ACADEMIC SENATE
CSU BAKERSFIELD

EC Approved: October 20, 2026

Academic Senate: Executive Committee

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
10 – 11:30 AM

Agenda

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).

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Announcements and Information**
   a. Naming Opportunity **(Time Certain: 10:10 AM)**
   b. Wang Award
   c. Discussion Item from President Harper
   d. Debrief of Fall Budget Forum
   e. Commendation for K. Flachmann*added.
   f. Intercollegiate Operations Council (IOC)* added.
   g. Question from ITS*added.
   h. Future Meeting Guests:
      i. Senate– Fall 2026:
         1. October 22 – K. Susa FAR and R. Weller, FTLC
         2. November 5 – I. Sumaya, AVP for GRaSP
      ii. EC – Fall 2026:
         1. November 3 – E. Adams, AVP for AA and Dean of Academic Programs, WASUC Updates
         2. Chief of Police (?)

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

4. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. September 22, 2026 (handout)
   b. September 29, 2026 (handout)

c. October 6, 2026 (handout)

5. <u>Continued Items</u>

a. Standing Committees: Senate Log (handout)
   i. AAC – J. Deal
   ii. AS&SS – L. Kirstein
   iii. BPC – D. Wu
   iv. FAC – Z. Zenko
b. Provost Report – D. Thien **(Time Certain: 10:50 AM)**
   i. Academic Administrator Reviews
      1. 2026-2027 AARC Rosters (handout)
   ii. Search & Screening Committees for Academic Administrators:
      1. Executive Director for Antelope Valley
      2. SSE Associate Dean
      3. AH Associate Dean
c. Calendar Committee – D. Wu
   i. Additional issues with calendar
d. Handbook & Bylaws Summer Working Group **(Time Certain: 11:00 AM)**
   i. RES 262707 – Updates to Handbook; Draft for 1st reading (handout)
   ii. Continued items:
      1. Staff representative on Senate
         a. Review memorandum to be sent from Senate to the Staff Senator (handout)
      2. Committee lists and proliferation.

6. <u>New Discussion Items</u> (Time Certain: 10:30 AM)

a. Elections and Appointments – T. Tsantsoulas
   i. Search and Screening Committee – Executive Director for Antelope Valley
   ii. Appointments: Exceptional Service Awards Committee
b. Curriculum: (AAC/BPC)
   i. Environmental Science (HOLD)
   ii. Mathematics Concentration Re-naming (HOLD)
c. Carry Over from 2025-2026:
   i. Academic Tuition/ Scholarship Waiver
      1. Develop task force membership list so call can be issued.
   ii. Instructional Budget Model and Faculty Participation
   iii. Senate Release time
   iv. Faculty recruitment/ involvement for the Student Success Framework
   v. Creation of a Service-Learning University-wide Committee – AAC (?)
   vi. Referrals for Consideration for FAC:

1. Department Chair Elections and Appointments / Program Director Elections and Appointments
2. Department Chair Reviews and Program Director reviews
3. Faculty Awards and Recognition Processes
4. Faculty Mentorship and Professional Development
5. Authorship and Scholarly Ethics
6. Academic Senate / CPR / Faculty Affairs "Summit" – FAC

d. Develop membership list for a Task Force for College Creation Criteria
e. Concerns about the Instructor-initiated drop policy
f. Data provided by IRPA

7. <u>Agenda Items for Senate</u> (Time Certain: 11:15 AM)

Academic Senate Meeting – Fall 2026

Thursday, October 22, 2026

10 AM – 11:30 AM

Agenda

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 (excused), 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 (virtual), AV Senator K. Holloway (virtual), 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 (alt. J. Nmah), Lecturer Electorate Representative – D. Horn (virtual), Senator C. Zúñiga-Prado – Staff Representative, Senator N. Kaur – ASI President (alt. N. Ifemeji, ASI EVP) , Senator D. Cours – Dean Representative, VP AA & Provost D. Thein (excused) and Senate Analyst K. Van Grinsven.

Guests: K. Susa, FAR and R. Weller, FTLC.

I. Call to Order
   a. Tejon Tribal Land Acknowledgement
   b. Robert's Rules of Order
   c. Interruption Statement

II. Approval of Minutes
   a. October 6, 2026 (handout)

III. Announcements and Information
   a. President's Report – V. Harper (deferred)
   b. Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) – K. Susa **(Time Certain: 10:20 AM**)
   c. Faculty Teaching and Learning Center (FTLC) – R. Weller **(Time Certain: 10:30 AM)**
   d. Elections and Appointments – T. Tsantsoulas (handout)
   e. Upcoming Events/ Information (deferred)

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

V. Reports
   a. Provost's Report – D. Thien (deferred)
   b. ASCSU Report – Senators Lam and Michieka (deferred)
   c. ASI Report – N. Ifemeje, ASI EVP
   d. Staff Report – Senator C. Zúñiga-Prado
   e. Committee Reports:
      i. Executive Committee – Vice-Chair Tsantsoulas (handout)
      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 – Senator Horn, CFA Bakersfield (handout)

VI. Resolutions **(Time Certain: 10:50 AM)**
   a. Consent Agenda: No items.
   b. Old Business:
      i. RES 262705 – Distributed Learning Committee – FAC (handout)
      ii. ~~RES 262706 – President's Cabinet and Academic Leadership~~ (*not ready)
   c. New Business:
      i. RES 262709 – Academic Integrity – AS&SS (handout)
      ii. RES 262707 – Updates to University Handbook – EC (handout)
      iii. RES 262708 – Teaching Modality – AAC (handout)

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

VIII. Adjournment

8. <u>Adjournment</u>

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 16, 2026

TO: Melissa Danforth, Chair of the Academic Senate

FROM: Dr. Gitika Commuri, Dr. Elaine Correa, Dr. Aaron Hegde, Dr. Ji Li, Dr. Sean Wempe

CC: Katherine Van Grinsven, Academic Senate Analyst

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the Wang Family Excellence Award Fall 2026

The Faculty Honors and Awards Committee met on October 16, 2026, to make recommendations for the 2026 Wang award. The committee will not be forwarding any names for the award.

Regards,

Dr. Gitika Commuri, Chair FHAC

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2026-2027 Academic Senate: Referral and Resolution Log

Last Updated: 10/19/2026

Date	Referral	Status	Committee/s Charged	Action	Resolution	Handbook/Bylaws Change	Approved by Senate	Sent to President	Approved by President
9/1/2026	--	--	AS&SS	2025-2026 23 PERC Timing Concerns; no referral needed. AAC and AS&SS to work on drafting a memo.	--	--	--	--	-
8/27/2026	--	Complete	EC	That the Fall 2026 SOCI period begins on November 16 instead of November 23; That the Spring 2027 March 31 holiday be renamed to "Farmworkers Day"; and be it further, That two typos be corrected: ordering of Spring Break and the March 31 holiday and date for Summer Orientation.	**RES 262701** Changes to 2026-2027 Academic Calendar	--	8/27/2026	9/23/2026	
9/1/2026	2026-2027 02 Clarification of Implementation Timeline for Online SOCI	Complete	FAC	Review RES 252620 "Transitioning to Online SOCIs," particularly the disconnect between the 2-year implementation period and references to the 2029/2030 Academic Year.	**RES 262702** Accelerating the Transition to Fully Online SOCIs (Amendment to RES 252620)	--	9/24/2026	10/5/2026	
9/1/2026	2026-2027 05 Policy on Use of Informational Banner Space in Canvas	Complete	AS&SS	Continue discussion on RES 252627 and referral 2025-2026 21 Policy on Use of Informational Banner Space in Canva; Executive Committee asks AS&SS to consider further consultation with ITS and Academic Programs regarding which body is the most appropriate office to approve requests.	**RES 262703** Policy on Global Announcements on the Canvas Dashboard	--	9/24/2026	10/5/2026	
9/23/2026	--	Complete	EC	Bylaws revisions as result of the Handbook & Bylaws 2026 Summer Project	**RES 262704** Updates to Bylaws;	Bylaws	10/8/2026	10/16/2026	
10/7/2026	--	**RES 262707; Draft IP**	EC	University Handbook revisions as result of the Handbook & Bylaws 2026 Summer Project	**RES 262707;** 1st reading tentatively scheduled for 10/22/2026	Handbook			
9/1/2026	2026-2027 03 Teaching Modalities	**RES 262705;** 1st reading (10/8/2026) **RES 262708;** 1st reading (10/22/2026)	AAC/ FAC	Continue their discussions on RES 252648 "Teaching Modality – Handbook Change" and referrals 2025-2026 19 "Teaching Modality," and 2025-2026 42 "DLC Membership and Description."	**RES 262705** Distributed Learning Committee **RES 262708** Teaching Modality	Handbook	1st Reading 10/08/2026 1st Reading 10/22/2026		
9/1/2026	2026-2027 06 President's Cabinet Structure and Officers of the University- Handbook Change	**RES 262706;** 1st reading (10/8/2026)	FAC	Continue their discussions on referral 2025-2026 22 "President's Cabinet Structure and Officers of the University- Handbook Change." *Revised to include Executive Director of AV; sent 9/30/2026*	**RES 262706** President's Cabinet and Academic Leadership	Handbook	1st Reading 10/08/2026		
9/1/2026	2026-2027 01 First-Year Seminar (CSUB 1029) Concerns	Sent to committee/s	AAC/ FAC	Continue discussions on carry-over referral 2025-2026 24 First-Year Seminar (CSUB 1029) Concerns and investigate concerns related to the curricular content and oversight of CSUB 1029 and the assignment of instructors.		Handbook (?)			
9/1/2026	2026-2027 04 Proposal for New Master of Science in Applied Analytics	Sent to committee/s	AAC/ BPC	Continue their review and discussions regarding referral 2025-2026 47 Proposal for New Master of Science in Applied Analytics.		--			
9/15/2026	2026-2027 07 Periodic Evaluation of Faculty	Sent to committee/s	FAC	Discuss concerns that were raised about the overlap between the evaluation of tenured and tenured track faculty and the evaluation of lecturers during review of RES 252645 "Periodic Evaluation of Temporary Faculty – Handbook Change."		Handbook			
9/25/2026	2026-2027 08 Description of Student Ombuds	Sent to committee/s	FAC	Develop a description of the Student Ombuds position. During discussions, please consider: The original duties paragraph from Handbook Section 303.7 that RES 141519 removed; Where to place the Student Ombuds description in the Handbook; The request from the CSUB Advising Council to consult with the Dean of Students on the description.		Handbook			
9/30/2026	2026-2027 09 HSIRB and IACUC Updates	Sent to committee/s	FAC	Review the sections of the Handbook related to CSUB's Human Subjects Institutional Review Board (HSIRB) and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), as well as the section that contains the description for the AVP for GRaSP.		Handbook			
9/30/2026	2026-2027 10 Clarification of Classroom Observation Procedures	Sent to committee/s	FAC	Handbook section 305.4.2.7 "Classroom Observation." During your discussions, please consider: Whether clearer guidance is needed for unit observation procedures, preference for type of classes observed and distinctions; Whether observation practices are being applied consistently and equitably; Workload implications; Alignment with the CBA.		Handbook			
9/30/2026	2026-2027 11Review of Handbook Appendix I	Sent to committee/s	AAC	Review of Handbook Appendix E; Consider that this appendix has not been updated for at least two decades since it still references "Banner"; overlaps with the Academic Catalog ; which portions should remain in the Handbook.		Handbook			
9/30/2026	2026-2027 12 Academic Integrity Violations Committee Updates	Sent to committee/s	AS&SS	Review Handbook section 203.4 "Integrity of Scholarship and Grades," and align it with the previously approved resolutions: RES 212233 "New Undergraduate Academic Integrity Policy" and RES 232422 "Graduate Academic Integrity Policy."		Handbook			
9/30/2026	2026-2027 13 Teaching Expectations and Rigor	Sent to committee/s	FAC	Teaching Expectations and Rigor: During your discussions, please consider: Whether guidance is needed on teaching expectations, quality and rigor; Differences in teaching norms across units; Whether a resolution, Statement of the Senate, or memorandum is most appropriate.		--			
9/30/2026	2026-2027 14 Adding School Director Procedures to the Handbook	Sent to committee/s	FAC	Update the Handbook with respect to School Directors; add search and screening and review procedures; Adding a descriptive paragraph about School Directors to section 104.2.4; If schools will be allowed to put curriculum proposals forward; If School Directors should be involved in the RTP/PTR/PEF process; If School Directors should be part of the student grievance process (Appendix D).		Handbook			
9/30/2026	2026-2027 15 SOCI Administration for Low-enrolled Sections	Sent to committee/s	AAC/FAC	Discuss exclusion of courses with six or fewer students from SOCI administration (Handbook section 305.4.4). Consider: Alignment with CBA Article 15.15; How other campuses handle low enrolled courses in their equivalent to the SOCI process; How CSUB handles combination sections; Whether six is an appropriate low-enrolled threshold.		Handbook			

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Academic Administrator Review Committees (AARC)

Contact the Office of the Provost and VP for Academic Affairs for more information.

Reference: csub.edu/provost/evaluation-academic-administrators.shtml

Academic Review Committee (AARC) – Lori Paris, Associate Dean, College of Business and Public Administration			
Membership Qualifications:		Name	Department
Three (3) Tenured BPA Faculty Members	1	JT Chen	Management/ Marketing
	2	Jing Wang	Accounting/ Finance
	3	Richard Gearhart	Economics
Provost VPAA selects a college Associate Dean		Karlo Lopez *(Confirmed)*	NSME Deans Office
Provost VPAA selects fifth member		Belen Mendiola *(Confirmed)*	BPA Advising Center

Academic Review Committee (AARC) – Debbie Boschini, AVP for Faculty Affairs			
Membership Qualifications:		Name	Department
One (1) AH Tenured Faculty Member	1	Douglas Dodd	History
One (1) BPA Tenured Faculty Member	2	Aaron Hegde	Economics
One (1) NSME Tenured Faculty Member	3	Yize Li	Physics and Engineering
One (1) SSE Tenured Faculty Member	4	Elaine Correa	HD-CAFS
One (1) At-Large Tenured Faculty Member		Zachary Zenko	Kinesiology
Provost VPAA selects member of the Provost's Council		Debi Cours *(Confirmed)*	BPA Deans Office
Provost VPAA selects sixth member		Julie Kang *(Confirmed)*	Faculty Affairs Office

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Academic Review Committee (AARC) - Isabel Sumaya - AVP for Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs (GRaSP)			
Membership Qualifications:		Name	Department
One (1) AH Tenured Faculty Member	1	Nate Olson	Philosophy and Religious Studies
One (1) BPA Tenured Faculty Member	2	Jing Wang	Accounting/ Finance
One (1) NSME Tenured Faculty Member	3	Yize Li	Physics and Engineering
One (1) SSE Tenured Faculty Member	4	Elaine Correa	HD-CAFS
One (1) At-Large Tenured Faculty Member		Joseph Florez	Philosophy and Religious Studies
Provost VPAA selects member of the Provost's Council		Sandra Bozarth *(Confirmed)*	University Libraries
Provost VPAA selects sixth member		Manuel Barerra *(Confirmed)*	GRaSP

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Academic Administrator Search & Screening Committees

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Academic Search & Screening Committees – Associate Dean, College of Social Sciences and Education			
Membership Qualifications:		Name	Department
Three (3) Tenured SSE Faculty Members	1	Jeff Moffit	Kinesiology
	2	Jong Choi	Social Work
	3	Michael Szolowicz	Advanced Educational Studies
Provost VPAA selects a college Associate Dean		Joel Haney	Interim Associate Dean, AH
Provost VPAA selects fifth member		Gillermina Martinez	Credential Analyst, SSE

Academic Search & Screening Committees – Associate Dean, College of Arts and Humanities			
Membership Qualifications:		Name	Department
Three (3) Tenured AH Faculty Members	1	Bill Kelley, Jr.	Art and Art History
	2	Md Naser	Communications
	3	Lena Taub	Modern Languages and Literature
Provost VPAA selects a college Associate Dean		Lori Paris	Associate Dean, BPA
Provost VPAA selects fifth member		Andrea Weikel	Budget Analyst, AH

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Katherine Van Grinsven

From: Katherine Van Grinsven
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 10:57 AM
To: Deborah Thien
Cc: Tiffany Tsantsoulas; Melissa Danforth; Leslie Williams
Subject: Executive Director for Antelope Valley - Search and Screening Committee

Good morning, Provost Thien,

Here is the language we found in the handbook that EC discussed this morning regarding the Executive Director for Antelope Valley:

309.5.2. Composition of Search and Screening Committees for individual College, Library, or Antelope Valley Campus Dean positions

The appointing officer shall ensure that the selection of the Search and Screening Committee includes:

A. Four full-time tenured faculty members drawn from and elected by the affected constituency
B. One academic administrator appointed by the appointing officer, in consultation the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
C. One student selected by the Executive Committee of Associated Students, Inc.
D. One staff member jointly selected by the appointing officer and the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
    1. This staff member must have an appointment within academic affairs an area related to the administrator position
E. Additional members may be added, when appropriate, by the Appointing Officer the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate while maintaining the majority membership. The appointment(s) shall be made to ensure representation of the college, library, or Antelope Valley campus.
F. The chair of the search committee shall be a tenured faculty member.
    1. The search committee shall elect its chair.

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EC Memo to Staff Senator – DRAFT

The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate recommends that the Staff Senator consult with and work on behalf of the staff constituency to assess the current procedure for electing a Staff Senator. Appendix C of the University Handbook, Article 1, Section 1.I, provides that the Academic Senate shall include "a staff member elected by Staff Forum."

We advise that this assessment determines whether the current election procedure is adequate or whether it should be revised. In particular, the review may consider whether the procedure is fair, transparent, and sufficiently representative of the staff constituency, including whether it provides all eligible staff members with a meaningful and equitable opportunity to participate and vote. The assessment may also include recommendations for Senate concerning any necessary changes to the governing policy and related procedures.

The Executive Committee recommends that the assessment be completed early in the Spring 2027 semester to allow time for policy and procedure changes, if necessary. Committee members are available to collaborate and provide assistance, if needed, as the Staff Senator conducts this assessment.