



## Academic Senate Meeting – Fall 2024

Thursday, August 29, 2024

Minutes

10:00 AM. – 11:30 AM

**Location:** Dezember Leadership and Development Center, Room 409-411

**Zoom Link:** <https://csub.zoom.us/j/84996177015?pwd=NTRyNlJDNk4xUVY3VmhCNkpieTRiUT09>

**Senate Members:** Chair M. Danforth, Vice-Chair D. Solano, Senator Hegde, Senator C. Lam, Senator N. Michieka, Senator T. Tsantsoulas, Senator M. Naser, Senator D. Wu, Senator S. Sarma, Senator L. Kirstein, Senator A. Stokes, Senator Z. Zenko, Senator S. Roberts, Senator K. Holloway (virtual), Senator H. He, Senator A. Grombly (alt. for F2024 J. Wang), Senator E. Correa, Senator J. Deal, Senator T. Salisbury, Senator J. Cornelison, Senator E. Pruitt, Interim Provost J. Rodriguez, Senator J. Dong and Senate Analyst K. Van Grinsven.

**Guests:** Interim President V. Harper, E. Adams (virtual), H. Niemeyer (virtual), T. Hickey (virtual), L. Vega (virtual), D. Fowler (virtual), L. Hernandez (virtual), S. Gamboa (virtual), B. Mendiola (virtual), J. Nmah (virtual), J. Paschal (virtual), S. Bozarth (virtual), Jahyun Kim (virtual), Y. Archuleta (virtual), A. Rodriguez (virtual), K. Watson (virtual), R. Dugan (virtual), D. Boschini (virtual), and C. Diniz.

### A. Call to Order

- i. Senate Chair Danforth called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM and read the Tejon Tribal Land Acknowledgement.

### B. Approval of Minutes

- i. May 9, 2024 – Session 1 and Session 2 (handouts)
  - a. Senator Hegde motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Senator Lam. Minutes approved.

## C. Announcements and Information

### i. Interim President's Report – V. Harper **(Time Certain: 10:10 AM)**.

#### a. Report:

1. Congratulated new Senate Chair Dr. Melissa Danforth on the first Senate meeting and welcomed all the new senators. He also thanked Past Immediate Senate Chair, Dr. Aaron Hegde, for his leadership.
2. Events and Initiatives:
  - a. University Day: He hopes that it was an inspirational event for the campus community demonstrating a change in direction, tone and energy for the campus.
    - i. Dr. Alice Hayes is currently leading a group to work with Teacher Education and other teacher-related programs to help improve student eligibility and attendance at CSUB.
    - ii. Celebration of Black Women at CSUB
  - b. Student Enrollment: CSUB has the highest enrollment over the last 3 years; over 10,000 students at head count.
  - c. Black Student Success: He is working with the Cabinet and Dr. Wallace, VP for Student Affairs to finalize the location and structure for the Black Student Success Center. The Black Student Welcome event is today, Thursday, August 29, at noon in the Student Union, MPR.
  - d. AI: Chris Diniz, from ITS, is working on an upcoming AI initiative. Survey to staff just went out and will be working with the Senate for faculty AI items.
  - e. More information to come regarding the transition from Schools to Colleges, as well as fundraising and budget.
  - f. Success of Athletic Program: Congratulated Bryan Bertugo, who is the 23rd athlete to enter the major leagues.
3. Discussion:
  - a. Concerns strongly expressed regarding the Office of Equity, Inclusion and Compliance and diversity initiatives.

- i. Some senators expressed concern that they did not know about the Black Student Welcome event and the lack of communication to the campus community about the event.
  - ii. Concerns voiced by several senators regarding the Office of Equity, Inclusion, and Compliance and the lack of review and continued issues.
  - iii. Senator Hegde suggested the Interim President prioritize the review of the office and include broad consultation in the process review and announce a timeline.
  - iv. Senator Pruitt discussed the issues experienced by ASI and students regarding the Office of Equity, Inclusion, and Compliance and the need for a campus wide center to house all the cultural centers.
  - v. Cozen O'Connor Report: Questions were raised regarding when the recommendations given in the report will be implemented. Interim President Harper responded that the CSU Chancellor's Office just received all the reports for the CSUs and will need to review and accept those reports and recommendations before they can be implemented.
  - vi. Interim President Harper: He will prioritize working with the Academic Senate and Chair Danforth on the structure and framework for the review of the Office of Equity, Inclusion, and Compliance.
- b. There is a new systemwide policy that does not allow for overnight events held on CSU campuses.
  - i. This new Time Place and Manner (TPM) policy is the main reason that the Tejon Indian tribe Pow Wow 2024 will be held at Bakersfield College and cannot be held at CSUB.
  - ii. Interim President Harper: The announcement of this new policy will be made to the campus in the coming weeks detailing the scope of this policy. There will be a possible

open forum to allow for campus discussion regarding the impact of this policy.

c. Grants:

- i. Various Senators requested information and status updates on different grants.
- ii. Interim President Harper: Suggested that the Academic Senate invite Dr. Sumaya to Senate and discuss the process.
- iii. Discussion continued regarding the need for a shared centralized location for an inventory of grants and the statuses to answer some of those questions and allow for more outreach to faculty from other areas to be consulted/involved.

ii. Elections and Appointment – D. Solano (handout- added)

- a. See attached handout for more details.
- b. A few new taskforces charge, and structure are being created and will be added to the appointments call log. Once the voting rosters are generated, the Senate will begin the calls for elected positions. The Senate will use the ITS housed faculty mailing list to send out the calls for interest, which should include all new faculty.

iii. Informational:

- a. Senate Orientation PPT (handout)
- b. Memo on SB 895 (Roth) and AB 2104 (Soria) (handout 1) (handout 2)
  1. Discussion:
    - a. Senator Dong: working together with the Community Colleges to address the nursing shortage problem. The CSUB Nursing Program has been working with BC and Taft College to get accreditation to address this shortage, however, one of the major challenges is the capacity and partnerships needed for clinical rotations.
    - b. Senator He: The bill does not address the shortage for clinical placement and faculties to teach in the program. These challenges

are what is limiting expansion. The bill will create more competition and challenges for the hiring of qualified faculty.

- c. Senator Lam: SB 895; the CSU Chancellor's Office, CSU and CFA are all united in opposing SB 895. Despite these opposition, the bill has passed Senate.

#### D. Approval of Agenda (**Time Certain: 10:05 AM**).

- i. Senator Zenko motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Senator Salisbury. Agenda approved, along with consent agenda item.

#### E. Reports

- i. Interim Provost's Report – J. Rodriguez
  - a. Report: Provost Rodriguez expressed appreciation to the Provost Council, Department Chairs, and faculty who have attended the CFA workshops on anti-racism and social justice and Anti-Bias trainings.
  - b. Provost Rodriguez also expressed appreciation to Dean Elizabeth Adams of Antelope Valley, who has also been appointed as Interim AVP for Academic Affairs.
  - c. Formation of Schools and Colleges
    - 1. He will encourage deans and colleges to begin thinking about this process while the Senate works on the development of criteria and policy for the formation of schools and new colleges.
    - 2. Census is September 23. Enrollment is up, as well as FTES. Enrollment updates will be provided in the coming weeks.
- ii. ASCSU Report – Senators Lam and Michieka (deferred)
- iii. Committee Reports:
  - a. ASI Report – Senator Pruitt
    - 1. Summer:
      - a. ASI passed their budget.
      - b. ASI Summer Retreat:
        - i. They visited different CSU campuses.
        - ii. Some topics discussed include budgetary cuts and how it relates to transportation and ADA compliance.

1. ASI met with Interim Chief Gonzales regarding the possibility of having shuttles available for large campus events to accommodate students with disabilities.
  2. Students with Disabilities: Senator Pruitt reminded the audience that there are invisible disabilities as well as visible disabilities. There have been recent submissions from students regarding faculty conduct in relation to disabilities.
- iii. ASI attended the Juneteenth Symposium and held a debrief.
1. They brainstormed ideas for addressing Anti-Blackness on campus.
- iv. There are a few ASI positions still open. Senator Pruitt encouraged the members to recommend students to apply if interested.
- v. Upcoming events:
1. Meeting with CSSA to talk about the CSU Systemwide policy regarding Time Place and Manner (TPM) and how it is affecting other CSU campuses.
  2. Welcome Back Rally
  3. Candlelight Vigil held Friday, August 30 at 5:30 PM in the Student Housing MPR for De'Andre Blockmon, a Criminal Justice major.
    - a. Interim President Harper and Senator Salisbury shared their grief for the loss of De'Andre and appreciated the Student Affairs team and student workers for their love, care and professionalism.
    - b. Dean Adams: The College of Social Sciences and Education and the Department of Criminal Justice are working with Academic Programs to award De'Andre with the Posthumous degree.
  4. ASI Board of Directors Meeting held Friday, August 30, from 3:00 -5:00 PM inside the ITV Studio C.
- vi. ASI visited Antelope Valley and will continue with Take Out Tuesdays.

- b. Executive Committee – Vice-Chair Solano (deferred)
- c. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) – Senator Deal (deferred)
- d. Academic Support and Student Services Committee (AS&SS) – Senator Tsantsoulas (deferred)
- e. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) – Senator Wu (deferred)
- f. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Senator Zenko (deferred)
- iv. Staff Report – Senator Cornelison

F. Resolutions (**Time Certain: 10:45 AM**)

- i. Consent Agenda
  - a. Standing Committee membership (handout). Approved with agenda.
- ii. New Business (No items- deferred)
- iii. Old Business (No items- deferred)

G. Open Forum (**Time Certain: 11:15 AM**)

- i. Senator Solano: She is an Activity Director for the *Puedes!* Grant. If anyone has questions about the grant, they can contact her, the grant funds several programs on campus.
- ii. Senator Charles Lam:
  - a. The Asian Faculty and Staff Network (AFSN) is looking for more volunteers and members.
  - b. There is an API Statewide Policy summit in Sacramento on September 18<sup>th</sup>. He will not be able to attend as it is the same day as the ASCSU Senator meeting. If anyone is interested in attending from CSUB, please let him know and he can share the details.
- iii. Chair Danforth: Vice-Chair Solano will chair the next Senate meeting, as Chair Danforth is not able to attend due to a meeting in Long Beach.
- iv. Senator Cornelison: Students are still being admitted, however, are facing housing holds. These holds can take up to two weeks to clear. The process needs to be expedited. Interim Provost Rodriguez will reach out to AVP Dwayne Cantrell to discuss this issue.

- v. Senator Salisbury: If there is a student that is a senior that needs to take an Ethnic Studies course, advisors can contact her directly.

H. Faculty Recognition (deferred)

I. Adjournment

- i. Chair Danforth: Proposed a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Senator Salisbury supported this motion; Senator Hegde seconded. Extension approved.
- ii. Chair Danforth adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.