



## Academic Senate: Executive Committee

### MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

10:00 – 11:30 AM

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

**Zoom:** <https://csub.zoom.us/j/88091986667?pwd=GOSakqXvulfaZihtNxTsAFBYwWqAJs.1>

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

**Guest:** A. Hedge, Faculty Ombudsperson.

#### 1. Call to Order

- A. Chair Danforth called the meeting to order at 10:06 am and informed EC of the social event with the President scheduled for May 14, with the possibility that the invitation will be extended to the full Senate. More details to come.

#### 2. Announcements and Information

##### A. Faculty Ombudsperson Report - A. Hegde (**Time Certain: 10:10 am**)

- i. A. Hegde met with EC to discuss his annual report as faculty ombudsperson. He noted that most concerns brought to him stemmed from interactions between chairs and faculty. Key themes included uncertainty regarding the scope and limits of chair authority, tension between chairs' administrative responsibilities and shared governance, power imbalances (including those involving untenured chairs or untenured faculty), breakdowns in communication and collegiality, and gender- and equity-related dynamics. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the issues raised by A. Hegde. Additional discussion will continue at Summer Senate.

##### B. Spring 2026 Guests

- i. Senate Guests
  - a. April 30 – Spring Reports (*written reports only*)
    - i. Received: FTL, GECCo, Faculty Ombud Report
    - ii. Pending: UPRC, URC, Calendar Committee
  - b. May 7 – Senate Organizational Meeting
    - i. Faculty Award recommendations from FHAC
    - ii. Remaining reports from April 30
  - 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. L. Kirstein motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by N. Michieka. Agenda approved.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

A. April 14, 2026 (handout)

- i. EC needs more time to review; minutes deferred.

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

A. AS Referral Log ([Excel Doc in BOX](#))

- i. AAC (T. Tsantsoulas) AAC has approved RES 252648, a joint resolution with FAC. FAC approved AAC's edits, however, there were some questions for the Provost. The resolution was placed on the Senate agenda as last item for second reading.
- ii. AS&SS (L. Kirstein) AS&SS has not received any feedback regarding RES 252629, so it can go for second reading as is. AS&SS has also approved RES 252628 for second reading with substantial changes made.
- iii. BPC (A. Grombly) (deferred)
  - a. Memo – Recommendation on Referral #04 Time Blocks (handout)
- iv. FAC (Z. Zenko) FAC has submitted resolutions for second reading as well as the attached memorandum regarding guidance on RTP processes, WPAF expectations, and evaluation practices, encouraging ongoing communication and the development of regular training opportunities for all participants in the RTP process. Specifically, FAC recommends that the Office of Faculty Affairs regularly develop and deliver training and guidance for those involved in these complex processes to ensure that expectations are clearly understood, that evaluation practices are applied consistently across units, and that the process remains both rigorous and fair.
  - a. Memo - Guidance on RTP Processes, WPAF Expectations, and Evaluation Practices (handout)

B. **Provost Report (D. Thien) (Time Certain: 10:50 am)**

- i. Instructional Budget Model Town Hall debrief
  - a. Attendance: about 50 people in attendance in-person and 50 attendees on zoom. It was noted that there were not many students in attendance. Provost Thien credited Natasha Hayes on the informative presentation.
  - b. N. Michieka shared that the Economics department had been asked to reduce its schedule by 6 WTU and noted additional concerns that reliance on a prior year's schedule could negatively affect course offerings in years following sabbaticals or other temporary changes. The Provost noted that the instructional budget model is intended to serve as a guide rather

than a fixed formula, and that unusual schedules should be contextualized through conversations among chairs and deans. Chair Danforth further noted concern that the campus may be committed to more programs than it has budget to support fully, and that better analysis is needed to determine whether all programs can be offered with a sufficient number of sections to meet student demand. Additional discussion addressed the need for stronger data analysis and scheduling tools, as well as concerns raised by Senator Zenko regarding student athletes and scheduling conflicts.

ii. Updates/ Status:

a. Academic Administrator Searches

- i. Provost Thien reaffirmed that the searches for AVP for Academic Affairs and Dean of Academic Programs, as well as the SSE Dean are in the process of concluding finalist visits and reviewing feedback and surveys.

b. Academic Administrator Reviews (deferred)

C. Proposed Title 5 Changes – EC (handout; [shared doc](#))

- i. EC briefly discussed the memo drafted by Senator Grombly regarding proposed Title V changes, including concerns about residency and systemness issues. Members agreed to review the draft further by email given the time constraints and the deadline for comments.

D. Development of a Senate Recording Retention Policy for recordings that are intended to develop Minutes – EC (handout; [shared doc](#)) (deferred)

E. Commendations for Spring 2026 (deferred)

F. Calendar Committee – A. Grombly, BPC Chair (handouts in BOX) (deferred)

G. Faculty Legislative Liaison (handout) (deferred)

H. Deferred to Fall 2026 (deferred)

- i. ASCSU Lecturer Electorate Representative term

I. Policies on approval of Course Coding Changes (CS Numbers) (HOLD; pending data from AA)

J. Faculty advising and CSUB Advising Council (HOLD; pending follow up w/ Provost and VP SASSEM)

K. ASI Resolution: SB 104 ASI and Shared Governance (HOLD; pending ASI's revisions)

6. New Discussion Items (Time Certain: 11:00 am)

A. Elections and Appointments- D. Solano

i. College Appointments:

- a. EC reviewed the college-appointed positions and made several straightforward appointments:

i. All-University Teacher Education Advisory Committee (TEAC):

- (i) Jonathan Troup, Mathematics – NSME  
(ii) Adelmira Ynostroza Ochoa, Teacher Education – SSE

ii. Auxiliary For Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA) Board:

- (i) EC agreed on recommendations to the Provost. Final appointments are made by the President.

iii. CSUB Advising Council

- (i) Jeff Moffit, Kinesiology – SSE

- (ii) EC will review the remaining statements for the AH and NSME college positions at the next meeting.
    - iv. Institutional Research and Planning Assessment (IRPA) Advisory Committee
      - (i) Charles MacQuarrie, English – AH
      - (ii) Aaron Hegde, Economics – BPA
    - v. Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) Committee:
      - (i) EC will review the statements at the next meeting.
  - b. EC also discussed possible principles for making appointments, including distribution of service workload and broader questions about service expectations by rank. The remaining appointments were deferred to a future meeting.
  - ii. Open: Calls for Interest for Standing Committees and Standing Committee Chairs
  - iii. Upcoming: At-large Appointed positions
  - iv. Develop formal procedures for appointments for the CSU Fong and Fetterly Award (HOLD; pending FHAC discussion)
- B. Academic Tuition/ Scholarship Waiver (handout) (deferred)
- C. State Legislation (deferred)
- i. ASCSU Legislative Positions – C. Lam
  - ii. [AB-2606](#) Oil and Gas Demonstration Zones
  - iii. [AB-2301](#) Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program
  - iv. [AB-2236](#) Postsecondary education: articulation agreements.
- D. Staff Representative on Senate (handouts in BOX) (deferred)
- E. Items from Advising Council (handout) (deferred)
- F. 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:
    - a. Carry-over business
    - b. FHAC policies and procedures
    - c. \*Addition\* Continuation of Faculty Ombuds Report discussion.

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

## Academic Senate Meeting – Spring 2026

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Agenda

10:00 – 11:30 AM

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

**Zoom Link:** <https://csub.zoom.us/j/84669370314?pwd=gmLoywwMxQR4k7G0hUhv25vs0N8xr8.1>

**Senate Members:** Chair M. Danforth, Vice-Chair D. Solano, CSU Senator C. Lam, CSU Senator N. Michieka, AH Senator T. Tsantsoulas, AH Senator M. Naser, BPA Senator D. Wu, BPA Senator S. Sarma, NSME Senator L. Kirstein, NSME Senator A. Stokes, SSE Senator Z. Zenko, SSE Senator S. Roberts (alt. for Spring 2026 K. Henderson), 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 T. Salisbury, At-Large Senator R. Dugan, Lecturer Electorate Senator D. Horn, Senator H. Gonzalez – Staff Representative, Senator E. Reed – ASI Executive Vice-President, VP AA & Provost D. Thien, Senator J. Dong – Dean Representative, and Senate Analyst K. Van Grinsven.

**Guest:** President Harper

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Tejon Tribal Land Acknowledgement
  - b. [Robert's Rules of Order](#)
  - c. [Interruption Statement](#)
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. April 16, 2026 (handout)
- III. Announcements and Information
  - a. President's Report – V. Harper (**Time Certain: 10:10 am**)
  - b. Elections and Appointments – D. Solano (handout)
  - c. Upcoming Events:
    - i. May 7 – Senate Meeting
      1. Session 1: Final Senate Meeting of 2025-2026
        - a. Time: 10 -11 am
      2. Session 2: 2026-2027 Senate Organizational Meeting
        - a. Time: 11 – 11:30 am
        - b. 2026-2027 Senators Only
        - c. Picture of 2026-2027 Senate taken outside (Time TBA)
    - ii. May 16 – Commencement, Dignity Health Arena
      1. [csub.edu/commencement](http://csub.edu/commencement)
      2. 8:30 am – AH, BPA, NSME and Criminal Justice
      3. 1:30 pm – SSE
  - d. Submitted Reports for 2025-2026 (written reports only):
    - i. Faculty Teaching & Learning Center Activities – R. Weller (handout)
    - ii. GECCo Report – E. Montoya (handout)
    - iii. Faculty Ombuds Report – A. Hegde (handout)
    - iv. URC Report – No recommendations; no report.
    - v. UPRC Report – (?) (*No response yet from Dr. Hur; deferred to May 7, 2026, Senate meeting*)

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

V. Reports

- a. ASI Report – Senator Reed
- b. Provost’s Report – D. Thien **(Time Certain: 10:25 AM)** (handout)
- c. ASCSU Report – Senators Lam and Michieka (deferred)
- d. Staff Report – Senator Gonzalez
- e. Committee Reports:
  - i. Executive Committee – Vice-Chair Solano (handout)
  - ii. Standing Committees:
    - 1. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) – Senator Tsantsoulas (handout)
    - 2. Academic Support and Student Services Committee (AS&SS) – Senator Kirstein (handout)
    - 3. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) – Senator Grombly (handout)
      - a. Memo – Recommendation on Referral #04 Time Blocks
    - 4. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Senator Zenko (handout)
      - a. Memo - Guidance on RTP Processes, WPAF Expectations, and Evaluation Practices
- f. CFA Report – T. Salisbury, CFA Bakersfield

VI. Resolutions **(Time Certain: 10:30 AM)**

- a. Consent Agenda
  - i. RES 252649 – Commencement, Spring 2026 – EC (handout)
- b. Old Business:
  - i. RES 252638 – New Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering – AAC, BPC (handout)
  - ii. 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) – AAC, BPC (handout)
  - iii. RES 252640 – Department Name Change from Human Development and Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (HD-CAFS) to Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) – AAC, BPC (handout)
  - iv. RES 252641 – Readmission Requirements Following Academic Disqualification - AAC, AS&SS (handout)
  - v. RES 252629 – Academic, Curricular, and Student Support Software Governance – AS&SS (handout)
  - vi. RES 252644 – Guidance on WPAF Contents and Timelines for Review – Handbook Change- FAC (handout)
  - vii. RES 252647 – Acting Appointments – Handbook Change – FAC (handout)
  - viii. RES 252624 – Expressions of the Senate- Bylaws Changes – EC (handout)

- ix. RES 252628 – Inventory of Automated Decision-Making Software for the Classroom – AS&SS (handout)
- x. RES 252648 – Teaching Modality – Handbook Changes – AAC, FAC (handout)
- c. New Business: **(Time Certain: 11:05 AM)**
  - i. RES 252643 – Policies & Procedures for Establishing New Schools – EC (handout)
  - ii. RES 252642 – Post-Enrollment Requirement Checking (PERC) Timing Alignment for Prerequisite Verification and Enrollment Stability – AAC, AS&SS (handout)

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

VIII. Adjournment

8. Adjournment

A. Chair Danforth adjourned the meeting at 11:31 am.