

# Committee on Athletics

2025-2026

Meeting #2

In person (Ukleja Room @ Walter Pyramid) and on Zoom

November 19, 2025, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Attendance: Samantha Valdez, Jordan Lemus, Tava Tedesco, Hojin Moon, Khue Duong, Chris Karadjov, Stephen Glass, Sly Young, Milton Ordonez, Bobby Smitheran, Sandra Shirley, Barbara Kinsgley-Wilson, Brenda Vogel, Damian Zavala, Don Haviland, Kimberly Farrell, Tamika Spivey (Guest)

- I. Calling the meeting to order
- II. Agenda approved
- III. Minutes from October 15, 2025 approved
- IV. New business

a. Chair's report – Chris Karadjov

FAR Recruitment is undergoing. The committee must recommend no more than two candidates. (Lecturers are not eligible for the FAR position).

b. Ticketing: Jeffrey Scott

Ticket revenue (\$1.3 million last year) is going well for all sports. Student tickets are free. Students can reserve tickets ahead of the event and bring (paid) guests. Though recommended to reserve tickets in advance, students can also show up at the event without reservation.

The Ticket Office encourage participations from local community groups.

There are also special recognition or celebration such as College Night for various colleges such as Health and Human Services or College of Business, etc.

COA members can request tickets for athletic events by contacting Jeff Scott. Also, faculty / staff can get \$5 tickets for certain events.

c. Report from Bobby Smitheran, Executive Director of Athletics

Bobby first reported on how Fall-semester-competing sports teams were doing.

California State University Long Beach and LBS Financial Credit Union announced a 12-year, \$8.5-million sponsorship agreement that will rename the iconic campus sports and events venue the "LBS Financial Credit Union Pyramid."

CSULB Student-Athletes Graduation Success Rate is significantly higher than the past. CSULB Academic Progress Rate (APR) number is also very high (993 out of 1000).

New efforts with fan participation at athletic events: two premium suites added to the Pyramid, Beach Shops presence in the Pyramid.

d. FAR Candidate Ulices Piña – Time certain: 3:30

e. FAR Candidate Praveen Shankar – Time certain: 3:45

f. FAR Candidate Portia Resnick – Time certain: 4 pm

The committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Academic Senate both Ulices Piña and Portia Resnick to be considered the next round of consideration of the FAR position.

V. Announcements  
None

VI. Adjournment

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