

CSULB Staff Council Meeting

March 13, 2026



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

LONG BEACH

Staff Council

- Start Time: [8:31am]
- Land Acknowledgement
- Mission Statement
- Poll For Quorum: Met
- February Minutes: Approved
- March Agenda: Approved as amended: President Jones is unable to attend due to schedule conflict

Special Reports

Neil Hultgren, Academic Senate

- Completed the graduation writing assessment (GWAR) policy; will activate in Fall 2026 if approved
- Working on: Emeritus faculty policy, new curriculum proposals, Faculty Athletics Representative Policy (this rep collabs with Athletics to support student success)
- In conversation with ASi about faculty AI statements in syllabi
- Event: [AS Legacy Lecture](#), Thurs March 19, 2pm in Japanese Garden, Marwan Yousef (COE) is speaker followed by a reception; all are welcome please RSVP

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

- Loren Edwards- Employee of the Month
- L&D Spotlight of Month: Listening Skills
- March Events: Estate Planning Made Easy, Mental Health Ally Training (March 26)
- April Events: Future Ready Thinking, Accessible MS Word Docs, Templates for Accessible Content, Unwinding through Art, Cultural Taxation in Higher Ed, Experience Bliss @The Beach
- Equitable Leadership Certificate program—more sessions are coming if you are interested
- AI Workshops for staff co-hosted by CSULB and CSU—several sessions offered in March
- 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)

Special Guests

Theresa Gregor, Director of American Indian Studies [see details in PPT]

Prof Les Peters, Lecturer in American Indian Studies

- [Watch the Puvuu'nga video on website](#)
- Pleased to see that the meeting started with the land acknowledgement; this has been part of our campus practice for a long time; a recognition of the relationship of multiple tribal nations. Land and territorial acknowledgements reflect the "Three Rs": recognition, respect, and responsibility.
- American Indian Studies Program Principles: Place, Agency, Sovereignty, Language, Aesthetics
- History timeline: Native lands experienced 3 waves of invasion; prior to that, first people were here for millenniums; 1542 Spanish Invasion first one

- Coastal Creation Story: Chinigchinich emerges in Puvuu'nga- this is part of the reason it is a sacred place
- Puvuu'nga is an open space, you can visit but be respectful
- 23% of American Indian and Alaska Native people reside in LA County—the highest density in the U.S. LA is a big hub and many people came in the 50's as part of a federal relocation program; Indian Alley is a street where you can see a lot of art and culture- you can visit!
- California is most linguistically diverse region in the world (outside of Papua New Guinea); language reclamation is a priority
- New Documentary Film series: "People of the West" – launching soon! You can watch the trailer on YouTube now.
- **Les Peters, Lecturer:** Teaches a course in the Spring *AIS 410 American Indian Creative Cultural Practices: Intro to Pow Wow*. A collab with the School of Art. Class includes guest speakers of tribal members who experienced the relocation program and recount their journey. A reflection of history and impact of federal policies on communities
- Come to the event this weekend: [CSULB Pow Wow](#)
Pow Wow means "a celebration, a gathering" ; each region / community in the US has their own Pow Wow protocols. **The "Arena"** is the space where elders come and pray over the space; cannot cross it—you must go around it. **The Drum**—a sacred being; the heartbeat & the center of the pow wow and inner circle. **The Song**—how we communicate with the creator; tell stories; different types of songs—honor, family, gourd dance, intertribal, round/circle, owl/rabbit couple dance...and more! First Pow Wow at CSULB was in 1969 – this year is the 53rd year!

Treasurer's Report, Bethany Price

- \$2412 balance
- Spring Staff Day will be upcoming expenses
- See's Candy funds will be added after March 20 – still time to buy!

Committee Reports

- Special Events:
 - Staff Day – April 1, 11-1pm on the patio of the McIntosh Humanities Building

Open Announcements

- Grad Fair still going on today—send your students over to the Bookstore

Adjournment at [10:06].

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