

Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (FACT)

Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

11:00am – 12:15pm

<https://csulb.zoom.us/j/84678807933>

Meeting ID: 846 7880 7933

- 1) Call to order and approval of Agenda – M/S/P
- 2) Approval of Minutes of 05.05.2026 - tabled
- 3) Approval of Minutes of 04.07.2026 - tabled
- 4) Announcements:
 - a) Alexis – Bots & Beyond Update
 - i) The online course continues to do well. Review of the feedback will happen over Winter Break. Updates will be made. It may be offered to the Chancellor's Office for CSU-wide distribution
 - b) Invitation to share the latest AI news, local, national, global
 - i) Alexis suggested the site techmeme.com as a good source for information about AI developments
- 5) New Business:
 - a) Introduction to FACT
 - b) Alexis Pavenick elected Chair of FACT 2026-2027
 - c) Debbie Huang elected Secretary of FACT 2026-2027
 - d) Alexis reminded that FACT information is located on the Canvas FACT course
- 6) Old Business:
 - a) Updates from Working Group (WG) on Data Security
 - i) Discussion of the WG continues. If you are interested in joining the WG, let Alexis know.
 - b) Alexis Pavenick & Shariq Ahmed: Comments or reports, if available, about AI updates on campus
 - i) Shariq gave an overview of the following topics:
 - (1) OpenAI extended for three years
 - (a) Professional Dev has been requested from OpenAI for faculty and staff
 - (2) Copilot is included with our MS contract
 - (3) Dave Scozzaro's team will be offering the 3rd campus survey of AI by campus members.
 - (a) 1100 respondents last year, students, faculty, staff
 - (4) Looking for grant funding for AI readiness and student usage
 - (a) Partnering with Library and other campus departments
 - (5) Working on AI Teaching Excellence program
 - (a) Incentivizes faculty usage and implementation at CSULB
 - (b) Waiting on funding
 - (6) AI Steering Committee and academic/business subcommittees will resume
 - ii) Laura Ceia noted that AI tech workshops could benefit from slowing down and incorporating pedagogy from faculty into the workshop content. Suggested partnership in current and future development.
 - (1) Added concerns that the experience of students in different disciplines has them deal with AI in different ways
 - (2) Concerns about ethical use of AI by students – they need specific training
 - (3) Shariq Ahmed noted that ATS is actively looking to partner with faculty

(4) Faculty Center has partnered workshops with faculty

(5) Marvin Mayo added it was challenging to find faculty willing to partner but there are some stipends available

c) Links shared during discussion:

- FACT Charge:
 - <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-senate/councils-committees>
- The software matrix that we annually discuss and approve:
 - <https://www.csulb.edu/information-technology/technology-deployment-services/academic-software-matrix>
- The Chair of FACT is a member of the AI Steering Committee
 - <https://www.csulb.edu/information-technology/ai-technology/ai-steering-committee>
- Bots and Beyond Course available to all CSULB students, faculty, staff. Offers a Badge upon completion.
 - <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-technology-services/instructional-design/bots-and-beyond>
- CSU AI Commons
 - <https://genai.calstate.edu/>
- CSULB AI Steering Committee
 - <https://www.csulb.edu/information-technology/ai-technology/ai-steering-committee>
 - Academic Subcommittee
 - <https://www.csulb.edu/information-technology/ai-technology/academic-ai-subcommittee>
- CSULB Campus info on AI
 - <https://www.csulb.edu/information-technology/ai-technology>