

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING #1

Thursday, August 27, 2026

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Towner Auditorium (PSY 150)

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – 2:00 – NH began with the land acknowledgment.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – moved by BK to amend agenda to add detail of guest to 7.4, seconded and approved.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 3.1 [Academic Senate Meeting of May 7, 2026](#) – moved by BK, seconded and approved.
 - 3.2 [Academic Senate Organizational Meeting of May 7, 2026](#) – moved by BK, seconded and approved.
4. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS
 - 4.1 Executive Committee: Announcements – NH recapped information presented in the senate email sent before the meeting and announced the Senate Retreat coming on 10-29-26 to be held at the Anatol Center - save the date. The policy review process was presented to senators along with the speakers list protocol. Senators were encouraged to consult constituents for upcoming agenda items. Attendance via Poll Everywhere was conducted.
 - 4.2 Nominating Committee: Nominations - none
5. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - 5.1 None
6. SPECIAL ORDERS
 - 6.1 [Time Certain 2:10 pm] Report from President Loren Blanchard – LB presented to Senate. He welcomed us back to the Fall 2026 semester and thanked the senators for their service on the senate and for shared governance. Three areas where we expect to focus work here at CSULB, collective bargaining is ongoing at this time, and a new strategic plan has been established for the system (CSU Forward). A new student success framework was previewed at convocation, which is the successor to GI 2025. New criterion for enrollment management has also been introduced. Two vice chancellors from the CO will be visiting the campus on moving forward with these two proposals. State level legislators want to push forward the proposal to give greater authority to community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees. This creates tension between legislators and the governor's office. We are being vocal about the impacts would be on our

campuses. At the federal level the impacts on DEI have impacted us. Accreditation agencies are rethinking or retooling standards, and schools are making decisions about whether to continue accreditation. Earnings benchmarking is an issue as well, and what the implications will be for our campus. Earnings for those with a baccalaureate degree holders need to be higher than those without a degree is the federal proposal. Duration for international students is taking effect and affecting students. Implications for international students is saddening, including limitations on how long students can take to pursue a degree and how soon they must leave after completion. LB wants to understand where we think we are at CSULB, where we stand as a campus, what our mission statement says. He is hosting listening sessions to address this issue. Sessions to be around 45 minutes, with a goal to learn about other perspectives. He also touched on development in the community and reaching out to alumni, and community members that are not but believe in the university. BK asked about a focus on learning, and the need to make it central. CSH commented that the CCs seem to have won the battle in the public sphere and the CSU could do better at marketing. AK asked about the impact on enrollment in the MS programs and how at threat they are at being cut. BS asked about resources related to weather and the heat wave-SAP noted it was on his list to investigate. BS also asked about D1DA and issues related to access to textbooks-KSG expressed concern and will investigate from IT. BB asked about issues related to immigration delays and loss of work status for faculty-KSG replied she is working with individuals in this situation.

- 6.2 [Report](#) from CFA Long Beach Co-President Shelly Collins- SC presented the linked report. She reported CFA brought international faculty issues up at the bargaining table. In terms of bargaining, we are currently at impasse and moving into the mediation stage with a state-appointed mediator. Mediation and fact-finding must occur before any strike. Bring comments and questions to her about priorities on bargaining. AK asked about the process of when mediation ends-SC replied once the movement on bargaining issues have stalled that's when it moves to fact finding. KK asked if the CO is using the compensation study -SC said COLA applied unevenly in the study.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Election of a Hung Family College of Engineering Senator to serve on Nominating Committee – NH asks for a volunteer to serve on NC from HFCOE. Paul Ayegba put his name forward; NH runs Poll Everywhere poll for election. PA approved
- 7.2 Approval of the Appointment of the Senate Parliamentarian – vote for approval, approved.
- 7.3 [Proposed Resolution on WSCUC Steering Committee 2026-30](#) (AS-1296-26/EC) – 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. The guests clarified why going the resolution route and discussed some additions to the membership based on WASC requests (1 administrator from the Division of Administration and Finance), and rationale for other changes to committee structure. TK asked about the amendment process and Chair NH responded that all comments from last year can be carried over by sending an email to request. *Moves to second reading at next Academic Senate meeting.*

- 7.4 [Proposed Revision of PS 11-09: Grade Appeal Procedure](#) (AS-1085-19/CEPC) – FIRST READING Guest: Craig Macaulay, Chair, Curriculum and Educational Policies Council (CEPC) presents a [report](#). Moved by, BS, and seconded. Key distinctions between the original and CEPC revised proposal were presented. Timelines for each were compared. *Moves to second reading at next Academic Senate meeting.*

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 None.

9. ADJOURNMENT – 3:47 PM

AS 8.27.26 Attendance

Abby Bradecich
Adam Kahn
Adrian Trujillo Centeno
Alessandro Russo
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Christie Waken
Christine Scott-Hayward
Christopher Warren
Colleen Dunagan (she/her)
Curtis Bennett
Daniel Ames
Danny Paskin
David Shafer
Debby Rannalli
Dhushy Sathianathan
Dina Perrone
Donna Green, CSULB
Eunjung Chae
Eva Bohler
Fafnir Adamites
Ferdinand Arcinue
Grace Reynolds-Fisher
Heather Macias
Heather Macías
Henry O'Lawrence
Janaki Santhiveeran
Jasmine Forbes
Jason A. Plummer
Jason Aurand
Jelena Trajkovic COE alternate

Jody Cormack
Kathryn Chew
Kathryn Perkins
Kelsey Slater
Kerry Johnson
Kevin Valenzuela
Kim kelly
Kirstyn Chun, Psy.D.
Kris Zentgraf
Laura Gonzalez
Lauren Heidbrink
Loretta Ramirez
Manny Pulido
Mark Beirn
Mark Suazo
Mehran Rahmani
Michael Warden
MJ Yang
Neil Hultgren
Nele Hempel-Lamer
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