

CSULB Staff Council Meeting

February 13, 2026



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LONG BEACH

Staff Council

- Start Time: 8:32am
- Land Acknowledgement
- Mission Statement
- POLL FOR QUORUM: Quorum met
- Approval of December & January Minutes: approved
- Approval of the January Agenda: approved as amended

Special Reports

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

- Presented by Colleen on behalf of Stacey
 - Presidents Awards season—think about nominating a colleague!
 - Emp of Month- Penelope Gabor! Congrats!
 - Selected from Best of the Beach awardees through the year
 - Nominate your colleagues!
 - Upcoming Events=
 - TedBites “Secrets to Better Work”
 - Watch together at lunch time and discuss
 - Future Ready Training- how to analyze information from media, your life, etc.- and how to make plans e.g. Artificial Intelligence was a big topic of discussion
 - Highly recommend attending this! Be ready to lend your voice to the planning of the campus
 - Prof Dev Fund – don’t forget to apply for \$\$ to get training

Special Guests

- **Neil Hultgren, Academic Senate**
 - Passed GVAR end of January! A big achievement as it was a complex issue.
 - Working on Emeritus policy
 - New pres. Loren Blanchard visited us and shared vision for student success
 - Elections for AS-CSU for faculty reps
 - AS Retreat in Japanese Garden- Legacy Lecture “My Journey as an Engineer”
- **President Jones**
 - Commencement-will be back on campus this year; lots of planning going on and will be great. Three things I’m asking from you: patience, flexibility, and volunteer! Joyous event, so please be part of it!
 - Hot topics on the Pres Desk: campus construction, traffic, food options, safety, internet threats, national political issues, strike coming up next week, monitoring the budget: advocacy work @Hill Day in Wash. DC
- **Alina Mircea-Trotz, AVP for Planned Giving @URD**
 - Estate Planning is for everyone!
 - Not just for the wealthy or the young
 - Plans may change, so you may need to modify it over the years

- BeachLegacy.org – resources for making a gift to the university, but also some information about planning your estate
 - See “Your Planning Library” on the website menu e.g Protect Your Family’s Future, Difficult Situations
 - [Giving Docs](#): free app for planning your own estate, step-by-step instructions and free webinars. Legally binding tools; online forms you can fill out. Once you create an account on this platform, you will have access to it for life.
 - Workshop on Giving Docs platform coming up in March!
- Power of Attorney: only goes into effect the moment you are incapacitated
- Advance Health Care Directive: spells out your wishes for care and spares your family from difficult decisions
- Avoid expensive Probate costs by having a trust for your family!

Treasurer’s Report, Bethany Price

- \$2365 balance
- See’s February Yum-Raiser = \$116

Committee Reports

- Special Events-
 - Recap on “Love Notes and Linguini” staff mixer last night; pasta dinner and theater performance. Grad student guest spoke about the Theater program and highlights of shows that are coming for the semester.
 - Spring Break Staff Day, Wed April 1- Save the date! Location & details TBD
- Staff Dev
 - Upcoming March Staff Council meeting special guest Theresa Gregor, Dir of American Indian Studies; presentation on Puvugna and PowWow that occurs on March 14, 15
- Ways and Means
 - [See’s candy fundraiser](#) still open through March 20
- Nominating
 - [Staff Council Outstanding Staff Award](#) – nominations now open!
Purpose is to acknowledge the hard work of staff on campus to support the community—all staff in all areas, including auxiliary staff members
 - SC has been reviewing the process over the last couple of years and discussing how to improve it/ make it easier for staff to nominate someone
 - New Form!! Less paperwork/bureaucracy: fill out form and describe in 500 words the contributions to a good work environment. You can nominate anonymously!
 - Awardee will be recognized at the big event at the end of the semester in June

Open Announcements

- [ARC Conference](#), Mon-Thurs, May 27-29 (will extend over Friday too, unofficially)
- Grad Fair March 9-12 at Bookstore; share with your students to come and do one-stop shop for all things Grad e.g. caps and gowns, order custom sashes, get photos etc.
- Property Office's Athletics Pop-Up sale Feb 25 (see flyer attached).
- Statewide Staff Council Update: working on getting Staff Council on every campus in the CSU then having a staff member on the CSU Board of Trustees. CSULB SC is very active in supporting this initiative.
- Contact Berta Hanson if you are interested in volunteering for a Long Beach Women's Shelter Gala event, May 7th at Ovation
- Granada Beach Clean Up Event on Saturday! If not this time, then come to the next one! Contact Janine.Rodriguez@csulb.edu for more info or visit Instagram @_TrashyGurl
- [Center for Community Engagement](#) - [Volunteer Exchange](#) is open to staff
- [Chicano & Latino Studies invites](#) everyone to the Cafe Cultura Mexica New Year on Wednesday, March 11 from 5:00-7:00pm. Aztec dancers at Central Quad then event will begin at the Anatol Center.

Adjournment at 10:02am.

Submitted by: Laura Emery