



## Academic Senate: Summer Senate

### Minutes

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025

11:00 P.M. – 12:00 P.M.

**Location:** Dr. Mitchell Conference Room, Office of the President

**Members:** M. Danforth (Chair), D. Solano (Vice-Chair), J. Rodriguez (Interim Provost), A. Hegde (Immediate Past Chair; excused), C. Lam (ASCSU Senator), N. Michieka (ASCSU Senator), J. Deal (AAC 24-25), T. Tsantsoulas (AS&SS 24-25; AAC 25-26), D. Wu (BPC 24-25), Z. Zenko (FAC 24-25, 25-26), A. Grombly (BPC 25-26), L. Kirstein (AS&SS 25-26), and K. Van-Grinsven (Senate Analyst).

**Guest:** President Harper

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Vice-Chair Solano called the meeting to order.
- II. Announcements and Information
  - a. President Harper (**Time Certain: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**)
    - i. Concerns with IRPA:
      1. The Summer Senate shared concerns with IRPA and the data dashboards including lack of communication, reporting issues, data misalignment, etc. Confidential discussion ensued. President Harper responded that he is aware of many of the issues shared and IRPA is working to resolve these issues.
    - ii. National News and Impact on CSU:
      1. President Harper heard that the Trump administration may be canceling all higher education federal grants, which include Pell grants. See H.R.1. – 119<sup>th</sup> Congress (2025-2026). If this occurs, it is expected to be challenged in court. N. Michieka said that the ASCSU recommend that faculty whose grants are cancelled minimize comments on social media.
      2. There is also a lot of concern and heightened anxiety for undocumented students. Concern about possible civil unrest in fall due to national issues.
    - iii. Budget:
      1. CSUB is targeting a balanced budget for July 1. CSUB will be a little over, however, there are enough reserves to coverage the overage. CSUB is in “decent” shape budgetary wise.

2. The question was asked on if any new tenure/tenure-track faculty will be able to be hired in 2025-2026? President Harper answered no, not at this time. Would like to get to good shape so we can make more investments in faculty (i.e., faculty hires). The first dollars that are available will go to Academic Affairs.
3. Student enrollment is up 10%. CSUB is over target in declining budget situation, which poses many challenges.
- iv. Confidential discussion ensued regarding cabinet appointments. President Harper discussed the possibility of converting Dr. Watson from Interim CFO to CFO. EC stressed concerns about this happening again as recently several positions have been converted or elevated without a search. However, there seemed to be general support that Dr. Watson was doing a good job and would be a good CFO.

- III. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Agenda approved.
- IV. Approval Summer Senate Minutes (deferred)
  - a. May 21, 2025- Summer Senate Retreat
- V. Continued Discussion Items
  - a. 2024-2025 Senate Referral and Resolution Log (handout)
    - i. Informational only; no discussion.
  - b. Handbook and Bylaws Project; Summer Project- status update (deferred)
- VI. Open Forum (deferred)
- VII. Adjournment
  - a. Chair Danforth adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.