



Graduate Studies Advisory Committee (GSAC)  
AGENDA

Thursday, February 19, 2026  
10:30am-12:00PM

<https://csulb.zoom.us/j/88252984023>

10:30-10:31: Call Meeting to Order – Caitlin Murdock (GS Faculty Director; GSAC Chair)

10:32-10:33: Welcome New Graduate Student Representative

- Transition so will welcome them to the next meeting
- Dina – if anyone knows a grad student rep, please forward them, they are a valuable part of the team
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10:34-10:35: Review and Approve Agenda

- Amended and approved for GC to go first rather than at the end

10:36-10:38: Review and Approve [November Meeting Minutes](#)

- GVAR policy revision, getting rid of the Y
- Dina made the edit

10:39-10:50: Graduate Student Pulse

10:51-11:00: Academic Senate Updates – Neil Hultgren (Chair, Academic Senate)

- Search committee for Dean of Grad Studies search is underway
- Passed the GVAR policy—no placement exam
- Need to remove GVAR placement exam committee

11:01-11:20: [Beach Edge Policy](#) – Babette Benken (Chair, Subcommittee)

- Babette: solid draft and the larger committee now needs to take a look at it
- Dina: would be helpful if all of GSAC take a look, especially with some of the things Dina removed
- Only approval for bachelor's + master's, no doctoral
- Only 12 graduate level units (at most) but in some depts less
- How to do blended across the system – csulb applying to a different program across another CSU: LB is piloting with CSUF and Sac State gerontology program (blended) to create a pipeline at Sac State to CSULB – been doing this for a year, still figuring out what this will look like
- Babette: how this would work with the registrar
  - Take grad level courses at sac state, complete and then apply them to the masters program at CSULB – transfer class: accept those 9 units
- Needs to be agreed upon by the faculty first before it moves forward
- **Figuring it out steps as of now**
- Updating CSU blended policy at the moment
  - Timeline: will be done sometime in March
- This is a great policy to keep the program alive especially since it's a small program but we run into the danger of all programs being blended

- **This is a draft, would like for everyone to make revisions**
- **Ensure that these agreements are led by faculty is one of the most important lines.**
- Remain in the EDGE program throughout their time at CSULB—Tiffanie has been working with IR to create a dashboards and track completion for EDGE students, they also have a tag on Beach Connect.
- **You MUST be already enrolled in an undergrad student to get admitted to the EDGE program**
  - Must have completed a certain amount of units before applying
- **To do:**
  - **Work through the document and make suggestions**
- Cross dept programs do exist across colleges and it is welcomed
- For international students, if they are enrolled in EDGE, does CIE get notified automatically? Especially because of their VISAS
  - Dina commenting that the policy for international students is still in draft, look at this *sooner*
  - **Eugena Kim maybe looking at this part of the policy to see what this can look like**
- Is this applicable with double majors?
  - This might be an issue on the transcript and financially so as of now, double majors are *not eligible*
- *If a student drops from the program, they cannot use those credits for a grad program, the credits would only be eligible for their bachelor's degree*
- **Be prepared to talk about this document in March**
- **Sarah Schrank: maybe send this doc to advisors who are already working with Beach EDGE**
- Describe how students will receive advising
- Enrollment services doing well with record keeping that removes undergrad courses as soon as they become graduate level status so that advisors have an easier time with advising case loads
- As of Fall 2026, there will be 30 Beach EDGE programs
- Ensuring people document when they give feedback especially to those who have been coordinating programs for a year
  - Dina has a spreadsheet of the programs and when they started
  - **Dina will share this list with GSAC and then advisors send it to dept.**

11:21-11:35: Admissions Updates – Gina Robles (Assistant Director of Admissions)

- Starting spring 2027, the CSU filing period will change, they can now start **July 1<sup>st</sup>** instead of August 1<sup>st</sup> (begin the application, not submit)
- Fall 2027 early filing period will be begin August 1<sup>st</sup> but deadline will be Oct 1<sup>st</sup>
- Admissions teams is working on completing folders to send to colleges, this date will be expected to be **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** from Donna
- Associate Deans will be getting these updates and will have a month to check quadrant 4 and once April 1<sup>st</sup> comes, AD's will no longer be able to make changes to make the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
- Marissa—develop a communication plan to support prospective students in the summer since a lot of faculty will be off contract?
- Dina – it is a concern because students will be left in limbo from August – October – come up with a plan to accommodate this shift, especially because some depts don't have staff.
- Will talk to deans about financial compensation
- Deepali: external evaluator commenting that there's no support for advisors during the break but in AD's or Deans meeting, push along on a financial structural decision
- Marissa
  - Call for more established infrastructure in graduate advising – especially in the depts because if it is in the grad studies dept, it is removed from the program
  - We are doing a lot as individuals but not as a larger dept for infrastructure
  - Donna Green is the replacement for Steven Salcido

11:36-11:40: [Spring Graduate Advisor Workshop on Admissions](#), Fri April 24, 12:30-2:30 – Caitlin Murdock

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11:41-11:50: Accommodations Subcommittee—Call for Volunteers – Dina Perrone

11:51-11:59: What’s Happening at the Graduate Center: Jackie Morales and Ammisha Opoku-Boamah (Graduate Center Coordinators) <https://www.csulb.edu/graduate-center/workshops-events>

12:00: Adjournment

**Next GSAC meeting: March 19, 2026**