

ACADEMIC SENATE
Minutes
Organizational Meeting for 2026-27 Academic Year

Thursday, May 7, 2026, 2:00 pm – 2:45 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 pm
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – moved by BK, seconded and approved. Attendance taken via Poll Everywhere.
3. WELCOME OF NEW SENATORS – NH welcomed the new Academic Senators joining. New senators introduced themselves both in person and on zoom.
4. ELECTION OF CHAIR – NH made his statement. Vote on chair, yes-50, no-0. Neil Hultgren elected as Chair.
5. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR – BK made his statement. Vote on vice Chair, yes-54 no-0. Brian Katz elected as Vice Chair.
6. ELECTION OF SECRETARY - CW made his statement. Vote on Secretary, yes-51 no-0. Christopher Warren was elected as secretary.
7. SEQUENTIAL ELECTION OF **FOUR** MEMBERS AT LARGE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 - Each candidate allowed 60 seconds to make a statement.
 - The four at-large members of the Executive Committee were elected sequentially, i.e., *first* we elect at-large member #1, *then* at-large member #2, *then* at-large member #3, and *finally* at-large member #4.
 - In each of the four elections, nominations were taken from the floor and then a vote proceeded on those nominees. Four members at large elected: Kate Perkins, Brian Trimble, Virginia Gray, Banafsheh, Behzad

	Member at large #1	Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3
a	Kate Perkins	20	26	29
b	Virginia Gray	9	9	
c	Janaki Santhiveeran	6		
d	Brian Trimble	12	11	15
e	Banafsheh B.	8	10	10
	Member at large #2	Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3
a	Virginia G.	14	12	

b	Janaki S.	4		
c	Brian T.	26	34	
d	Banafsheh B.	14	14	
	Member at large #3	Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3
a	Virginia G.	25	29	
b	Janaki S.	8		
c	Banafsheh B.	21	25	
d				
	Member at large #4	Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3
a	Banafsheh B.	43		
b	Janaki S.	13		
c				
d				

8. ELECTION/CONFIRMATION OF COLLEGE/UNIT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE – NH solicited nominations from the floor from each college, two from CLA.
 - Alexis Pavenick, UL, Rolando di Santiago, Rio Song. K. Chun, Janaki S, Lauren Heidbrink, Heather Macias, Barton Saunders, Loretta Ramirez, pending COTA, COE. Slate is approved 56-0.
9. ADJOURNMENT – 2:47 pm

