

CSULB Staff Council Meeting

April 10, 2026



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

LONG BEACH

Staff Council

- Start Time: [8:31am]
- Land Acknowledgement
- Mission Statement
- Poll For Quorum: Met
- March Minutes: Approved
- April Agenda: Approved

Special Reports

President Andrew Jones

- Thank you for a wonderful year. Staff Council thanked the President for financially supporting us all year, for attending meetings, and for coming to our events.
- The President encouraged everybody to volunteer and support the upcoming Commencement festivities on campus.

Neil Hultgren, Academic Senate

- Completed Faculty [Emeritus Policy](#)
- Working on: Faculty Athletics Representative Policy (this rep collabs with Athletics to support student success)
- Completed second reading of new MA in Translation and Interpreting, new BA in Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures. Completed first reading of proposed MS in Biomedical Engineering.
- In conversation with ASi about faculty AI statements in syllabi

Stacey Schack, Associate Director, Staff Learning Development (see attached PPT)

- John Balarosen, Financial Management- Employee of the Month for April
- Employee of the Month sign is in a new location on the east end of Friendship Walk
- L&D Spotlight of Month: Promoting a Positive Work Environment
- April Events: Future Ready Thinking, Accessible MS Word Docs, Templates for Accessible Content, Experience Bliss @The Beach, Leadership Lessons from Project Hail Mary
- Since launch- Staff Development Center has offered 194 events with 2,620 Staff/MPP participants!
- CAISY (AI Simulator) offered in CSU Learn- practice conversations with a bot before doing it in person.
- AI Workshops for staff co-hosted by CSULB and CSU—several sessions offered in April.
- Staff Professional Development Fund is still available!!
- Cross Campus Collaboration--- more workshops! Check the site- reg in advance because they full up quickly (go to MyBeach page)
- Please make sure to cancel and release your seat if you are unable to make it to a registered training session. Free the seat for another participant.

Special Guests

Carmela Arstill, Associate Director of University Events / Communications

Melissa DeGravelles, University Events, Commencement Lead

Sally Schliesmayer, University Events, Commencement Team

- [Commencement](#) is returning to campus, May 17- 21, 2026
- [Ceremonies](#) will take place on George Allen Field
- Graduates may claim up to 10 guest tickets each.
- Lot G12 will be used for cueing guests to enter through security.
- There will be seating for 15,000 on the field, including guests, graduates, staff, and faculty.
- Additional services and portable restrooms will be located on the IM fields.
- There are lots of slots to fill for volunteers!
- We invite you to sign up to serve as a Commencement Ambassador and support our students during one of their most memorable milestones. Ambassadors play a key role in welcoming guests, guiding graduates, and providing overall event support.
- **MPP & Exempt Staff:**
https://csulbalumni.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=1225828
- **Non-Exempt Staff:**
https://csulbalumni.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=1226893
- Additionally, here is the **Guest Resources** page we referenced:
<https://www.csulb.edu/commencement/guest-resources>
- If you are in a student-facing role, the RSVP deadline is **April 21**.

Enrique Robles, Director- Design and Construction Services

- Presentation of Summer Construction Map (attached)
- ADA parking improvements in many lots around campus
- USU project ongoing
- LaPlaya Housing scheduled to be complete by Fall, 26

Committee Reports

- Special Events:
 - Staff Day – April 1 -was a tremendous success. Thanks to all for coming out to enjoy the pizza, popcorn, ice cream, and corn hole. Thanks again to the President’s Office for your generous financial support!
 - Summer Staff Day will be Wednesday, July 22- location TBD.
 - Summer Staff Day planning meeting will be Tuesday, May 5 at 10am on Teams. Let us know if you are not already on Special Events Planning and wish to join us! We can use the energy and great ideas!!
 - First Staff Day with President Blanchard and we want to make it memorable.

Open Announcements

- April is [Earth Month](#). Check out the many Sustainability events, such as the [Green Generation Showcase](#) at the Japanese Garden, [Plant and Sip](#) at the SRWC, and information on [Designing a Green Graduation](#).
- LBS Financial Credit Union is sponsoring **Staff Night with the Dirtbags**- The game VS Fresno State will be at Blair Field, Tuesday, April 21 at 6pm. Food will be provided pre-game from 5-6 pm in the Pavilion. Staff may claim up to 4 tickets by RSVP through [THIS LINK](#). RSVP by April 20.

Adjournment at [9:59am].

Submitted by: Colleen Ryan