

CSULB Staff Council Meeting

December 2025



Agenda

- Land Acknowledgment • Mission of Staff Council • Poll for Quorum- passed via Poll Everywhere attendance
- Approval of the November 2025 Minutes-approved • Approval of the amended December 2025 Agenda- approved

This was a hybrid meeting- with many attendees in person in the Anatol Center where holiday snacks were served- and many attending remotely as well. Overall, the meeting was technically challenged- with Chair Colleen Ryan acknowledging that despite some preparatory practice, things did not run smoothly. It was difficult to hear some of the online comments in the Anatol, and it was likewise impossible for online attendees to know what was happening in the room. However, the intention to have an in-person event, while honoring those who may be remote on Fridays was a good one- and there may be a repeat effort at our last meeting of the year in June.

Special Reports

- **Academic Senate Report- Neil Hultgren:**
The Senate is now on break until January and spring semester. The work continues on the revision of the GWAR policy.
- **Stacy Schack from Staff HR was unable to attend today's meeting. We will have additional updates at our January meeting.**

Guest Speaker-

- **President Jones was not available to attend the meeting.**
- **Bethany Price** led us in a series of desk / workstation friendly stretches and exercises, intended to increase wellness, decrease stress, improve posture, and relieve tension. The series included both sitting stretches and standing stretches with particular attention to breathing, mindfulness and recognizing signals from muscle groups and body systems. Bethany skillfully conducted the demonstration for the hybrid audience, so both in person and remote attendees could benefit. The feedback was very positive and there were multiple requests to have the session repeat in the future. Bethany cautioned that she is not a medical professional but is a Pilates instructor and with a long CSULB history, is aware of how desk work can be detrimental to muscular and skeletal health, particularly as we age. She offered her email Bethany.Price@csulb.edu to those that may have additional questions.

Trivia Game-

We played a trivia game, of 20 questions regarding CSULB- ranging in topic from architecture and campus art to famous grads, bands that have played on campus, and TV shows that filmed on campus. There were prizes for the winners- 4 winners in person, and 1 winner online- who represented the top 5 scores. The game was played via Kahoot.

Treasurer's Report

- Funds: NO202=\$3169.97 and MT153=\$101.64- we are trying to spend this down so we can only have 1 account to manage.
- Expenses: expenses coming up for Cherishing the Children event; will get some support from the campus as well.
- Sees candy earned \$198.30 profit. Colleen reiterated thanks to all those who participated or shared the sales information.
- Colleen shared that she has a request to the administration for a permanent budget line to support Staff Council activities in the future, to decrease the need to squeeze on fundraising and eliminate the ask for support on an event-by-event basis. She reiterated that the events that Staff Council produces, such as Spooktacular, Cherishing the Children, Spring and Summer Staff Days and staff mixer events could not happen without the generous support of the administration, particularly from Scott Apel, the VP of Admin and Finance and from the President's Office. We simply cannot fundraise enough to cover the costs, and the events have a benefit that is campus wide.

Committee Reports

Membership:

- Welcome new members! There will be a slide with new members at our January meeting.
- Please check the [membership roster on our website](#) and see where the gaps are—invite colleagues to join!

Nominating

- None

Special Events

- [Cherishing the Children](#): Kristin reported: Event was a huge success! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the toy drive, wrapping, setting up, tearing down, and staffing the event. We welcomed over 100 children and their caretakers, including many Beach parents from our WGEC and Isabel Patterson. Families enjoyed pizza donated generously by Dominoes, cookies from Sweet Jills, beverages donated by Beach Shops. Attendees enjoyed some crafts, table games, musical chairs, and attention from our many volunteers, including many student athletes. Santa and Mrs. Claus had a line for 1.5 hours straight, welcoming children, taking a photo, and giving gifts.

Staff Development

- Looking forward to spring events, including a tour of the WRC and an arts dinner / performance event. More information to come in January!

Open Announcements-

- **None**

Meeting was adjourned.