

Institutional and Program Assessment Council (IPAC) Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2025

2:00–4:00 p.m.

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Co-Chairs: Erlyana.Erlyana@csulb.edu and Adam.Kahn@csulb.edu

- Call to Order: 2:04pm
- **Attendance:**, Erlyana Erlyana, Adam Kahn, Pei-Fang Hung, Sharlene Sayegh, Nana Suzumura-Smith, Victor Wang, Houng-Wei Tsai, David Sheridan, Vas Narayanswami, Emily Schryer, Colleen Dunagan, Alexandria Cordon, , Kimberly Walters, Jody Cormack, , Alejandra Priede, Tiffanie Graves, Jennifer Nolasco, , Ga-Young Suh (Kelly), Sonia Wilmarth, Laura Vlad, Daisy Alfaro, Lei Sun
- **Not attended:** Hossein Sayadi, Heather Barker, Andrew Paredes, Karin Griffin, Janaki Santhiveeran, Jun Yan
- **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by David to approve the agenda second by Kim motion approved.
- **Approval of the Minutes from April 16:** motion by Erlyana to approve minute, second by Kim . motion to approve minutes approved.
 - Guest: Kerop Janoyan, Associate Dean Research & Grad Programs ; Chair of Philosophy: Nellie Wieland, Associate Dean: Dona Nicol
- Council Announcements
 - Today is the last meeting of the year
- New Council Business
 - MS in Computer Science MOU presentation (2:05 time certain)
 - Guest: Kerop Janoyan, Associate Dean Research & Grad Programs
 - MOU delayed by 2 years
 - Pei-Fang mentioned there was a transition in the leadership in computer science and therefore our representatives today is Kerop Janoyan However, the representative today and department has reviewed the MOU comprehensively before today.
 - Pei-Fang review MOU commendations, concerns and opportunities. Pei-Fang also reviewed
 - the recommendations for the program in the MOU.
 - Adam asked for recommendation #4 would That mean there would be additional workload for faculty, which likely would have resulted in either overworking them or requiring release time. which would have reduced the number of instructors available to teach already understaffed courses. We questioned whether the language in recommendation #4 truly reflected a strategic plan....
 - Sharlenne asked so i find it interesting that you know the the undergrad computer was discontinued see program review.
 - Associate Dean responded by answering A review showed that in the 2014–2024 period, the program received around 1,700 applicants. However, for Fall 2025, the number dropped to approximately 500—less than a third of the previous figure—suggesting that the program may have already passed its peak in popularity. While demand for computer science programs remains high nationally, several internal changes likely contributed to the decline in applications. These included increased admission requirements, the introduction of a GRE requirement, and an earlier application deadline for international students (moved to mid-January). Notably, no students were

admitted for Spring 2025. Additionally, the department follows what was described as the “rule of 90”: the undergraduate program is predominantly domestic, while the master’s program is about 90% international students, with 90% of those from India. These shifts may have impacted enrollment, though it remains unclear how much is due to institutional changes versus broader national trends.

- Also added is admissions and enrollment is down due to political climate, fiscal and AI elements impact enrollment.
Erlyana asked about the CPACE course project. Dr. Janoyan said: I’ve been in discussions with CPACE since last semester to get something started. There are many potential offerings, so the key questions are what the niche should be and who the target audience is. Faculty availability is also a factor. Last week, we discussed launching with a single course or a short series—perhaps something like “AI for Alumni,” aimed at those who missed out on newer topics. Starting small could help us avoid the roadblocks of launching a full degree program and allow us to build from there.
- Philosophy MOU presentation (2:35 time certain)
- Guest: Chair of Philosophy: Nellie Wieland, Associate Dean: Dona Nicol
- Pei-Fang review MOU commendations, concerns and opportunities. Pei-Fang also reviews the recommendations for the program in the MOU.
- Dr. Nicol commented I spoke with the external reviewers were very impressed by the kind of work done particularly on assessment on the advising even though you know advising can be done also from Atlas they spoke really passionately about the MA program in particular how these programs prepare students for Graduate School or for PhD programs. they really remark on the incredible work that Nelly has done as the chair.
- Kim Asked if the program was thinking about a PhD program in future? The answer from guest was no there are a lot of very good PhD programs in the country and it is challenging to keep a very good MA program, so focus is on keep MA program in doing well and support MA students. Funding a program is also make it challenging to have a PhD program.
- A committee member also added a PhD
- program at CSU must be partnered with a UC program.
- Adam asked is enrollment in undergrad in danger if MA is important. Philosophy department in undergrad a supplementary program in undergrad?
- David raised concerns about recent curriculum shifts and their impact on departments, particularly those affected by changes to GE requirements. He suggested exploring institutional or council-level strategies to address these losses collectively. While individual departments have been strategizing, he emphasized the need for broader dialogue and collaboration to mitigate the negative effects on specific programs. He recalled past discussions where members shared ideas and encouraged continuing that conversation to find shared solutions.
- Dr. Wieland acknowledged that changes at both the state and Senate levels are having an impact, and while some adjustments are necessary, they can be challenging. As Vice Chair of GEEC, she sees many departments working to adapt by proposing replacement courses. However, the structural shifts can be disheartening, especially when high-quality courses are at risk. She emphasized the importance of finding thoughtful ways to preserve valuable offerings amid these transitions. She added that when it comes to GE, individual departments can’t require students to take specific courses or control scheduling in a way that guarantees enrollment. the focus needs to be on collaboration

and engaging in thoughtful, strategic conversations across departments to navigate these changes together.

- Committee comments on MOUs: no new changes.
 - Motion by Sharlene to approve MS in computer science MOU, second by Kim. Motion approved.
 - Motion by Erlyana to approve Philosophy MOU second by Kim. Motion approved.
 - Review summer work in IASC assessment work will be done by end of June.
- 2024-2025 Council Adjournment: 3:02pm
 - Organizational meeting for 2025-2026 (3:15 time certain)
 - Election of 2025-2026 IPAC Steering Committee
 - Chair: Adam Khan and Erlyana Erlyana were elected as chairs
 - Vice Chair: A nomination for Emily Schryer for vice chair was accepted from the committee. Emily was elected as vice chair
 - Secretary: Alexandria Cordon was elected as secretary
 - Discussion of Summer 2025 and Fall 2025
 - Assessment in critical thinking and diversity learning for institutional outcome is planned
 - PASC- Nuventive roll out next fall, annual assessment. All annual reports and self-studies will be done through Nuventive 18 reviews and 22 external reviews.
 - Program Reviews for next year the
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 - number will likely be the same.
 - 3:35pm adjourn by Kim