



**California State University, Long Beach
Curriculum and Educational Policies Council**

Minutes – AY2025-26 – Meeting 14
Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026, 2:00-4:00 PM
Zoom: <https://csulb.zoom.us/j/85806555081>
Meeting ID: 858 0655 5081

Attendance: Kelly Suh, Henry O'Lawrence, Lora Stevens Earth Science, Chloe Pascual, Donna Green, Brian Cole, Jose Miguel Palacios, Kirsten Sumpter, Chris Marino, Sharon Olson, Danielle Kohfeldt, Laura Forrest, Lisa Fish, Shamim Mirza, Danny Paskin, Robert Moushon, Amanda Fisher, Pei-Fang Hung, Jasmine Forbes, Craig Macaulay, Christine Scott-Hayward

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of minutes from the April 8th, 2026 meeting
3. Announcements
 - a. Next meeting is in 3 weeks and will have the organizational meeting for next year at the beginning.
 - b. Coming Syllabi/SCO Policy Referral – Senate wants syllabi to spell out AI expectations.
 - c. Posthumous Degree and FYE referrals may not take a huge amount of time, but more than
4. Sharon Olson will no longer serve next year, as it is expected that the incoming director of the Center for International Education and Global Engagement will serve. Thank you, Sharon, for all your service!
5. Posthumous Degree Referral – Discussion
 - a. Current process is too ad hoc. As an example, a student was very ill in a way that impeded academic progress prior to passing away, and the current rules prevented the student being awarded a posthumous degree.
 - b. Original guidelines were based on other CSU candidates. Later the graduate degree policy addressed posthumous degrees, but undergrads were not addressed by that. The graduate program policy may have to be updated if we create a new policy.
 - c. We could note that the posthumous degree policy supersedes any other policies.



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- d. We could craft an exception in the policy that allows for awarding a posthumous degree in special circumstances.
 - e. We need to decide if we need a summer task force.
 - f. Comment: There is already an exception for extenuating circumstances in the dean's guidelines.
 - g. Comment: The dean's guidelines were a draft.
 - h. Provost expressed reservations about a very broad policy.
 - i. We also have a certificate as an alternative to a posthumous degree.
 - j. ASI advocates for broader posthumous degree guidelines.
 - k. We will have a task force, with Danny Paskin, Shamim Mirza, Kelly Suh. Jasmine will help in any way she can.
 6. First Year Experience Referral – Discussion
 - a. This would also be a new policy.
 - b. Senate approached different faculty councils, which Craig has summarized.
 - c. Comment: We should invite Kerry Johnson for her insights in this area. We should also remember that FYE doesn't have to be a course. We want to find the best way to support transfer students.
 - d. Comment: Every college thought *having* a FYE was a good idea, but the shape it would take is where the different colleges have different POVs.
 - e. Comment: We get a lot of feedback that we don't prepare students for careers, so I am very invested in this. And I think a menu of options will be more acceptable.
 - f. University 100 used to be required for all new students with fewer than 90 units. CNSM and College of Engineering still have something in this area. These were taught by faculty.
 - g. Sharon, Laura and Chloé on summer task force.
 - h. Task force volunteers will stay on Zoom to decide who is chairing.
 7. Parting words: please submit feedback to Craig about syllabi policy prior to next meeting (by May 6). Please check with your constituents as well.
 8. Adjournment

Next meeting: May 13th, 2026

Additional info:



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