

**ACADEMIC SENATE
MEETING #15**

Thursday, April 23, 2026, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Towner Auditorium (PSY 150)

Or on Zoom: <https://csulb.zoom.us/j/81677533082> (Meeting ID: 816 7753 3082)

1. CALL TO ORDER – 2:00pm NH began with the land acknowledgment.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – moved by NS, seconded and approved.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – moved by CM, seconded and approved as amended.
 - 3.1 Academic Senate Meeting of April 9, 2026
4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS
 - 4.1 Executive Committee: Announcements- NH reminded Senators about emails, procedures, scheduling reminders, details of last meeting including the Org. meeting. At the Organizational meeting the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary as well as the 4 Members At Large and the Nominating Committee members will be elected at this meeting. No nominations from the floor will be accepted as per the rules and regulations.
 - 4.2 Nominating Committee: Nominations - none
5. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - 5.1 None
6. SPECIAL ORDERS
 - 6.1 [Time Certain 2:10 pm] Awarding of the 2025-26 Nicholas Perkins Hardeman Academic Leadership Award to Shadnaz Asgari – former Hardeman recipients were acknowledged and introduced themselves including, Jalal Torabzadeh, Wayne Dick, Betsy Decyk, Barbara George, Norbert Schürer, Pei-Fang Hung, and Deborah Hamm. Dean Rhee presented the award to Shadnaz Asgari.
Guest: Jinny Rhee, Dean, Hung Family College of Engineering
 - 6.2 [Time Certain 2:10pm] Karyn Scissum Gunn- KSG reiterated congratulations to Hardeman award recipient, and those honored at the University Achievement Awards, including 23 individuals recognized for their achievement, 19 were faculty members, including our two honored senators Ga-Young Suh and Shadnaz Asgari. She spoke on the current searches for CLA Dean, Grad Studies Dean, AVP ORED, and Executive Director of CIE. She thanked all the search committee members as well as those who took time to meet with the finalists. The 4th annual metaverse event was last Week and was a great success. Commencement is coming soon including cultural ceremonies that have begun and will extend through Friday May 22. University ceremonies will run May 17-21, (13 ceremonies). She thanked all college staff and faculty who are helping with the ceremonies. Platform for volunteers is up and running, please consider volunteering as an ambassador. April 30th is the student success symposium, focused on the new student success framework. NS asked about the faculty member who was removed as faculty adviser of a student group, he stated the reason was not provided to the faculty

member in a letter as he read it. He renewed his concern that it is problematic when removing faculty from working with students without any procedure. KSG recognized the importance and offered that the issue is still ongoing.

- 6.3 Report from CFA Long Beach Chapter Co-President Shelly Collins – SC presented on CFA bargaining updates. Progress has been limited to date. Specific articles 16, 25, 37, 10, 19, 9 have been a focus of CFA. A union rally is on April 30th. May Day events will also be occurring on May 1st, along with regional unions. Department outreach is also occurring for membership. CFA also has a reading group you may join. The CFA will also visit the BOT about a recent report on suicide ideation.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 [Proposed Resolution on WSCUC Steering Committee 2028-30 -- FIRST READING](#)

Guests: Pei-Fang Hung, Vice Provost, Academic Programs; Sharlene Sayegh, Director of Institutional Assessment & ALO – moved and seconded. PFH and SS presented the resolution to Senate. They explained the rationale, which is our reaccreditation set for 2030. This resolution and formation of the steering committee will make our University ready for the visit. This will be a three-year committee 2026-2029, BK asked about DEIA, SS states DEIA has been downgraded somewhat in the new WASC accreditation. AK asked about the shifting personnel in roles, it was offered it would be the person in the position. Moves to second reading at next AS meeting.

- 7.2 [Time Certain 2:35 PM] [Proposed Resolution on Institutional Support and Advocacy for Campus Community Members Impacted by Federal Immigration Enforcement Policies -- FIRST READING](#) Guests: Kirstyn Chun, Deborah Hamm. KC and DH presented the resolution, moved and seconded. BB thanked the committee for their work. KSG asked if things have evolved since the last resolutions introduced from other campuses and if a statewide resolution was potentially stronger. KC offered it was a “yes and” step. CSH echoed the importance but spoke against the inclusion of the restriction on immigration enforcement on campus for recruitment. AN thanked CFA and spoke in favor of the resolution. Moves to second reading at next AS meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- 8.1 Proposed MS in Biomedical Engineering (AS-1286-26/CEPC/URC) – SECOND READING

Guests: Perla Ayala, Chair, Department of Biomedical Engineering; Ga-Young Kelly Suh, Associate Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering; Arjan Fahim, Lecturer, Department of Biomedical Engineering; Siavash Ahrar, Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering; Kerop Janoyan, Associate Dean, Research & Graduate Programs Administration, Hung Family College of Engineering; Jinny Rhee, Dean, Hung Family College of Engineering –PA, GS, AF, and SA are available for questions on their proposed degree. Vote on proposal, yes-49 no-2. **Proposal passes**

- 8.2 Proposed revision of PS 95-02: Selection and Term of Office of NCAA Representative – (AS-1251-24/FPPC) -- SECOND READING – Line 11 JC

amendment, moved and seconded. Vote on amendment, yes-52 no-1. Amendment passes. Vote on policy, yes-54 no-0. **Policy Passes**

9. ADJOURNMENT – 3:28pm

AS 04.23.26 attendance

Abby Bradecich
Adam Kahn
Adrian Trujillo Centeno
Alessandro Russo
Amanda Fisher
Ann Kinsey
Aparna Nayak
Ashley Carter
Athena Mitchell
Banafsheh Behzad
Barbara George
Barton Saunders
Becky Cummings
Ben Huff
Betsy Decyk
Brian Katz (BK)
Brian Trimble
Caitlin Fouratt
Catherine Ward
Chris Karadjov
Chris Miles
Chris Swarat
Christie Waken
Christine Scott-Hayward
Christopher Warren (CSULB)
Colleen Ryan
Dhushy Sathianathan
Curtis Bennett
Damian Zavala/CSULB
Debby Rannalli
Deborah.Hamm
Dina Perrone
Donna Green, CSULB
Elizabeth Dill
Eric Marinez
Ga-Young Kelly Suh
Grace Reynolds-Fisher
Heather Macias
Henry O'Lawrence
Hiromi Masunaga
Iris Zhang
Jalal Torabzadeh
Janaki Santhiveeran
Jasmine Forbes
Jason Aurand
Jeannette Acevedo Rivera
Jeffrey D. Cook
Jelena Trajkovic

Jill De La Torre
Jinny Rhee
Joanna Barreras
Jody Cormack (she/her)
Kerop Janoyan (KDJ)
Kerry Johnson
Kirstyn Chun
Kris Zentgraf
KSG
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Pei-Fang Hung
Preeti Sharma
Rebecca Cummings
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Sabrina Dean
Shadnaz Asgari
Shahab Derakhshan
Shariq Ahmed
Sharlene Sayegh
Sharon Konrad
Shelly Collins
Sivyu Chia
Susan Shanley
Thomas Klaehn
Todd Ciborowski
Tracy Gilmore
Wayne Dick
Wendi Gilchrist
Zachary Fowler