ACADEMIC SENATE
CSU BAKERSFIELD

EC Approved: September 22, 2026

Academic Senate: Executive Committee- Extra Mtg

Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2026
10 – 11:30 AM

Location: BDC 134- BPA Conference Room and virtual

Zoom Information:
Meeting ID: 864 9278 1895
Passcode: 016790

Members: M. Danforth (Chair), T. Tsantsoulas (Vice-Chair), D. Thien (Provost), C. Lam (ASCSU Senator), N. Michieka (ASCSU Senator), J. Deal (AAC Chair), L. Kirstein (AS&SS Chair), D. Wu (BPC Chair), Z. Zenko (FAC Chair), and K. Van-Grinsven (Senate Analyst).

Guest: Shaylyn Marks (virtual).

1. Call to Order
   a. Chair Danforth called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

2. Announcements and Information
   a. Strategic Plan – S. Marks (handouts) **(Time Certain: 10:10 AM)**
      i) Strategic Plan and Integrated Operations Council (IOC)
         (1) The Academic Senate Executive Committee (EC) welcomed Dr. Shaylyn Marks to discuss the Strategic Plan and the new Integrated Operations Council (IOC). Dr. Marks discussed the purpose and structure of the IOC, clarifying that it is not a decision-making body, but rather a data-driven group charged with identifying high-friction challenges on campus. The IOC will, where appropriate, propose solutions for consideration by existing decision-making entities.
         (2) EC members requested that documentation about the IOC, its makeup and purpose, be updated to clearly reflect its role as a council engaged in cross-divisional coordination and consultation rather than a decision-making body.
         (3) Per Dr. Mark's request for faculty representation on the IOC, EC decided to proceed with faculty appointments from each College, as this would be more expedient than an elections process at this time in the semester. EC members also raised the possibility of including at-

large positions to cover all unit 3 constituencies and a representative from the Academic Senate who would bring a focus on shared governance to the council. Communications will continue via email regarding details of the call for faculty representation.

b. Proposal to extend deadline to form Unit RTP Committees
    (1) EC discussed whether to extend the deadline for forming unit RTP committees by one week to account for the transition to new policy on committee formation. In consultation with Dr. Boschini, EC concluded that a case-by-case extension based on need should be permitted and communicated this recommendation back to Faculty Affairs. EC also identified a need to improve the communication process between faculty, chairs, Deans, and Faculty Affairs for post-tenure promotion requests; department chairs need to be more aware of which faculty in their unit are seeking promotion for each cycle.

c. Meeting Guests:
    i) EC – Fall 2026
        (1) September 8 – President Harper
            i. EC discussed possible discussion items for preparation for the meeting with President Harper, including budget, more information about the new AVP role and the search process as well as updates regarding the resolution the Senate submitted last semester.
        (2) September 22 – V. Morris, Interim VP for People and Culture
    ii) Senate- Fall 2026 (deferred)
        (1) September 10 – K. Grappendorf, GE Director
        (2) October 8 or 22 – D. Cantrell, VP for SASEM (after Census Day)
        (3) Unscheduled:
            i. Chief of Police (?)
            ii. I. Sumaya, AVP for GRaSP
            iii. K. Susa, FAR
            iv. R. Weller, FTLC
            v. E. Adams, AVP for AA and Dean of Academic Programs, WSCUC Logistics and Updates

3. <u>Approval of Agenda</u> **(Time Certain: 10:05 AM)**
    a. Z. Zenko motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by L. Kirstein. Agenda approved.

4. <u>Approval of Summer Senate Minutes</u> (deferred)
    a. May 20, 2026 – Summer Senate Retreat (handout)
    b. August 25, 2026 (handout)

5. <u>Continued Items</u> **(Time Certain: 10:30 AM)**
    a. Standing Committees
        i) Senate Log (handout)
            (1) EC reviewed returned resolutions and carry-over referrals from AY 2025/2026 for FAC. EC decided to prioritize 2025-2026 22 President's Cabinet Structure and Officers of the

University and 2025-2026 24 First-Year Seminar (CSUB 1029) Concerns. EC also discussed potential new referrals and reaffirmed the practice of prioritizing curriculum proposals.

(2) AAC – J. Deal
- i. Referrals, including carry-overs, are in progress and will be sent to subcommittees this afternoon by the Senate Office.

(3) AS&SS – L. Kirstein
- i. Referrals, including carry-overs, are in progress and will be sent to subcommittees this afternoon by the Senate Office.

(4) BPC – D. Wu
- i. The Time Blocks Task Force membership will be formatted similar to the scheduling task force that was discussed in DCLC. The Provost will work with BPC to review the task force membership list.
- ii. Referrals, including carry-overs, are in progress and will be sent to subcommittees this afternoon by the Senate Office.

(1) FAC – Z. Zenko
- i. Returned Resolutions 2025-2026:
  - (i) RES 252634 Establishing a Preferred Non-Contractual Academic Honorific Title "Senior Lecturer– *President returned.*
    1. Z. Zenko confirmed that this item can be tabled.
  - (ii) RES 252648 Teaching Modalities (AAC/ FAC) – *Senate returned*
    1. FAC and AAC will continue their work; a new referral will be generated and distributed to the subcommittees.
- ii. Carry-over Referrals 2025-2026:
  - (i) 2025-2026 22 President's Cabinet Structure and Officers of the University
    1. Z. Zenko agreed that this item needs to be continued with more information included in the new resolution regarding the new positions and work completed by the Handbook and Bylaws Summer Working Group.
  - (ii) 2025-2026 24 First-Year Seminar (CSUB 1029) Concerns (AAC/ FAC)
    1. Z. Zenko agreed that this item needs to be continued with additional context added. A new referral will be generated and distributed to the subcommittees.
  - (iii) 2025-2026 46 Request for Chair/Director of the Year Award (Tabled/HOLD)
    1. Z. Zenko requested to hold this item for more discussion later as there are other items of higher priority.

(2) Referrals for Consideration:
- i. Classroom Observation Expectations / Teaching Expectations and Rigor (Tabled)
  - (i) This item was identified by EC as a priority item and is interwoven with RES 252648 Teaching Modalities. More feedback from AAC, AS&SS and FAC is needed in order to draft a referral. Tabled.
- ii. Department Chair Elections and Appointments / Program Director Elections and Appointments (deferred)
- iii. Department Chair Reviews and Program Director reviews (deferred)

iv. Faculty Awards and Recognition Processes (deferred)
v. Faculty Mentorship and Professional Development (deferred)
vi. Authorship and Scholarly Ethics (deferred)
vii. Unit RTP Criteria Transparency (deferred)
viii. Lecturer Evaluation Process
    (i) Separating RTP and Periodic Evaluation: Referral in progress.

b. Provost Report (D. Thien) **(Time Certain: 10:50 AM)**
   i) MOUs draft language
      (1) EC reviewed and approved language proposed by Provost Thien.
   ii) Naming Opportunity (deferred)
   iii) Academic Administrator Reviews & Searches (deferred)
      (1) AARCs: The Senate Analyst will generate the rosters and confirm which positions will need the Provost's appointments.
      (2) Search and Screening:
         i. Associate Dean for AH
            (i) The Provost reported that the position description is in progress as last year was a suspended search. A new Search and Screening committee will need to be constituted. EC asked if a search firm was being hired; Provost responded no.
            (ii) CSUB AV leadership: The Provost confirmed that a call for expressions of interest for the Interim Executive Director of Antelope Valley is forthcoming.
         ii. Associate Dean for SSE (HOLD; faculty calls scheduled)
   iv) Additional Items:
      (1) Academic Continuity Planning:
         i. The Provost communicated a request for consultation from ITS regarding an Academic Continuity Plan for CSUB. This is in response to the Canvas hacking incident from the Spring semester. EC confirmed the necessity of this planning and will help support consultation with Senate and faculty as the process unfolds.
      (2) Registration Prioritization:
         i. EC discussed an issue raised by Academic Programs regarding registration prioritization for students who are pursuing a second baccalaureate degree. These students should not be prioritized ahead of New Students trying to register for classes, per CO policy. A plan is in place to temporarily fix this issue by aligning enrollment dates with the policy. EC will confirm that new academic calendars clearly reflect this change.

c. Calendar Committee – D. Wu
   i) Additional issues with calendar (handout) (Tabled)
      (1) Provost Thien reported that there was some continued discussion at the last CSU meeting regarding a systemwide calendar. EC tabled for future discussion.
   ii) Review membership, particularly the SASEM representatives (handout) (deferred)

d. CA Legislation – C. Lam (deferred)
   i) AB 2694 – Community College Baccalaureate Degree Programs
   ii) AB 2301 – Community Colleges Nursing Pilot Program
   iii) AB 2212 – Updates to Student Training for Harassment & Intimidation Training *(ASCSU watching)*
   iv) AB 2068 – CSU Campus President Hiring Process *(ASCSU watching)*

2. New Discussion Items **(Time Certain: 11:00 AM)**
   a. Elections and Appointments – T. Tsantsoulas (deferred)
      i) Faculty Rosters – in progress
      ii) Urgent/ Vacant Calls – in progress

   b. Curriculum: (AAC/BPC)
      (1) Bilingual/ Bicultural Education Concentration:
         i. Chair Danforth updated EC that this item is an advisory track in the catalog, not a subplan, and does not need to go through Senate.
      (2) Mathematics, BS, Data Science Concentration (HOLD; need info from NSME CC)
         i. Chair Danforth updated EC that the Mathematics department will need to redo the request and process as it is not ready for Senate.
      (3) Environmental Science (HOLD; need info from AVP Adams)
         i. Chair Danforth reported that we are waiting for additional information and clarification from the department and depending on their choices, this item may need to come back to Senate.

   c. Clarifying the implementation of online SOCIs (RES 252620) – FAC (handout)
      i) Z. Zenko reported that an error was found in the resolution and a resolution will be drafted.

   d. Handbook & Bylaws Summer Working Group (deferred)
      i) Updates to Handbook & Bylaws
      ii) New Referral Discussion Items (handout):
         (1) Potential inconsistencies with the CBA
         (2) Appendix D (graduate grievance procedure and definition for student ombuds)
         (3) Appendix E (refers to Banner)
         (4) Academic Integrity Violations Committee (see email from E. Callahan)
         (5) Subcommittee Membership
         (6) Committee List
         (7) Committee proliferation (how committees are formed/ disbanded) (also carry-over)
         (8) Officers of the University
         (9) Faculty Coordinator of Online Instruction
         (10) Four colleges to "all colleges"
         (11) Schools and School Directors

(12) Executive Director of AV campus
(13) Staff representative on Senate (also carry-over)

e. Carry Over from 2025-2026: (deferred)
   i) Academic Tuition/ Scholarship Waiver (handout)
   ii) Instructional Budget Model and Faculty Participation
   iii) Senate Release time
   iv) Faculty recruitment/ involvement for the Student Success Framework
f. Creation of a Service-Learning University-wide Committee – AAC (?) (handout) (deferred)
g. Academic Senate / CPR / Faculty Affairs "Summit" – FAC (handout) (deferred)
h. IACUC and HSIRB Updates (HOLD; more information needed) (deferred)

3. <u>Agenda Items for Senate</u> (deferred)

4. <u>Adjournment</u>
   a. Chair Danforth adjourned at 11:30 AM.