food services during construction:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgk1nAq_CTM
 - Temporary food options will be available throughout campus during the construction period- check the Future USU website for the list
 - Nugget will be around until December!
 - The current University Dining Commons area will be demolished and new buildings will go in this space with a new footprint—
 - 2-story building with food vendors including Nugget!
 - Student spaces in the new bldg. as requested by students: Basic Needs, Beach Wellness, food services, ballroom, conference rooms, movie theater, entertainment (bowling, eSports, etc), lounge space, satellite office for Career Center, and more!
 - New design= wanted to maintain the architecture of the building to honor the work of the architect and style of that time
 - Addressing ADA improvements from lower to upper campus; stairways, elevators, open space; will have 4 superfast elevators open 24/7; the escalator is going away; Friendship Walk Stairs construction groundbreaking event April 9 @3:30.
 - The goal is to have a really open design style for the USU building structure so people can see what's happening inside
 - Will be adding some nice, new landscaping
 - Milestones Timeline:



- **Steven Salcido- AVP Admissions Outreach / Enrollment Management, Day at the Beach, Enrollment Overview**

- The Beach is in the top 5 schools in the nation for admission applications (120,000 applications received this cycle; Fall 25 will admit about 6,000 frosh, 3500 transfer—a little lower this year because we over-admitted recently to help other CSU campuses and those students are still on campus and working through their programs)
- Admissions is part of Student Affairs
- Admissions Funnel—starts from middle school when students are considering what school to go to; parents and family are huge influencers in this decision—end with graduation and Alumni participation. We care about the students at all these phases and take action to connect with them.
- “Impaction: when a campus receives more applications than space it can provide; at CSULB we are campus-impacted and program-impacted
- Application process opens Oct 1-Nov 30; decisions go out mid-Feb to early-April; deadline May 1 to accept offer
- [Day at the Beach](#) April 12, 8am-3pm (rain or shine!):
 - Prospective students and their families can visit the campus
 - Student decisions to come here are affected by our collective efforts and thank you to all! Especially good way to promote programs with low enrollment.
- Q: How does housing affect admissions? A: Housing always affects decisions; we have shortages throughout the CSU system. The effect on student decisions to attend CSULB is minimal because this is true everywhere and so other factors come into play.
- Q: Which programs are impacted? A: All of them!! We are a campus and program-impacted university.

Officer's Reports

- **Chair, Collen Ryan**
 - Thanks for nominating colleagues Outstanding Staff Award for Staff Council; we know it takes time to complete the application during this time-- Spring semester is super busy.
- **Vice Chair, Ann Kinsey**
 - Welcome New Rep Tess Sheets, Comms Spec. in the Office of Future Planning
- **Treasurer, Lee Lee Jackson**
 - Funds are in good shape
 - \$3616 and \$201 in accounts; more is coming in soon from fundraising efforts
- **Secretary, Laura Emery**
 - Thanks to group of Reps who attended the first kick-off meeting about supporting SC with Comms and Marketing efforts—more to come as we plan for the future of this work
- **Members-At-Large, Kristin Bonetati**
 - No report

Committee Reports

- **Membership, Ann Kinsey** (see new members, above)
- **Nominating, Ann Kinsey**
 - In May Meeting, we will be doing a lot of elections for Staff Council and Academic Senate vacancies; please consider running for these openings and email staff-council@csulb.edu if you are interested so we can include your info at the meeting.
- **Ways and Means, Corrie O'Toole:**
 - Upcoming fundraisers: See's Candy (until April 4), Hof's Hut (on March 18), and Lucile's BBQ (April 23). See [Staff Council website](#) for more information.
- **Staff Development, Karla Reyes**
 - We are looking for ideas to offer to staff as activities, tours, meetups, etc. Do you have cool stuff to show off in your area? Do you have some hidden gems? Let us know and we will coordinate.
- **By Laws-** We are planning to open up the By Laws and take a look at Executive team roles and possibly introduce a new one. More info coming soon as these issues may require voting by Reps.
- **Special Events, Kristin Bonetati & Christina Salvador-** Spring Staff Day coming April 2 at the Games Area in the USU; pizza, entertainment, outdoor seating. Our last one at the Games Room

Open Announcements

- **Academic Technology Services Staff Workshops:** Qualtrics, Intro to 3D Printing @ISPACE, Artificial Intelligence, Accessibility and more! Visit csulb.edu/ats-events and select "Staff Workshops"
- **ARC Conference,** Online, May 28; Watch Parties are going on to attend the online event together in your department

- **ADA Compliance:** regulations are changing... get ready! [Web AIM Document Training, Document and Web Accessibility](#)
- **An Evening With Ruby Bridges @Carpenter Performing Arts Center**, March 19. Hear from this civil rights icon and learn from her powerful story. [Buy Tickets Here](#). Tickets are only \$10

Adjournment at [10:04am].

Submitted by: Laura Emery, Staff Council Secretary