



## Academic Senate: Executive Committee

Minutes – Extra Mtg  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026  
10:00 A.M. – 11:30 AM

**Location:** BPA Conference Room 134 and virtual.

**Zoom Link:**

<https://csub.zoom.us/j/86147838994?pwd=bkRayAQglGFuClZJPDbcSag0MW5vU7.1&from=addon>

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

1. Call to Order

- A. Due to the evacuation drill, the meeting was pushed to 10:30 am. Chair Danforth called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

2. Announcements and Information (deferred)

- A. Spring 2026 Guests
  - i. Senate Guests
    - a. April 30 – Spring Reports
      - i. FTLC, GECCo, UPRC, URC (if needed)
    - b. May 7 – Senate Organizational Meeting
      - i. Faculty Award recommendations from FHAC
    - c. Early Fall 2026
      - i. GRaSP, FAR (oral reports/presentations)
    - d. Unscheduled:
      - i. Committee on Professional Responsibility (CPR)
      - ii. WSCUC Logistics – E. Adams (*provide updates to Senate*)

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

- A. Z. Zenko motioned to approve the agenda; majority in favor. Agenda approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. March 24, 2026 (deferred)

5. Continued Items (**Time Certain: 10:40 am**)

- A. AS Referral Log (Refer to BOX folder; see *list for Senate 4/16/2026*)
  - i. AAC (T. Tsantsoulas)
    - a. RES 252638 – New Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. A. Grombly confirmed that BPC is still reviewing.
    - b. RES 252642 – Post-Enrollment Requirement Checking (PERC) Timing Alignment for Prerequisite Verification and Enrollment Stability. T. Tsantsoulas and L. Kirstein confirmed that AAC and A&SS are still reviewing.
    - c. RES 252622 – Academic Advising Structure Is an Academic Endeavor. AAC and AS&SS agreed that both committees wish to table this resolution.
    - d. T. Tsantsoulas said that they would be updating the titles for “RES 252639 – Program Name Change from a Bachelor of Arts in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (CAFS) to a Bachelor of Arts in Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS)” and “RES 252640 – Department Name Change from Human Development and Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (HD-CAFS) to Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS)” for AAC and BPC. They are still ready for first reading.
  - ii. AS&SS (L. Kirstein)
    - a. See above.
    - b. RES 252627 – Policy on Use of Informational Banner Space in Canvas. Continue to hold. AS&SS still discussing.
  - iii. BPC (A. Grombly)
    - a. See above.
  - iv. FAC (Z. Zenko)
    - a. RES 252632 - Required Unit RTP Criteria Elements and Guidance on Unit RTP Criteria Revision – Handbook Changes: Intent to Seek Review was filed by FAC after passage so the wording could be clarified to match the original intent, specifically that all faculty would receive seven years under their unit RTP criteria.
    - b. FAC will write a revised version of RES 252632, and it can be added to the Senate agenda for second reading.
- B. Provost Report (D. Thien) (deferred)
  - i. Updates/ Status:
    - a. Academic Administrator Searches
    - b. Academic Administrator Reviews
  - ii. Additional Items
- C. RES 252624 – Senate Bylaws Revisions- Sections III and V. Expressions of the Senate – EC (draft in progress)
  - i. EC approved the current draft to move forward for first reading at Senate.
- D. Calendar Committee – A. Grombly, BPC Chair (handout) (deferred)
- E. Planning for April Town Hall to discuss Instructional Budget Model (deferred)
  - i. Friday, April 24, 2026; 9 – 10:30 am; HUM 1109 and virtual
- F. Project Proposal: Handbook and Bylaws Summer Working Group – EC (handout)

- i. EC discussed the proposal for summer handbook update work and Chair Danforth will forward the proposal to the Provost for review.
  - G. Development of a Senate Recording Retention Policy for recordings that are intended to develop Minutes – EC (HOLD; draft in progress) (deferred)
  - H. ASCSU Lecturer Electorate Representative term (HOLD for Fall) (deferred)
  - I. Policies on approval of Course Coding Changes (CS Numbers) (HOLD; pending data) (deferred)
  - J. Faculty advising and CSUB Advising Council (HOLD) (deferred)
  - K. ASI Resolution: SB 104 ASI and Shared Governance (HOLD; pending ASI’s revisions) (deferred)
6. New Discussion Items (Time Certain: 11:00 am)
- A. Elections and Appointments- D. Solano
    - i. In Progress: At-Large Elected Positions
      - a. Vice Chair Solano gave a brief update on elections; calls for appointed positions and standing committee chairs will be issued soon.
    - ii. Develop formal procedures for appointments for the CSU Fong and Fetterly Award (HOLD; pending FHAC discussion)
    - iii. Research Misconduct Policy (handout)
      - a. AVP for GRaSP Dr. Sumaya provided tracked changes reflecting federally mandated updates to the research misconduct policy. As these are federally mandated changes, EC decided to put this on the consent agenda for the next Senate meeting. Chair Danforth will begin the draft resolution on behalf of EC.
  - B. New Program Proposal- Master of Science in Applied Analytics – AAC and BPC (handout)
    - i. EC received a late program proposal for an Extended Education M.S. in Applied Analytics and discussed whether there was time to review it this year. AAC may be able to begin discussion, but BPC does not have sufficient time to complete review this spring. Chair Danforth further indicated that the referral would not be ready for this week’s standing committee meetings. Given the timeline and committee workload, it is unlikely to move through Senate this year; any initial discussion this spring would mainly serve to leave notes for next year’s committees. The referral will be deferred to Fall 2026.
  - C. Faculty Legislative Liaison (handout)
    - i. EC discussed that the statewide chairs mailing list had a recent thread about faculty legislative liaisons in response to an ASCSU resolution encouraging campuses to create such positions. The Handbook has one line mentioning the Public Affairs Committee of the Senate, which has long been dormant. EC discussed whether to create a faculty legislative liaison or small committee to monitor state, federal, and local policy developments, coordinate with statewide bodies, and improve campus communication on issues affecting shared governance, academic freedom, accessibility, and budget matters. It was suggested that members would function primarily as information gatherers and communicators, rather than as a traditional standing committee that meets regularly. Members expressed concern about creating a new committee, especially since it seems like faculty are burned out. Senator Lam suggested a representative structure tied to standing committees, while others raised the possibility of appointed members or a small three-

person group. Members also expressed concern about the lack of faculty representation in campus advocacy.

- ii. After extensive discussion, EC decided to develop the idea further over the summer and revisit a possible liaison or small committee structure in the fall, rather than trying to implement it this spring.

#### D. State Legislation

- i. ASCSU Legislative Positions – C. Lam
- ii. EC discussed several state bills and Chair Danforth noted that members should review updated bill language before the next meeting.
- iii. [AB-2693](#) CSU Doctoral Programs
  - a. EC discussed that the bill would expand the CSU’s authority to offer doctoral programs. San Diego State University supports the bill, but the ASCSU does not. The bill was viewed as concerning because it aligns with broader efforts to revisit the state’s higher education master plan. EC noted (based on prior discussions) that this bill could have broader implications, including possible expansion of community college baccalaureate offerings.
- iv. [AB-2606](#) Oil and Gas Demonstration Zones:
  - a. This bill would create a state-supported research and demonstration program centered at CSUB using existing oil and gas infrastructure, including abandoned wells, for research and education, and was viewed as potentially beneficial to CSUB’s energy research role. C. Lam does not think any further action is needed at this time; however, it would be beneficial to review the revised language.
- v. [AB-2301](#) Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program
  - a. AB-2301 would create a pilot program allowing up to 10 California community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). EC previously opposed a similar bill and may consider doing so again.
- vi. [AB-1852](#) Kern Medical Education Authority
  - a. AB-1852 Kern Medical Education Authority would establish the Kern Medical Education Authority, enabling it to operate a medical education program (including granting MD degrees upon accreditation). The general view was that it did not require Senate action at this time.
- vii. [AB-2236](#) Postsecondary education: articulation agreements.
  - a. AB-2236 Postsecondary education: articulation agreements would require CCC, CSU, and UC to adopt a unified, systemwide articulation agreement based on common course numbering, replacing course-by-course articulation. C. Lam shared that the Math Council opposes this bill and the ASCSU will continue working with state legislators.

#### E. Staff Representative on Senate (handout) (deferred)

#### F. Chair/Director of the Year (handout)

- i. EC agreed to refer the idea of a Chair/Director of the Year recognition process to FAC, with the understanding that it may not reach full Senate this year but could be developed further for next year. Referral will be sent to FAC.

#### G. Academic Tuition/ Scholarship Waiver (handout) (deferred)

- H. Items from Advising Council (handout) (deferred)
  - I. \*NEW\* Commendations for Spring 2026
    - i. EC discussed possible commendations for Spring 2026 with one identified.
  - J. \*NEW\* Proposed Title 5 Changes
    - i. EC discussed the proposed Title 5 changes, which would remove campus residency requirements and establish three new 90-unit bachelor's degree pathways within the CSU. The proposal would limit degree structures to GE, major, and electives, effectively disallowing additional campus-specific requirements. EC members expressed concern that students would not be adequately prepared under a 90-unit degree structure. EC agreed to prepare a memo to the Board of Trustees, which can also be included in the Senate agenda packet, with Senator Grombly volunteering to start a draft.
  - K. Summer Retreat agenda and logistics (deferred)
    - i. Date selected after the incoming subcommittee chairs are elected at the Organizational Meeting on May 7
    - ii. Agenda Items: Carry-over business
7. Agenda Items for Senate (deferred)
8. Adjournment
- A. Chair Danforth adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.