

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Zoom: <https://csulb.zoom.us/j/86796238597> (Meeting ID: 867 9623 8597)

N. Hultgren, B. Katz, C. Warren, P. Ayala, N. Meyer-Adams, A. Nayak, B. Trimble, S. Asgari, N. Schürer, C. Scott-Hayward, S. Collins, C. Ryan, S. Apel, D. Green, P. Hung, K. Scissum Gunn, A. Kinsey, J. Forbes

1. Call to Order- 2:00pm
2. Approval of Agenda- moved by CW, seconded and approved.
3. Approval of Minutes- moved by BT, seconded and approved.
 1. [Meeting of March 3, 2026](#)
4. Special Orders
 1. Report: Provost Karyn Scissum Gunn- KSG reported first about the April 30th event on the new student success framework. Any faculty member that cannot attend can present feedback after the event. Invitations will go out next week. A campus wide convening will occur in Fall. Faculty center is in collaboration with SA to provide resources to support students during challenging times including resources and tip sheets. They are developing faculty self-care as well. The inaugural lecturer to TT classification pilot has been completed. The committees were very objective, focusing on those marketable and possibly seeking other employment. 52 applications with 20 successful reclassifications. This pilot may serve as an exemplar, system-wide. The official notifications have not gone out yet. BT asked if there was feedback from the CO's office. KSG said they were in contact before and during. BK asked about difficulties with resources needed to be competitive for LF. KSG said goal is increasing tenure density, and other mechanisms are being investigated.
 2. Report: AVP Donna Green- no report
 3. Report: VP Scott Apel- SAP reported on the budget first. Staircase by the friendship walk will be done soon. Pedestrian capacity will be improved with a new scamp. Hoping for completing in late May 2026. Lawsuit filed by students during COVID have continued. Insurance issues have mostly been resolved, although liability insurance still a problem.
5. Unfinished Business
 1. Review of Patent Policy draft and Intellectual Property and Copyright Policy draft, continued- still waiting on news from legal counsel.
 2. Update on President's Commission on Economic and Workforce Development- NH attended the first meeting last Friday, we are close to being able to send out a request for faculty members to serve on this Commission. Information will go out this week.
6. New Business
 1. Reviewed the [agenda](#) for the Academic Senate meeting of Thursday, March 12, 2026- NH shows the agenda to EC for this Thursday.
 2. Review of [proposed amendments](#) to the Emeritus Policy Draft for Thursday's

Meeting- NH presented proposed amendments to EC, including the new section 5.0 regarding revocation of Emeritx status. NH encouraged EC members to look at all amendments prior to the meeting.

3. [Two queries about CBA 20.37 assigned time eligibility](#)- NH asked EC about two requests received by the senate office regarding assigned time. UMGSSC is the entity that vets the applications and decides on who receives these awards. The UMGSSC charge does not address this council judging the 20.37 awards. Someone on UMGSSC wants to apply for the release time, which is not addressed in the charge. NH suggested the chair may need to recuse from the committee and have the vice-chair take over their duties. A second request about eligibility is addressed by EC. SC offered they should be able to apply and eligibility confirmed later. There is no guarantee for employment by receiving the award, so faculty may need to be assigned units to receive the award.
 - [Time Certain 3:30 pm] [Potential Posthumous Degree Policy](#) Guest: Royce Smith, Dean, College of the Arts- RS presented on his proposal for awarding posthumous degrees. Recent COTA students were in various stages of their degrees when they passed, and policy may be getting in the way of doing the most compassionate thing for families and friends. He suggested that no matter when in their journey they may pass, they deserve to have a posthumous degree awarded. This is not about academic accomplishment; it is about showing the family that this University cares. He would like to craft a policy. He feels credit hours accomplished is not the way to access whether to award the degree or not. CSH asks if this policy is needed. KSG asks if a degree is needed or some other type of honorific appropriate and offered on a national scale, many institutions require a certain level of progress to be achieved. DG states that registrars have discussed, and the policies vary per campus. Currently there are procedures in place but no policy. CW noted misuse would be rare and supports the idea. NMA agrees that this would be a positive move based on experiences in her area. BK expressed there might be conditions where it might be automatic. JF expressed this sort of recognition is very important to students as well and supports the idea.
 4. [Dean Bennett question](#) regarding [RSCA Policy](#)- NH presented the question and asked EC for their input. EC decided that time base is not an issue in determining eligibility for RSCA for TT faculty.
 5. Moving forward on [ASI AI Request](#) and [Senate Retreat Data](#)
“Guest”: Christopher Warren, Secretary, Academic Senate- CW stated based on the retreat data faculty see good elements in policies and both faculty and students want an AI policy, but chairs may be hesitant to create a department-wide policy. NH stated it might be added to the syllabus policy as an option. CW asked if other academic honesty was mentioned in the current syllabus policy, No.
 6. Query from Catherine Ward- CW asked if Associate Directors for Affinity groups might be put on EC agenda to present on their work. This would be to make us aware of the work they are doing campus wide. Will be discussed further by the EC.
7. Announcements and Information
 1. None.
 8. Reminders

1. Twelfth Academic Senate Meeting of the Academic Year, Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in PSY-150 and on Zoom
 2. Legacy Lecture and Academic Senate Reception, Thursday, March 19, 2026, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Japanese Garden
9. Adjournment- 4:01pm