

CSULB Staff Council Meeting

May 8, 2026

Guest Speakers

Neil Hultgren: Academic Senate

Passed the following issues this year:

- Selection and term of office for NCAA rep – bringing in line with NCAA standards
- [Emeritus faculty policy](#)
- CFA: Resolution passed for employees facing federal immigration policies
- Elections for upcoming year (Chair, VC, Sec): Neil Hultgren, Bryon Katz- elected
- MS in Bioengineering program

Stacey Shack: Staff Development

- Employee of the Month: Gabe Rodriguez, CED
- Best of the Beach: University Police for their safety videos
- L&D Spotlight: “Delegating with Confidence” theme
- Toolkits: on-demand resources on workplace competencies, e.g., Communication, team building, leadership, etc.
- Summer Events at SDC: Emergency Prep (earthquakes, stop the bleed), Future Ready – Foresight Fundamentals, Leadership Lessons from film “Hail Mary”, Equitable Leadership Certificate
- Summer Learning Challenge—take classes and enter the drawing for prizes! Coming soon.
- Across Campus & CSU: classes on tech essentials and more!
- HOST YOUR OWN! Submit a proposal to lead a session at the SDC

Sabrina Dean, ATS: Zoom AI Companion

Sabrina provided a brief overview of the Zoom AI Companion features: how to identify when it's active, access its interface, and ask questions. Instructional designers in ATS are available to help both faculty and staff with questions about academic technology tools.

- **Link to ATS Zoom AI Companion workshop recording:**
https://csulb.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/Zoom+AI+Companion_4-24-26/1_q1i5vss0
- **Link to upcoming live (virtual) workshop:**
<https://www.csulb.edu/academic-technology-services/events-and-workshops/zoom-ai-companion>

Ricki Burgener, URD: Commencement & Community Resources (DEALS!) for ALL

- Visited over 150 businesses personally and [collected a list](#) of discounts and deals= incentives for people attending commencement. Deals are offered to students, families, the CSULB community.
- Some deals are only good for commencement weekend, but Ricki is planning to revisit and see if local biz can extend discounts further for our campus community
- Many of the businesses are Alumni-owned!

Nominating Committee

New SC Members

- **Shelly Quijada**
Assistant Registrar, Transfer Credit Evaluation
Enrollment Services
- **Melissa Gunawardena**
Business Specialist, Fiscal Operations
University Library
- **Shireen El-Maissi**
Talent Acquisition and Engagement Specialist,
University Relations & Development

Returning SC Members

- **Ana Canela**
Dept. Coordinator,
Chicano/Latino Studies
- **Lee Lee Jackson**
Admin Support Assistant,
College of Engineering
- **Coleen Followell**
Senior Manager, OTP Operations
Office of the President

Nominations and Vote for SC Executive Team

- Chair: Colleen Ryan- elected
- Vice-Chair: Ann Kinsey-elected
- Secretary: Laura Emery-elected
- Treasurer: Bethany Price-elected
- Members at Large: Alessandro Russo and Kristin Bonetati – elected.

Open Announcements

Summer Staff Day!

Wednesday, July 22, 11-1pm. Location TBD (maybe by The OutPost?)

Food!

We're looking at tacos, but pizza may fit the budget better. We love pizza!

Resources!

Campus departments and local vendors are invited to table and share information about their services for staff. Request a table for your department! Email staff-council@csulb.edu .

Trivia! Prizes!

How well do you know your CSULB facts? Play the trivia game to win prizes!

Pot-A-Plant Activity!

Back by popular demand! We'll provide planting materials and small succulent cuttings for you to build your own creation.

Got ugly coffee mugs or other vessels cluttering your life? We also welcome any donations of plant cuttings or soil for the project. Just bring them along to the event or contact staff-council@csulb.edu to coordinate assistance.

CSU Academic Resources Conference, May 27-29

<https://www.csuarc.org/>

“Each year ARC unites Academic Professionals from across the 23 California State University (CSU) campuses by bringing together Admins, Analysts, Assistants, Coordinators, and Specialists from Humboldt to San Diego at a multi-day conference to attend a variety of diversified educational and skill building sessions while networking with CSU professionals and colleagues in similar positions.”

What's Your View of Artificial Intelligence at CSULB?

Staff voices are needed on this survey! Please complete it **by Sunday, May 10:**

AI Usage, Perception & Future Considerations

All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to participate to help inform future AI initiatives at CSULB. Whether or not you are currently using AI, we'd like to hear from you! The survey is anonymous unless you provide your email address.

Bots and Beyond: AI Awareness and Ethics

Self-paced course; open enrollment | [Details and Enrollment](#)

Get the skills you need to engage responsibly with generative artificial intelligence in academic and professional settings! Open to all CSULB students, faculty, and staff, this online course will help you understand what AI is, how to use tools effectively, and how to navigate the ethical questions they raise. Earn a digital badge!