**Committee on Athletics**
2025-2026
Meeting #5
In person (College of Business Dean's Conference Room – CBA204) and on Zoom
April 15, 2026, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Attendance: Chris Karadjov, Khue Duong, Bobby Smitheran, Sandra Shirley, Ulices Piña, Arline Walter, Tava Tedesco, Stephen Glass, Kimberly Farrell, Milton Ordonez, Sandra Shirley, Damian Zavala, Don Haviland, Michael Ekema, Sly Young, Samantha Valdez, and Barbara Kingsley-Wilson
Guests: Cameron Cecil, Erica Piurkowski, Alyssa Waite

I. Calling the meeting to order

II. Agenda approved

III. Minutes from March 25, 2026 approved

IV. New business

a. Chair's report – Chris Karadjov

Brenda Vogel spoke at the Academic Senate meeting on 4/9 about FAR position proposal. Proposed changes to Policy Statement 95-02 – *Selection and Term of Office of NCAA Representative* is currently under the Academic Senate voting process.

b. Report from Bobby Smitheran (Executive Director of Athletics)

UCSB and UCSD depart Big West and join West Coast Conference in 2027-28. The Big West will welcome Sac State, Cal Baptist and Utah Valley.

Fundraising and revenues are doing great, thanks to Development Staff.

The US President's Executive Order *Save College Sports* addresses various aspects of college-athletics compliance such as roster size, age, gender, NIL, etc. How it affects CSULB and college athletics landscape remains to be seen.

Black and Gold banquet aimed to celebrate student-athletes and close out the year. Daryana Hall (Track and Field) and Skyler Varga (Men's Volleyball) were honored.

Updates on Springs Sports: Women's Softball, Men's Baseball, MVB, Women's Tennis, Women's and Men's Track and Field, Women's Beach Volleyball, Men's Golf, and Women's Golf.

Four proposals were received on multimedia rights for corporate partnership.

c. Alyssa Waite, Women's Golf Coach –
Coach Waite provides updates on the Women's Golf Team with 7 student-athletes.

d. *BeAChampion* program – Cameron Cecil (Student Athlete Development Coordinator), with Sandra Shirley & Loren Edwards (BAC)
Cameron shares an overview of the *BeAChampion* program. The program provides two one-unit courses ATHL 101 and ATHL 401. With a 25K grant, the program can provide structured support to both new student-athletes and graduating seniors dealing with various topics such as financial management, career development and networking, leadership training, and mental health.

e. Erica Piurkowski, Associate Athletics Director, Compliance –
Erica discusses their office work on compliance issues including extra benefit, sports wagering, and roster management.

f. Kimberly Farrell, Alumni Association
Kimberly discusses how CSULB Alumni Association provides support and connection to alumni and student-athletes.

V. Announcements

VI. Adjournment

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