



## Academic Senate: Executive Committee

### Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

10 – 11:30 AM

**Location:** BDC 134- BPA Conference Room and virtual

**Zoom Information:**

Meeting ID: [826 4022 7199](#)

Passcode: 166430

**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:** President Harper

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Chair Danforth called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**2. Announcements and Information:**

- a. President Harper (**Time Certain: 10:10 AM**)
  - i. President Harper and EC discussed various items including budget, the progress of the Athletics Director Search, and the new MPP position, AVP for Strategy and Institutional Engagement, and the request for faculty representation on the search committee. Confidential discussion ensued.
- b. Future Meeting Guests: (deferred)
  - i. EC – Fall 2026
    - 1. September 22 – V. Morris, Interim VP for People and Culture
  - ii. Senate- Fall 2026
    - 1. September 10 – K. Grappendorf, GE Director
    - 2. October 8 – D. Cantrell, VP for SASEM
  - iii. Unscheduled:
    - 1. Chief of Police (?)
    - 2. I. Sumaya, AVP for GRaSP

3. K. Susa, FAR
4. R. Weller, FTLC
5. E. Adams, AVP for AA and Dean of Academic Programs, WSCUC Logistics and Updates

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

- a. Agenda amended to move the provost's report and discussion regarding Academic Administrator Reviews to immediately following the agenda approval to accommodate the President attending at 10:10 AM. Motion to approve the amended agenda made by J. Deal, with L. Kirstein second. Amended agenda, including Senate agenda, approved.

### **4. Approval of Minutes: (deferred)**

- a. May 20, 2026 – Summer Senate Retreat (handout)
- b. August 25, 2026 (handout)
- c. September 1, 2026 (deferred)

### **5. Continued Items**

- a. Standing Committees: Senate Log (handout) (deferred)
  - i. AAC – J. Deal
  - ii. AS&SS – L. Kirstein
  - iii. BPC – D. Wu
  - iv. FAC – Z. Zenko
1. Lecturer Evaluation Process (referral draft IP)
- b. Provost Report – D. Thien (**Time Certain: 10:08 AM, amended\***)
  - i. Naming Opportunity (deferred)
  - ii. Academic Administrator Reviews
    1. 2026-2027 AARC Rosters (handout)
      - a. One faculty member elected to serve on two of the review committees (D. Boschini and I. Sumaya) has been identified as taking sabbatical this year. EC discussed the service requirements for these review committees and determined that it would be most appropriate to send out a call for another faculty member to serve to stay in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
      - b. Provost Thien also brought to attention the duplicate composition of two of the AARCs. K. Van Grinsven, the Senate Analyst, will review the election log and update EC and the Provost as needed.
    2. 2027-2028 AARC List
      - a. Vice-Chair Tsantsoulas and K. Van Grinsven asked that the Provost and her office confirm the list that was provided of administrators due for review in 2027-2028 as the AH Dean was not on the list, but on the list

identifying 2028-2029 as due for review. K. Van Grinsven will follow up with L. Williams in the Office of the Provost.

- iii. Search & Screening Committees for Academic Administrators: HOLD
  - 1. SSE Associate Dean
  - 2. AH Associate Dean
  - 3. Executive Director for Antelope Valley
- c. Calendar Committee – D. Wu (deferred)
  - i. Additional issues with calendar (handout)
  - ii. Review membership, particularly the SASEM representatives (handout)
- 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)

## **6. New Discussion Items**

- a. Elections and Appointments – T. Tsantsoulas
  - i. Faculty Rosters – in progress
    - 1. K. Van Grinsven will be reaching out to HR today to request the reports as most of the late faculty hiring should be in the system.
  - ii. Urgent/ Vacant Calls for Fall 2026
    - 1. 2026-2027 AARCs (faculty on sabbatical)
      - a. See discussion under “Provost Report.”
- b. Curriculum: (AAC/BPC)
  - i. Environmental Science (HOLD)
- c. 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)
- d. 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
  - v. Referrals for Consideration for FAC:
    - 1. Classroom Observation Expectations / Teaching Expectations and Rigor
    - 2. Department Chair Elections and Appointments / Program Director Elections and Appointments
    - 3. Department Chair Reviews and Program Director reviews
    - 4. Faculty Awards and Recognition Processes
    - 5. Faculty Mentorship and Professional Development
    - 6. Authorship and Scholarly Ethics
    - 7. Unit RTP Criteria Transparency
    - 8. Creation of a Service-Learning University-wide Committee – AAC (?) (handout)
    - 9. Academic Senate / CPR / Faculty Affairs "Summit" – FAC (handout)
  - vi. IACUC and HSIRB Updates (HOLD)

**7. Agenda Items for Senate (Time Certain: 11:15 AM)**

- a. EC discussed and approved the Senate agenda for September 10.
- b. C. Lam and N. Michieka reported that the ASCSU Report for Senate can be deferred until the following Senate meeting.
- c. AAC, BPC and FAC chairs submitted reports to the Senate Analyst. The AS&SS chair communicated that the report for her committee would be emailed over shortly.
- d. The resolution addressing the handbook and bylaws summer working group project would be deferred until the September 24 meeting to allow for more review and oversight before being presented to the full Senate.

**Academic Senate Meeting – Fall 2026**

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Agenda

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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

**Zoom Information:**

[Zoom Meeting ID: 811 3080 8590](#)

Passcode: 674081

**Senate Members:** Chair M. Danforth, Vice-Chair T. Tsantsoulas, CSU Senator C. Lam, CSU Senator N. Michieka, AH Senator M. Palaiologou, AH Senator B. Moreno, BPA Senator D. Wu, BPA Senator S. Sarma, NSME Senator L. Kirstein, NSME Senator A. Stokes, SSE Senator Z. Zenko, SSE Senator S. Roberts, AV Senator K. Holloway, At-Large Senator H. He, At-Large Senator A. Grombly, At-Large Senator A. Hays, At-Large Senator A. Lauer, At-Large Senator J. Deal, At-Large Senator R. Dugan, Lecturer Electorate Representative – D. Horn, Senator C. Zúñiga-Prado – Staff Representative, Senator N. Kaur – ASI President, Senator D. Cours – Dean Representative, VP AA & Provost D. Thein and Senate Analyst K. Van Grinsven.

**Guests:** President Harper, K. Grappendorf, and T. Salisbury, CFA.

- I. Call to Order
  - a. [Tejon Tribal Land Acknowledgement](#)
  - b. [Robert's Rules of Order](#)
  - c. [Interruption Statement](#)
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. August 25, 2026 (handout)
- III. Announcements and Information
  - a. President's Report – V. Harper **(Time Certain: 10:10 AM)** (handout)
  - b. Report on Process for GEMs – K. Grappendorf, GE Director **(Time Certain: 10:20 AM)** (handout)
  - c. Elections and Appointments – T. Tsantsoulas (handout)
  - d. Upcoming Events/ Information:
    - i. October 19 - Fall 2026 Budget Open Forum
      1. 11 AM to 12 noon; Student Union MPR and virtual
- IV. Approval of Agenda **(Time Certain: 10:05 AM)**
- V. Reports
  - a. Provost's Report – D. Thien **(Time Certain: 10:30 AM)**
  - b. ASCSU Report – Senators Lam and Michieka (handout)
  - c. ASI Report – Senator Kaur (handout)
  - d. Staff Report – Senator C. Zúñiga-Prado (handout)
  - e. Committee Reports:
    - i. Executive Committee – Vice-Chair Tsantsoulas (handout)
      1. 2026-2027 Senate Log
    - ii. Standing Committees:
      1. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) – Senator Deal, Chair (handout)
      2. Academic Support and Student Services Committee (AS&SS) – Senator Kirstein, Chair (handout)

- 3. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) – Senator Wu, Chair (handout)
- 4. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Senator Zenko, Chair (handout)
- f. CFA Report – T. Salisbury, CFA Bakersfield

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

- a. Consent Agenda: No items.
- b. Old Business: No items.
- c. New Business:
  - i. RES 262702 – Transitioning to Online SOClS – FAC (handout)

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

VIII. Adjournment

**8. Adjournment**

- a. Chair Danforth adjourned after the conclusion the discussions with President Harper at 11:34 AM.