



Academic Senate Meeting – Fall 2026

Thursday, August 27, 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](#)

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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.

Guest: President Harper 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. May 7, 2026 (handout)
- III. Announcements and Information
 - a. President's Report – V. Harper (**Time Certain: 10:10 AM**) (handout)
 - b. Update on the Handbook and Bylaws Summer Project – M. Danforth
 - c. Elections and Appointments – T. Tsantsoulas (handout)
 - d. Information:
 - i. Senate Orientation PPT (handout)
 - ii. 2026-2027 Senate roster and alternates (handout)
 - iii. 2026-2027 Senate Meeting schedule (handout)

- IV. Approval of Agenda **(Time Certain: 10:05 AM)**
- V. Reports
 - a. Provost's Report – D. Thien **(Time Certain: 10:25 AM)** (handout)
 - b. ASCSU Report – Senators Lam and Michieka (deferred)
 - c. ASI Report – Senator Kaur (handout)
 - d. Staff Report – Senator C. Zúñiga-Prado
 - e. Committee Reports:
 - i. Summer Senate and Executive Committee – Vice-Chair Tsantsoulas (handout)
 - 1. Senate Resolution and Referral Log 2025-2026 (handout)
 - ii. Standing Committees: (deferred)
 - 1. Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) – Senator Deal, Chair
 - 2. Academic Support and Student Services Committee (AS&SS) – Senator Kirstein, Chair
 - 3. Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) – Senator Wu, Chair
 - 4. Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) – Senator Zenko, Chair
 - f. CFA Report – T. Salisbury, CFA Bakersfield
- VI. Resolutions **(Time Certain: 10:45 AM)**
 - a. Consent Agenda:
 - i. 2026-2027 Standing Committee Membership (handout)
 - ii. RES 262701 – Changes to 2026-2027 Academic Calendar – EC (handout)
 - b. Old Business:
 - i. No items.
 - c. New Business:
 - i. No items.
- VII. Open Forum **(Time Certain: 11:15 AM)**
- VIII. Adjournment



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Academic Senate 2026-2027

Position	Name	Department	Term
Chair*	Melissa Danforth	Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science	May 2026-2028
Vice Chair*	Tiffany Tsantsoulas	Philosophy and Religious Studies	May 2026-2028
CSU Senator*	Charles Lam	Mathematics	May 2026-2029
CSU Senator*	Nyakundi Michieka	Economics	May 2025-2028
AH Representative	Maria Palaiologou	Philosophy and Religious Studies	May 2025-2027
AH Representative	Bianca Moreno	Communications	May 2026-2028
BPA Representative	Di Wu	Finance/Accounting	May 2026-2028
BPA Representative	Sumita Sarma	Management/Marketing	May 2025-2027
NSME Representative	Leslie Kirstein	Nursing	May 2026-2028
NSME Representative	Amber Stokes	Biology	May 2025-2027
SSE Representative	Zachary Zenko	Kinesiology	May 2025-2027
SSE Representative	Sarana Roberts	Special Education	May 2026-2028
Antelope Valley Representative	Kristine Holloway	Librarian	May 2026-2028
At-Large Representative	Heidi He	Nursing	May 2026-2028
At-Large Representative	Amanda Grombly	Librarian	May 2026-2028
At-Large Representative	Alice Hays	Teacher Education	May 2025-2027
At-Large Representative	Antje Lauer	Biology	May 2025-2027
At-Large Representative	John Deal	Economics	May 2026-2028
At-Large Representative	Rhonda Dugan	Sociology	May 2025-2027
Lecturer Electorate Representative	Dirk Horn	Political Science	May 2025-2027
Staff Representative	Cindy Zúñiga-Prado	Enrollment Systems	May 2026-2028
ASI President	Noor Kaur	ASI President	May 2026-2027
Dean Representative	Deborah Cours	College Dean of Business and Public Administration	May 2026-2027
VP for Academic Affairs **	Deborah Thien	Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs	
Administrative Contact**	Katherine Van Grinsven	Academic Senate Analyst	

* Executive Committee

** Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Member

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Fall 2026

August

8/17 All Faculty Due on Campus
8/21 Fall GFM
8/25 EC
8/27 Senate

September

9/3 Standing Committees
9/8 EC
9/10 Senate
9/17 Standing Committees
9/22 EC
9/24 Senate

October

10/1 Standing Committees
10/6 EC
10/8 Senate
10/15 Standing Committees
10/20 EC
10/22 Senate
10/29 Standing Committees

November

11/3 EC
11/5 Senate
11/12 Standing Committees
11/17 EC
11/19 Standing Committees
Fall Break: 11/26/2026 – 11/27/2026

December

12/1 EC
12/3 Senate
Winter Break: 12/19/2026 – 01/19/2027

General Meeting Information:

Executive Committee (EC)

- Day of week: Tuesdays
- Number of meetings: 8
- Time: 10:00 - 11:30 AM
- Location: BPA Conference Room, BDC A 134

Standing Committees

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 - Academic Support and Student Services
 - HUM 241 (Humanities Conference Room)
 - Budget and Planning Committee
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 - Faculty Affairs Committee
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Spring 2027

January

1/20 All Faculty Due on Campus
1/ 22 Spring GFM
1/26 EC
1/28 Standing Committees

February

2/2 EC
2/4 Senate
2/11 Standing Committees
2/16 EC
2/18 Senate
2/25 Standing Committees

March

3/2 EC
3/4 Senate
3/11 Standing Committees
3/16 EC
3/18 Senate
Spring Break: 03/22/2027 – 03/28/2027

April

4/1 Standing Committees
4/6 EC
4/8 Senate
4/15 Standing Committees
4/20 EC
4/22 Senate
4/29 Standing Committees

May

5/4 EC
5/6 Senate
5/11 EC
5/13 Senate Organizational Meeting
5/18 Summer Senate
(2026-27 and 2027-28 EC)

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 26, 2026

TO: Dr. Melissa Danforth, Chair
Academic Senate

FROM: Vernon B. Harper Jr., Ph.D.
President

SUBJECT: President's Report – August 27, 2026

President Harper intends to discuss the following with the Academic Senate on Thursday, August 27, 2026.

- Strategic Plan
- Outstanding Faculty & Staff
- Student Research & Academic Achievement
- Community Investment in Student Success
- National Recognition for CSUB

c: Katherine Van Grinsven



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Academic Senate: Elections & Appointments

August 27, 2026

Fall Election and Appointment Process

Senate office receives faculty information from Provost's Office, HR, and Academic Operations

Senate office processes and determines eligibility

- Generates voting rosters
- Finds vacated committee positions

Voting rosters sent to college election committee chairs and administrative support staff

Fall 2026 Call Cycle

1. Urgent Calls
 - *SSE Associate Dean Search Committee*
 - *A&H College Election Committee*
2. College Elected Positions
3. At-Large Elected Positions
4. College Appointed Positions
5. At-Large Appointed Positions

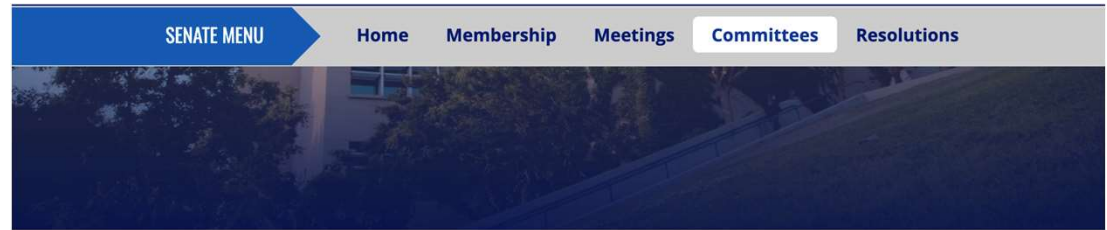
Important Information & Reminders

- ❖ Let us know if there are any vacancies that need to be filled
- ❖ If you are not receiving emails regarding calls:
 - College Calls → Contact your College Election Chair & Admin Support
 - University-wide Calls → Contact the Senate Office (academicsenateoffice@csb.edu)
- ❖ Exercise your influence
 - Nominate a colleague (or yourself)
 - Vote!
- ❖ Thank you to all that are willing to serve!



Senate Website is Regularly Updated

- ❖ View the Senate Website for up-to-date information on:
 - Elections
 - Appointments
 - Committee Rosters
- ❖ Webpage:
www.csub.edu/senate/elections-and-appointments
- ❖ Let us know if there are any errors with committee rosters



ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Please contact the Senate Analyst, Katherine Van Grinsven and the Academic Senate Vice-Chair and Chair of the Elections Committee at academicsenateoffice@csb.edu if you have any questions.

Current Status:

The following slides are shared at the Academic Senate meetings and reflect the most current status of various calls, elections, and appointments in the cycle:

- [Elections and Appointments_Academic Senate_2025-05-08](#)

 QUESTION? ASKROWDY

2026-27 College Election Committees

Arts and Humanities

- **Lena Taub (Chair)**
- Sean Wempe
- TBD (*replacement for Joel Haney*)
- *Admin Support: Adrianna Hook*

Business and Public Administration

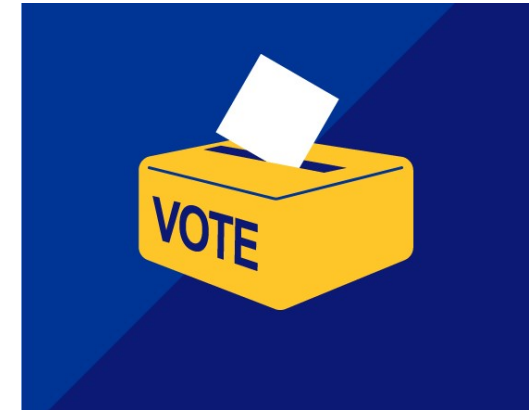
- Richard Gearhart
- Mansik Hur
- Jinping Sun
- Dan Zhou
- *Admin Support: Maria Diaz*

Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering

- **Prosper Torsu (Chair)**
- Bilin Zeng
- Danielle Solano
- *Admin Support: Maria Chavez*

Social Science and Education

- **Dirk Horn (Chair)**
- Yeunjoo Lee
- Anthony Flores
- *Admin Support: Alex Alva*





MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 26, 2026

TO: Dr. Melissa Danforth, Chair
Academic Senate

FROM: Deborah Thien, Ph.D.
Provost

SUBJECT: Provost's Report – August 27, 2026

Provost Thien intends to discuss the following with the Academic Senate on Thursday, August 27, 2026.

- Communications
- Strategic plan priorities
- Tenure lines
- Faculty Resources
- Shafter project
- Waitlists

c: Katherine Van Grinsven

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ASI PRESIDENT REPORT

- New Student Convocation: wonderful ceremony welcoming students.
- The Week of Welcome is taking place this week. Check out ASI's social media for the events.
- The first ASI board meeting is this Friday. Listen in on what ASI members are working on.
- ASI will be providing 35 ASI scholarships in the amount of \$1000. Information will go out to students' emails next week.
- ASI is all about working with others to promote the student experience and provide student support. In the spirit of shared governance, please let ASI know how we can support.

Vice-Chair Report to the Academic Senate

The Summer Senate is composed of both the incoming and outgoing Senate Executive Committee (EC). The following summarizes key discussions and decisions from the summer 2026 meetings. Below, a summary of the first Senate EC meeting for AY26/27, held on August 25, 2026, is also provided.

Summer Senate Meeting – May 12, 2026

This meeting primarily focused on appointments and information-sharing from SASEM.

- **Announcements and Information:** D. Cantrell (VP, SASEM) and C. Montoya visited EC to share information about New Student Orientation, New Student Convocation, and a draft of the new Student Success Framework.
 - C. Montoya presented an overview of New Student Orientation emphasizing the importance of cross-divisional collaboration in ensuring a smooth and engaging onboarding experience for new students. Some logistical considerations were discussed including scheduling, staffing and program flow to encourage more faculty and student participation and address students with disabilities.
 - New Student Convocation was scheduled for August 23, 2026. The addition of a breakfast at the SRC prior to pinning ceremony was proposed. Faculty participation and attendance were also discussed. Concerns were raised about the timeline for faculty preparing for the new semester. It was suggested that the Deans be announced as representing their Colleges. Summer Senate to suggest faculty marshals and speaker.
 - D. Cantrell presented a draft of the new Student Success Framework. Discussion ensued regarding ways to get faculty involved sooner in the framework, such as in first-year experience courses. Summer Senate suggests that EC continue to discuss this issue.
- **Standing Committees:** Summer Senate reviewed interest in standing committees and made preliminary assignments based on interest, college representation, and balance. These assignments will be confirmed by the new Senate in Fall 2026.
- **GE Director appointment:** Summer Senate discussed their recommendations for GE Director and the need for clarification regarding the process, particularly which committee is to review applications, and updates needed to the handbook.

Summer Senate Meeting – May 20, 2026

- **General Faculty Meeting:** The General Faculty Meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2026 in HUM 1107 and 1108. We decided to use a large “smart” classroom so that we could include a zoom option at no cost given increases to IT costs for hybrid.
- **New Student Convocation:** Appointed two faculty marshals to carry the mace: L. Kirstein and B. Moreno. M. Herman is tentative choice for speaker, pending his acceptance.

- **Canvas Incident Feedback:** M. Danforth shared results of the confidential feedback with members of Summer Senate. Some discussion ensued regarding how other universities have more robust policies regarding backing up documents on Canvas and BOX each night and the need for CSUB to create better policies and workflows to protect our data and instructional materials.
- **Spring Commencement Debrief:** Major issues discussed included: Longer lines, lack of water, parking challenges, lack of a digital program, and limits to guest tickets. Suggestions were made again to coordinate a bus or shuttle from campus to the venue. It was noted that the degree titles were not listed under the student names on the screen and should be added in the future. Larger programs split into two sides, and some faculty were unable to congratulate students on the opposite side. We also discussed the Cultural Ceremonies and the need for staff support for all ceremonies. It was suggested that these ceremonies should be student-led and focused and thus organization should fall under SASEM.
- **Senate Referral Log:** We discussed the remaining referrals on the senate log.
 - 2025-2026 47 Proposal for New Master of Science in Applied Analytics (AAC/BPC): Carry over curriculum proposal for Fall 2026.
 - 2025-2026 24 First-Year Seminar (CSUB 1029) Concerns (AAC/ FAC): Discussion started in AAC; Carry over for Fall 2026.
 - RES 252648 Teaching Modalities (AAC/ FAC): Returned to committees for fall 2026. Discussion concluded that the referrals need to be separate resolutions with one only focused on handbook changes to the DLC membership and charge.
 - 2025-2026 19 Teaching Modality
 - 2025-2026 42 DLC membership and Description
 - RES 252642 Post-Enrollment Requirement Checking (PERC) Timing Alignment for Prerequisite Verification and Enrollment Stability (AAC/ AS&SS): Back to committee; carry over to fall 2026.
 - 2025-2026 45 Request Help with Remediation of Course Materials for Accessibility: Memorandum was sent out (considered complete; no carryover)
 - 2025-2026 04 Time Blocks: Carry over to Fall 2026. Task force work to begin Fall 2026.
 - 2025-2026 22 President's Cabinet Structure and Officers of the University: Discussed the possibility to roll this into the summer handbook project.
 - 2025-2026 46 Request for Chair/Director of the Year Award: Carry over to Fall.
 - Items discussed by FAC for consideration in 2026-2027 (handout)
- **Curriculum Proposals:** 2025-2026 Senate worked to eliminate the backlog of curriculum proposals. It was noted that there needs to be more rigor at the curriculum committee level of review. Also, changes to CourseLeaf are needed to include more budget and planning data in new program proposals.
- **Calendar Committee:** Reports from AY25/26 were received. EC plans to review membership to confirm that the right members are present across divisions to gain efficiency.
- **FAC Proposals for 2026-2027:** Z. Zenko presented several proposed items for the FAC to consider in AY26/27. EC members will review and discuss at a later date.

- **Handbook and Bylaws Summer Working Group:** Working group members from EC have been identified and there was some discussion of hours required and compensation. We discussed the needed handbook and bylaws corrections and additions, including the need to review Appendices B and C inconsistencies. Changes will need to be voted on by Senate in the fall; some will require a constitutional referendum.
- **Faculty Legislative Liaison:** Deferred to fall.
- **Senate Recording Retention Policy:** Deferred to fall.
- **Policies on approval of Course Coding Changes (CS Numbers):** No updates; deferred to fall.
- **Faculty advising and CSUB Advising Council:** We confirmed that there is a form for faculty advisors to receive OnBase and other access and a training website is in progress.
- **ASCSU Updates:** AB-2606 Oil and Gas Demonstration Zones - Dead; possible reintroduction next year; AB-2301 Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program - Still active; AB-2236 Postsecondary education: articulation agreements - Still active.
- **Senate Appointments:** Summer Senate made appointments and recommendations for needed at-large and university-wide committees. We discussed the IRA committee and the need for clarification about the charge and the role of faculty. Provost indicated a potential to expand IRA funds, Summer Senate confirmed there would be faculty interest in doing so.
- **Staff Representative on Senate:** Clarification needed on what “Staff” is and identify represented units; deferred to fall. More discussion needed with staff and Staff Forum.
- **Academic Tuition/ Scholarship Waiver:** Deferred to fall.
- **Faculty recruitment/ involvement for the Student Success Framework:** Deferred to fall.
- **Committee Proliferation:** There is a need to identify redundant and ineffective committees to maximize service efforts; more discussion needed, deferred to fall.
- **Planned Senate Guests for AY26/27:** Summer Senate identified a desire to hear updates from GRaSP, the FAR, WSCUC lead(s), GE Director, FTLC.

Summer Senate Meeting – August 4, 2026

This meeting was called by the Provost to discuss the upcoming transition of the leadership of the Antelope Valley campus. We discussed the need to create an Executive Director position and consulted on the suggested appointment of an acting Executive Director for Fall 2026. Summer Senate noted the need to extend the current policy setting a 90-day limit on acting appointments. This creates a problem for faculty in these positions who may be called back to teaching duties mid-semester. Summer Senate agreed that the limit should be extended to a full semester; the policy requires revisions.

Senate Executive Committee Meeting – Aug 25, 2026

In addition to the regular business of reviewing the pending list of referrals and setting the agenda for the Senate meeting, the following items were discussed:

- **General Faculty Meeting (GFM) Debrief:** There were concerns about speaker violations of Robert’s Rules that disrupted the flow of business and demotivated participants. The

discussion focused on consistency, fairness, and the need to clearly establish and enforce rules at the start of future meetings, including no interruptions during speaker list rotations, and potentially communicating these expectations in advance through meeting invitations. We also shared a list of faculty concerns raised during the meeting that require follow up from administration. In general, there is room for improved clarity on decision-making and more proactive transparency with all constituencies.

- **Senate Meeting Procedure Improvements:** We discussed further improvements that could be made at Senate meetings to increase efficiency and decorum and to allow for more equitable discussion.
- **Highlighted Changes from Senate Log Review:**
 - RES 252642 Post-Enrollment Requirement Checking (PERC) Timing Alignment for Prerequisite Verification and Enrollment Stability (AAC/ AS&SS): Tabled; Further conversation across divisions is needed. T. Tsantsoulas and L. Kirstein will share lessons from the sub-committee discussions in memos to the Provost.
 - 2025-2026 04 Time Blocks: Tabled; We determined that this issue cannot be resolved by BPC and the Senate at this time. Time blocks work will continue outside of the Senate resolution process.
 - RES 252627 Policy on Use of Informational Banner Space in Canvas (AS&SS); Returned by President Harper. AAC will draft a memo to ITS with best-practices but a resolution and policy recommendation is not needed.
 - CourseLeaf changes: We discussed the need to incorporate new policy from the CO regarding new program proposals and budget information.
- **Provost's Report:** The Provost provided updates on the SSE Associate Dean search committee, noting the staff and administrative appointments to the committee, EC approved. We briefly discussed the Strategic Plan and the Integrated Operations Council before deferring further conversation until S. Marks could be present at EC to go over details and answer questions. The Provost shared plans for potential initiatives to increase support for supplemental instruction activities and faculty development and EC provided input. We discussed the recent changes to lottery funds and other allotments with the Provost providing clarifying context.

2025-2026 Academic Senate: Referral and Resolution Log

Updated: August 26, 2026

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3/2/2026	2025-2026 45 Request Help with Remediation of Course Materials for Accessibility	Complete	AS&SS	To review and address the request from ATI about how faculty would request help for course remediation and how students would report concerns about accessibility in a course. Memorandum sent out (Complete).	-	-	-	-	-
9/11/2025	N/A	Complete	EC	Rename the Faculty Leadership and Service Award to "Jacquelyn Kegley Faculty Leadership and Service Award" in recognition of Dr. Kegley's decades of service to and leadership at CSUB, including her role in the creation of CSUB's Academic Senate and service as CSUB Senate Chair.	RES 252601 Renaming of the Leadership and Service Award	Handbook 308.3.2	9/25/2025	10/6/2025	10/15/2025
9/23/2025	N/A	Complete	EC	AB 1400 of 2025 Opposition; Academic Senate of CSUB requests that the Governor of California veto Assembly Bill 1400 of 2025 Community colleges; Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program.	RES 252602 Assembly Bill 1400 of 2025 Opposition	-	9/25/2025	10/6/2025	10/15/2025
9/2/2025	2025-2026 02 Academic Degree Policies	Complete	AAC	Review the academic policies about double majors and double counting courses. Consider: Timeline for declaring a double major, double counting courses between the major and the minor, and double counting courses between both majors for a double major. Carry-over referral: 2024-2025 #37 Academic Degree Policies	RES 252603 Double Major Policy Changes RES 252604 Minor Policy Changes	-	RES 252603, 10/23/2025; RES 252604, 11/06/2025	10/31/2025 12/1/2025	RES 252603 11/5/2025; RES 252604, 01/14/2026
10/7/2025	N/A	Complete	EC	RES 252605 Reaffirming Shared Governance and the University Handbook as Policy	RES 252605 Reaffirming Shared Governance and the University Handbook as Policy	No Handbook changes/ but save in Governing Docs	10/23/2025	10/31/2025	11/5/2025
10/7/2025	N/A	Complete	EC	RES 252606 Call for a CSU Chancellor's Office Investigation Regarding Recent Incidents in Athletics	RES 252606 Call for a CSU Chancellor's Office Investigation Regarding Recent Incidents in	-	11/6/2025	12/1/2025	1/14/2026
10/21/2025	N/A	Complete	EC	Commendation for CSUB CAMP and HEP Programs	RES 252607 Commendation for CSUB CAMP and HEP Programs	-	10/23/2025	10/31/2025	11/5/2025
9/16/2025	2025-2026 17 Sabbatical Application Process	Complete	FAC	Review the handbook guidelines on sabbatical applications. During your discussion, please consider: potential revisions to Sections 307.2 and 307.3 of the University Handbook; consistency with the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Unit 3; whether an application rubric should be developed.	RES 252608 Sabbatical Rubric and Feedback	Handbook 307.2, 307.3	12/4/2025	1/5/2026	1/14/2026
9/2/2025	2025-2026 01 Clarify ASCSU Lecturer Electorate Procedures	Complete	FAC	Clarify ASCSU Lecturer Electorate Procedures. During your discussion, please consider the following: whether non-tenure track, non-teaching faculty can be eligible; what term the elected representative serves on CSUB Academic Senate; encoding the nomination and election procedures in CSUB Senate Bylaws or University Handbook.	RES 252609 Clarifying ASCSU Lecturer Electorate Procedures	-	12/4/2025	1/5/2026	1/14/2026
9/2/2025	2025-2026 05 Unit RTP Committees	Complete	FAC	For FAC to review the University Handbook sections related to Unit RTP Committees. Handbook 305.6.1, 301.6.4 Revised Referral 2024-2025 #34 Unit RTP Committees and PAF Content; drafted RES 242557 (not approved by Senate)	RES 252610 Unit RTP and PTR Composition	Handbook 305.4.1, 305.6.1, 305.6.2, 305.6.3, 305.6.4, 306.3	2/12/2026	2/27/2026	3/12/2026
10/29/2025	2025-2026 25 Inconsistency with Previous Handbook Changes to Unit Committee Evaluations	Complete	FAC	FAC to review the two resolutions from 2022-2023 related to section 305.6.3 Evaluation and Recommendation by the Unit Committee of the University Handbook. During your discussion, please consider the following: Any language from RES 222309 that may have been accidentally excluded from RES 222335 and will need to be incorporated in the handbook; Incorporating recommendations from	RES 252610 Unit RTP and PTR Composition	Handbook 305.4.1, 305.6.1, 305.6.2, 305.6.3, 305.6.4, 306.3	2/12/2026	2/27/2026	3/12/2026
9/4/2025	2025-2026 09 Proposal for New Minor in Applied Mathematics	Complete	AAC and BPC	Review the proposal for New Minor in Applied Mathematics.	RES 252611 New Minor in Applied Mathematics	-	12/4/2025	1/5/2026	1/14/2026
9/15/2025	2025-2026 12 Proposal for New Concentration HCM_Healthcare Administration	Complete	AAC and BPC	Review and approve the proposal for a New Concentration in Healthcare Administration (HCM) in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree.	RES 252612 New Concentration in Nonprofit Management in MPA Degree	-	12/4/2025	1/5/2026	1/14/2026
9/15/2025	2025-2026 13 Proposal for New Concentration NPM_Nonprofit Management	Complete	AAC and BPC	Review and approve the proposal for a New Concentration in Nonprofit Management (NPM) in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree.	RES 252613 New Concentration in Healthcare Administration in MPA Degree	-	12/4/2025	1/5/2026	1/14/2026
9/15/2025	2025-2026 11 Proposal for New Minor in Creative Writing	Complete	AAC and BPC	Review and approve the proposal for a New Minor in Creative Writing; Department of English.	RES 252614 Minor in Creative Writing	-	1/29/2026	2/9/2026	2/17/2026
9/4/2025	2025-2026 07 Proposal to Rename the Computer Science Information Security Concentration	Complete	AAC and BPC	Review the proposal to rename the Computer Science Information Security Concentration to Computer Science Cybersecurity Concentration.	RES 252615 Renaming of Computer Science Cybersecurity Concentration	-	1/29/2026	2/9/2026	2/17/2026

2025-2026 Academic Senate: Referral and Resolution Log

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11/3/2025	2025-2026 29 Academic Calendar, Fall 2026 - Summer 2027	Complete	BPC	Approval of Academic Calendar, Fall 2026, Winter session, Spring 2027 and Summer 2027; correction identified 1/28/2026- RES 252623 on consent agenda for Senate 1/29/2026	RES 252616 Academic Calendar Fall 2026 - Summer 2027 RES 252623 Changes to Fall 2026 Academic Calendar	-	RES 252616 12/4/2025; RES 252623 1/29/26	RES 252616 1/5/2026;RES 252623 2/9/2026	RES 252616 1/14/2026; RES 252623 02/17/2026
11/3/2025	2025-2026 30 Academic Master Plan 2026-27 through 2035-36	Complete	AAC and BPC	Academic Master Plan; 2026-27 through 2035-36	RES 252617 Academic Master Plan 2026-27 through 2035-36	-	12/4/2025	1/5/2026	1/14/2026
9/17/2025	2025-2026 18 Special Review Committee for Anthropology	Complete	AAC and BPC	Review and address the recommendations provided by the Special Review Committee for Anthropology with respect to the proposed discontinuation of the Anthropology MA and BA programs.	RES 252618; RES 252618-REVISED Special Review Committee for Anthropology	-	1/29/2026; 03/06/2026	2/9/2026; 03/23/2026	4/1/2026
12/2/2025	N/A	Complete	EC	Commencement - Fall 2025	RES 252619 Commencement- Fall - 2025	-	12/4/2025	1/5/2026	1/14/2026
11/25/2025	2025-2026 35 SOCI Modality	Complete	FAC	Review the request from Provost Council to eliminate paper SOCIs and move entirely to online SOCIs. During discussion, consider: Costs of administering paper SOCIs, Low response rates for online SOCIs and how to address, ITS support for online SOCIs.	RES 252620 Transitioning to Online SOCIs	Handbook 305.4.4, 305.4.5	2/26/2026	3/6/2026	3/12/2026
10/29/2025	2025-2026 28 Term Limits for Department Chairs and Program Directors	Complete	FAC	FAC to review the term limit language in section 312.3 Selection and Appointment Procedures of the University Handbook, specifically relating to department chairs, program chairs, and program directors.	RES 252621 Department Chair Terms	Handbook 312.3	2/12/2026	2/27/2026	3/12/2026
9/2/2025	2025-2026 03 Academic Policies and Academic Advising in SASEM	Tabled	AAC and AS&SS	To discuss shared governance with respect to the academic policies and advising housed in the Division of Strategic Enrollment Management Expanded Carry-over of: 2024-2025 #31 Academic Policies House in the Registrar's Office and 2024-2025 #25 Academic Advising Structure and Report; RES 242518 Academic Advising Structure as an Academic Endeavor	RES 252622 Academic Advising Structure Is an Academic Endeavor (Tabled)	-	-	-	-
2/3/2026	N/A	Complete	EC	Expressions of the Senate - Bylaws Changes	RES 252624 Expressions of the Senate - Bylaws Changes	Bylaws III, IV, V	4/30/2026	5/8/2026	8/10/2026
2/3/2026	N/A	Deferred to 2026-2027	EC	RES 252625 Term for ASCSU Lecturer Electorate Representative - EC agreed to cancel this resolution (EC 02/10/2026) <i>Note: Later resolution will be needed to discontinue CSU with ASCSU term requirements.</i>	RES 252625 Canceled	-	Deferred to 2026-2027	-	-
1/20/2026	2025-2026 41 AS&SS Membership – Bylaws Change	Complete	AS&SS	Review and address the request from Information Technology Services (ITS) to add the Chief Information Officer as an ex-office non-voting member to AS&SS	RES 252626 AS&SS Membership- Bylaws Change	Bylaws- Section IV	2/26/2026	3/6/2026	3/12/2026
9/29/2025	2025-2026 21 Policy on Use of Informational Banner Space in Canvas	RETURNED TO SENATE; see President's Memo 07/13/2026	AS&SS	Discuss developing a policy on what information can be posted to the banner space on Canvas.	RES 252627 Policy on Use of Informational Banner Space in Canvas	-	4/16/2026	4/28/2026	RETURNED TO SENATE; see President's Memo 07/13/2026
10/29/2025	2025-2026 26 Inventory of Automated Decision-making Software for the Classroom	Complete	AS&SS	Inventory of AI and other automated software; A new state law requires CSU campuses to inventory automated decision-making systems. It was suggested that ATI-IM also participate	RES 252628 Inventory of Automated Decision-Making Software for the Classroom	-	4/30/2026	5/8/2026	5/28/2026
11/7/2025	2025-2026 33 Academic, Curricular, and Student Support Software Concerns	Complete	AS&SS	AS&SS discuss academic, curricular, and student support software needs with ITS. Consider: Consulting with ITS about rising software costs for academic, curricular, and student support software, and assisting ITS with determining acceptable replacements and/or non-renewals; Whether AS&SS (via bylaws change), another existing committee (such as ITC), or a new committee (created by resolution), should serve as the shared-governance consultants with ITS for software selection in these areas.	RES 252629 Academic, Curricular, and Student Support Software Governance	-	4/30/2026	5/8/2026	5/28/2026
9/15/2025	2025-2026 10 Proposal for New Minor in Medical Spanish	Complete	AAC and BPC	Review and approve the proposal for a New Minor in Medical Spanish; Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.	RES 252630 New Minor in Medical Spanish	-	3/12/2026	3/23/2026	4/1/2026
9/15/2025	2025-2026 15 Proposal for New Minor, HD-CAFS, Early Childhood Development (ECD)	Complete	AAC and BPC	Review and approve the proposal for 2025-2026 15, Proposal for New Minor in Early Childhood Development; Department of Human Development and Child, Adolescent and Family Studies (HD-CAFS).	RES 252631 New Minor in Early Childhood Development	-	3/12/2026	3/23/2026	4/1/2026

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11/3/2025	2025-2026 32 Clarification of Unit Criteria for Faculty Review	Complete	FAC	FAC to review the Handbook language related to Unit RTP, PTR and PEF Criteria. During your discussion, please consider the following: The following Handbook sections related to Unit Criteria, including any changes made in RES 252610 "Unit RTP and PTR Composition": 305.4.2.4 "Unit RTP Criteria," 306.2.2 "Criteria for Periodic Evaluation of Faculty," 306.3 "Post-Tenure Review," Definition of "exceptional" for Early Promotion at different ranks (i.e. Assistant to Associate and Associate to Full), Developing a checklist of required criteria elements to assist units in revising their Unit Criteria. Referral revised and sent to FAC 3/13/2026.	RES 252632 Required Unit RTP Criteria Elements and Guidance on Unit RTP Criteria Revision	Handbook 305.3.1, 305.3.4, 305.4.2.4, 305.4.2.8., and 305.4.2.9.	4/16/2026	4/28/2026	6/16/2026
2/18/2026	2025-2026 43 Review of the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Reports	Complete	FAC	Review the submitted reports and recommendations from the Scholarship and Creative Activities Task Force and the Faculty Advisory Committee for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (FAC-4-RSCA). During your discussion, please consider: Which recommendations for changes to the Handbook, if any, should be formally adopted through the Senate resolution process; The impact of the report and recommendations on other referrals and resolutions currently before FAC. Note: per FAC Chair. Z. Zenko, this referral will likely require multiple resolutions and continued work over future academic years.	RES 252633 Clarifying Faculty Workload, RSCA Expectations, and Service Responsibilities	-	3/26/2026	4/10/2026	6/16/2026
2/18/2026	2025-2026 44 Consideration of Senior Lecturer Honorific	RETURNED TO SENATE; see President's Memo 07/13/2026	FAC	Consider the request for the honorific "Senior Lecturer" for entitled lecturers under a 3-year contract (CBA Article 12.12 Appointments). During your discussion, please consider: Whether to adopt such an honorific for 3-year lecturers; What process would be used for determining if a lecturer qualifies for the Academic Honorific Title "Senior Lecturer"; Other existing honorific processes, such as the Emeriti status, Handbook section 308.2, that could be used to inform this process.	RES 252634 Establishing a Preferred Non-Contractual Academic Honorific Title "Senior Lecturer"	Handbook 304.7.3,	3/26/2026	4/10/2026	RETURNED TO SENATE; see President's Memo 07/13/2026
1/20/2026	2025-2026 39 Proposal for New Minor in Migration, Population, and Globalization	Complete	AAC and BPC	Review and address the proposal for a new minor in Migration, Population, and Globalization (MPG).	RES 252635 New Sociology Minor in Migration, Population and Globalization	-	3/26/2026	4/10/2026	4/27/2026
1/20/2026	2025-2026 36 New Degree Proposal for Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science	Complete	AAC and BPC	Review and address the new proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies.	RES 252636 New Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science	-	3/26/2026	4/10/2026	4/27/2026
9/29/2025	2025-2026 20 Disqualification and Readmission Policies	Complete	AAC and AS&SS	Review and discuss the policies related to academic disqualification and readmission to the university.	RES 252637 Academic Standing Policy Update: Summer Disqualification Removal; RES 252641 Readmission Requirements Following Academic Disqualification	-	RES 252637, 3/26/2026; RES 252641, 4/30/2026	RES 252637, 4/10/2026	RES 252637, 4/27/2026; RES 252641, 05/218/2026
1/20/2026	2025-2026 37 New Degree Proposal for Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering	Complete	AAC and BPC	Review and address the new proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.	RES 252638 New Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering	-	4/30/2026	5/8/2026	5/28/2026
1/22/2026	2025-2026 38 New Degree Proposal for Bachelor of Arts in Human Development and Family Studies	Complete	AAC and BPC	Review and address the new proposal for a Bachelor of Arts in Human Development and Family Studies.	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)	-	4/30/2026	5/8/2026	5/28/2026
1/20/2026	2025-2026 40 Department Name Change Request for HD-CAFS	Complete	AAC and BPC	Review and address the new proposal Department name change from Human Development and Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (HD-CAFS) to Human Development and Family Sciences (HDFS).	RES 252640 Department Name Change from Human Development and Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (HD-CAFS) to Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS)	-	4/30/2026	5/8/2026	5/28/2026
10/14/2025	2025-2026 23 PERC Timing Concerns	Returned to subcommittees; Deferred to 2026-2027	AAC and AS&SS	Investigate the timing of the Post-Enrollment Requirements Checking (PERC) report generation.	RES 252642 Post-Enrollment Requirement Checking (PERC) Timing Alignment for Prerequisite Verification and Enrollment Stability	-	Returned to subcommittees; Deferred to 2026-2027	-	-
3/23/2026	N/A	Complete	EC	In response to: "Policies & Procedures for Establishing New Schools," as submitted by the Criteria for Proposing New Schools Task Force	RES 252643 - Policies & Procedures for Establishing New Schools	-	5/7/2026	5/18/2026	7/29/2026

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11/3/2025	2025-2026 31 Clarify Handbook Language Related to Faculty Reviews	Complete	FAC	FAC to review the Handbook language pertaining to timelines for Post-Tenure Review (PTR) and WPAF length for all faculty reviews. During your discussion, please consider the following: The language in Handbook section 305.4.2.10 "RTP File" related to expected contents and maximum length for the following types of reviews... Multiple timeline issues with Handbook section 305.3.3 "Promotion of Tenured Faculty"; FAC attached a memorandum with RES 252644 for Senate 4/30/2026	RES 252644 Guidance on WPAF Contents and Timelines for Review	Handbook 305.3.3., 305.5.2., 305.5.3., 305.4.2.10, and Appendix G	4/30/2026	5/8/2026	6/16/2026
11/7/2025	2025-2026 34 Review of the Report and Recommendations from the Task Force for Periodic Evaluation of Temporary Faculty	Complete	FAC	FAC review the submitted report and recommendations from the Task Force for Periodic Evaluation of Temporary Faculty. Consider: Which recommendations for changes to the Handbook, if any, should be formally adopted; The impact of the report and recommendations on other referrals and resolutions . <i>Carry over referral 2021-2022 #41, 2023-2024 #03 and 2024-2025 #06</i>	RES 252645 Periodic Evaluation of Temporary Faculty	Handbook 306	4/16/2026	4/28/2026	6/16/2026
4/7/2026	N/A	Complete	EC	Research Misconduct Policy changes	RES 252646 Research Misconduct Policy	-	4/16/2026	4/28/2026	5/28/2026
10/29/2025	2025-2026 27 Handbook Policies on Acting and Interim MPPs	Complete	FAC	FAC to review the University Handbook sections, 309.7 through 309.11, regarding appointments of interim administrators. During your discussion, please consider the following: Whether language should be added to define the title "Acting" and provide guidelines for appointing and length of term; Whether the consultation processes for interim appointments should be clarified with respect to entities that are consulted prior to appointment and renewal.	RES 252647 Acting Appointments Handbook Changes	Handbook 309.7 through 309.11	4/30/2026	5/8/2026	6/16/2026
9/29/2025	2025-2026 19 Teaching Modality	Returned to subcommittees; Deferred to 2026-2027	AAC and FAC	Review and discuss section 203 "Instructional Policy" of the University Handbook, particularly the sub-sections related to course modality and online and hybrid courses. Section 303.1also has references to online teaching.	RES 252648 Teaching Modality-Handbook Changes	Handbook 203 and 303.1	Returned to subcommittees; Deferred to 2026-2027	-	-
2/18/2026	2025-2026 42 DLC membership and Description	Returned to subcommittees; Deferred to 2026-2027	AAC	Distributed Learning Committee (DLC) Membership & Description; review and address the request and proposed resolution submitted by the Distributed Learning Committee regarding DLC's membership and description.	RES 252648 Teaching Modality-Handbook Changes	Handbook 203 and 303.1	Returned to subcommittees; Deferred to 2026-2027	-	-
4/14/2026	N/A	Complete	EC	Commencement - Spring 2026	RES 252649 Commencement, Spring 2026	-	4/30/2026	5/8/2026	5/28/2026
5/4/2026	N/A	Complete	EC	Commendation - Heath Niemeyer, VP for University Advancement	RES 252650 Commendation for Heath Niemeyer, VP for UA	-	5/7/2026	5/18/2026	-
5/4/2026	N/A	Complete	EC	Commendation - Dina Ebeling	RES 252651 Commendation for Dina Ebeling	-	5/7/2026	5/18/2026	5/28/2026
9/2/2025	2025-2026 04 Time Blocks	Memo 4/30/2026; Taskforce recommended; Follow up in 2026-2027	BPC	The need to reconsider Time Blocks for classes. During discussion, consider how to address meeting patterns that are not visualized in RES 1314059, whether the 50 minutes M/W/F time blocks are sufficient for pedagogical reasons, overlap between current time blocks of different types, effects of time blocks on space utilization. Carry over referral: 2023-2024 #04 and 2024-2025#10 Time Blocks; <i>Memo included in Senate Agenda 04/30/2026 recommended the creation of a task force.</i>					
9/16/2025	2025-2026 16 Catalog Language Inconsistency with Title 5	Complete	AAC	Review the inconsistencies between CSUB Academic Catalog language and Title 5 requirements with respect to upper-division units required for BS degree completion. Memo (included in Senate Agenda 02/12/2026). No further action. Complete					
9/4/2025	2025-2026 08 Proposal to Change the MS in Computer Science from Self-support to Stateside Support	Canceled; Returned to dept.	AAC and BPC	Review the proposal to Change the MS in Computer Science from Self-support to Stateside Support. <i>Note: Per M. Danforth, MS CS is returned to department for substantial edits 2026-02-24.</i>					
9/4/2025	2025-2026 06 Proposal to Elevate the Concentration of Computer Information Systems (CIS) to a Degree Program.	Canceled; Returned to dept.	AAC and BPC	Review the proposal to elevate the Computer Science Computer Information Systems (CIS) Concentration to a new Degree Program. <i>Note: A. Grombly, BPC chair confirmed the proposal was returned to department for substantial edits 2026-05-05 .</i>					
9/15/2025	2025-2026 14 Proposal for Public Personnel Services Credential	Canceled; Returned to dept	AAC and BPC	Review and approve the proposal for a Pupil Personnel Services Credential in Advanced Educational Studies. <i>Note: T. Tsantoulas, AAC chair confirmed the proposal was sent back to college/department for substantial edits 2026-02-24.</i>					
10/7/2025	2025-2026 22 President's Cabinet Structure and Officers of the University	Deferred to 2026-2027	FAC	Update section 103.2.3 and 104 of the University Handbook to be consistent with the current structure of the President's Cabinet, President's direct reports, and other officers of the University.		Handbook 103.2.3 and 104			
10/14/2025	2025-2026 24 First-Year Seminar (CSUB 1029) Concerns	Deferred to 2026-2027	AAC and FAC	Investigate concerns related to the curricular content and oversight of First-Year Seminar (CSUB 1029) and the assignment of instructors for CSUB 1029.					
4/7/2026	2025-2026 46 Request for Chair/Director of the Year Award	Deferred to 2026-2027	FAC	Consider the request for a Chair/ Director of the Year award and consider whether such an award should be created and if so, what would be the process for nomination and selection.					
4/15/2026	2025-2026 47 Proposal for New Master of Science in Applied Analytics	Deferred to 2026-2027	AAC and BPC	Review and address the proposal for a new Master of Science in Applied Analytics.					



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Arts and Humanities	Shaheer Afaqi
Business and Public Administration	John Deal - Chair
Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering	Danielle Solano
Social Sciences and Education	Alice Hays
At-Large	Sarana Roberts
At-Large	Rebecca Penrose
At-Large	Anjana Yatawara
One Student	Skye Odom, ASI Vice President of University Affairs ORG-ASIVPUniversityAffairs
<i>Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Members</i>	
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Social Sciences and Education	Craig Harnetiaux
At-Large	Heidi He
At-Large	Ji Li
One Librarian	Kristine Holloway
One Student Services Professional	Annabelle Sanchez
One Staff Member	Jacob Whitaker
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Business and Public Administration	Di Wu - Chair
Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering	Antje Lauer
Social Sciences and Education	Rhonda Dugan
At-Large	Angela Titi Amayah
At-Large	Kent Henderson
One Librarian	Amanda Grombly
One Student Services Officer	Luis Hernandez
One Staff Member	Cindy Zúñiga-Prado
ASI President or designee	Noor Kaur, ASI President ORG-ASIPresident
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VP Business and Administrative Services or designee	Kristen Watson, VP for BAS and Chief of Staff
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At-Large	Jessica Williamson
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CFA Representative (CFA President, Vice President, or Faculty Rights Chair as determined by the CFA President)	David Gove (<i>Fall 2026</i>)
Associate VP for Faculty Affairs	Deborah Boschini, AVP for Faculty Affairs

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Changes to 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

RES 262701

EC

- RESOLVED:** That the Fall 2026 SOCI period begins on November 16 instead of November 23; and be it further,
- RESOLVED:** That the Spring 2027 March 31 holiday be renamed to “Farmworkers Day”; and be it further,
- RESOLVED:** That two typos be corrected: ordering of Spring Break and the March 31 holiday and date for Summer Orientation.
- RATIONALE:** The SOCI change will allow for at least 10 class meeting dates to administer SOCIs, in compliance with RES 252620. The March 31 holiday renaming reflects a change made by the state legislature after the calendar was approved. The ordering swap puts the two entries in chronological order. The Summer Orientation was changed because July 5, 2027, is Independence Day observed.

Attachment: Revised Academic Calendar 2026-2027_RES 262701

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Fall Semester, 2026

March 09		Academic Advising for Continuing Students Begins (for Summer 2026 & Fall 2026)
April 06	.....	Registration for Continuing Students Begins (for Summer 2026 & Fall 2026)
May 18	.....	Last Day to Register to Vote for Primary Election
June 01	.....	Academic Advising for New Transfer Students Begins (for Fall 2026)
June 01	.....	Registration for New Transfer Students Begins (for Fall 2026)
June 01	.....	Registration for New Postbaccalaureate Students
June 02	.....	CA Statewide Primary Election
June 18	.....	HOLIDAY – Juneteenth – Campus Closed
June 29	.....	Academic Advising for First-Time First-Year Students Begins (for Fall 2026)
June 29	.....	Registration for First-Time First-Year Students Begins (for Fall 2026)
July 03	.....	Deadline to Apply for Fall 2026 Graduation
July 06	.....	Orientation for New Undergraduate Students Begins (for Fall 2026)
August 17	.....	ALL FACULTY DUE ON CAMPUS
August 24	.....	First Day of Classes
September 02	.....	Last Day to Add Classes
September 02	.....	Last Day to Change between Audit and Letter Grading
September 07	.....	HOLIDAY – Labor Day – (Campus Closed)
September 21	.....	Census Day
September 21	.....	Last Day to Change between Credit/No-credit and Letter Grading
September 21	.....	Last Day to Withdraw from Classes without a "W" being recorded
September 25	.....	Last Day for Faculty to Order Course Materials Through Campus Bookstore (for Spring 2027)
September 28	.....	Academic Advising for Continuing Students Begins (for Spring 2027)
October 15	.....	Campus-wide Emergency Evacuation Day
October 19	.....	Last Day to Register to Vote for the General Election
October 26	.....	Registration for Continuing Students Begins (for Spring 2027)
October 26	.....	Last Day for Department Chairs/Program Directors to Confirm All the Course Materials Have Been Ordered Through Campus Bookstore (for Spring 2027)
November 03	.....	CA Statewide General Election
November 11	.....	HOLIDAY – Veteran's Day – Campus Closed
November 13	.....	Last Day to Withdraw from Classes for a Serious and Compelling Reason
November 16	.....	Academic Advising for New Students Begins (for Spring 2027)
November 16	.....	Registration for New Students Begin (for Spring 2027)
November 16 –	.....	SOCI Period (for both Online and Paper SOCs)
December 3	.....	
November 25	.....	No Classes - Campus Open
November 26 – 27	.....	HOLIDAY - Thanksgiving - Campus Closed
November 30	.....	Deadline to Apply for Spring 2027 Graduation
December 07	.....	Last Day of Classes
December 08	.....	Study / Reading Day
December 09 – 15	.....	Examination Period
December 11	.....	Last Day to Submit Completed Thesis / Dissertation
December 12		Commencement
December 16 – 17		Evaluation Days
December 18		Grades Due

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Winter Break: December 19, 2026 - January 19, 2027

Graduation deadlines: <https://www.csub.edu/registrar/> or call (661) 654-3036

Commencement: <https://www.csub.edu/commencement/> or email commencement@csb.edu

Winter Session: <https://extended.csub.edu/> or call (661) 654-2441

Winter Session courses begin December 21, 2026, and end January 14, 2027.

Campus closed December 25, 2026 – January 1, 2027.

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Spring Semester 2027

September 28		Academic Advising for Continuing Students Begins (for Spring 2027)
October 26	.....	Registration for Continuing Students Begins (for Spring 2027)
November 16	.....	Academic Advising for New Students Begins (for Spring 2027)
November 16	.....	Registration for New Students Begins (for Spring 2027)
November 30	.....	Deadline to Apply for Spring 2027 Graduation
January 18	.....	HOLIDAY – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Campus Closed
January 20	.....	ALL FACULTY DUE ON CAMPUS
January 25	.....	First Day of Classes
February 03	.....	Last Day to Add Classes
February 03	.....	Last Day to Change between Audit and Letter Grading
February 19	.....	Census Day
February 19	.....	Last Day to Change between Credit/No-credit and Letter Grading
February 19	.....	Last Day to Withdraw from Classes without a "W" being recorded
March 05	.....	Last Day for Faculty to Order Course Materials Through Campus Bookstore (for Summer 2027 and Fall 2027)
March 08	.....	Academic Advising for Continuing Students Begins (for Summer 2027 & Fall 2027)
<u>March 22 – 28</u>	.....	<u>Spring Semester Break: March 22, 2027 – March 28, 2027 (Easter is March 28, 2027)</u>
March 31	.....	HOLIDAY - Farmworkers Day- Campus Closed
April 05	.....	Last Day for Department Chairs/Program Directors to Confirm All the Course Materials Have Been Ordered Through Campus Bookstore (for Summer 2027 and Fall 2027)
April 05	.....	Registration for Continuing Students Begins (for Summer 2027 and Fall 2027)
April 07	.....	Campus-wide Emergency Evacuation Day
April 16	.....	Last Day to Withdraw from Classes for a Serious and Compelling Reason
April 19 – 30	.....	SOCI Period (for both Online and Paper SOCs)
April 30	.....	Deadline to Apply for Summer 2027 Graduation
May 03	.....	Deadline to Apply for Fall 2027 Graduation
May 14	.....	Last Day of Classes
May 15 – 21	.....	Examination Period
May 19	.....	Last Day to Submit Completed Thesis / Dissertation
May 22	.....	Commencement
May 24 – 25	.....	Evaluation Days
May 26	.....	Grades Due
May 31	.....	HOLIDAY - Memorial Day – Campus Closed
July 6		Orientation for New Undergraduate Students Begins (for Fall 2027)

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Graduation deadlines: <https://www.csub.edu/registrar/> or call (661) 654-3036

Commencement: <https://www.csub.edu/commencement/> or email commencement@csb.edu

Summer Session: <https://extended.csub.edu/> or call (661) 654-2441



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The Academic Senate: How It Works

California State University, Bakersfield

Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU)

- Provides the official voice of the faculty in matters of system-wide concern
- Provides the means for faculty to participate in collegial forms of governance based on historic academic traditions as recognized by California law
- Promotes academic excellence
- Is the formal policy-recommending body on system-wide academic, professional, and academic personnel matters

Academic Senate CSU Constitution, Article 1, Section 1

<https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/faculty-staff/academic-senate>

Role of the ASCSU

Offers advice on all issues regarding system operations while respecting campus autonomy through:

- Resolutions
- Senate and CSU system-wide committee participation
- Position papers
- Direct communication with the administration

Promotes two-way communication to/from local senates

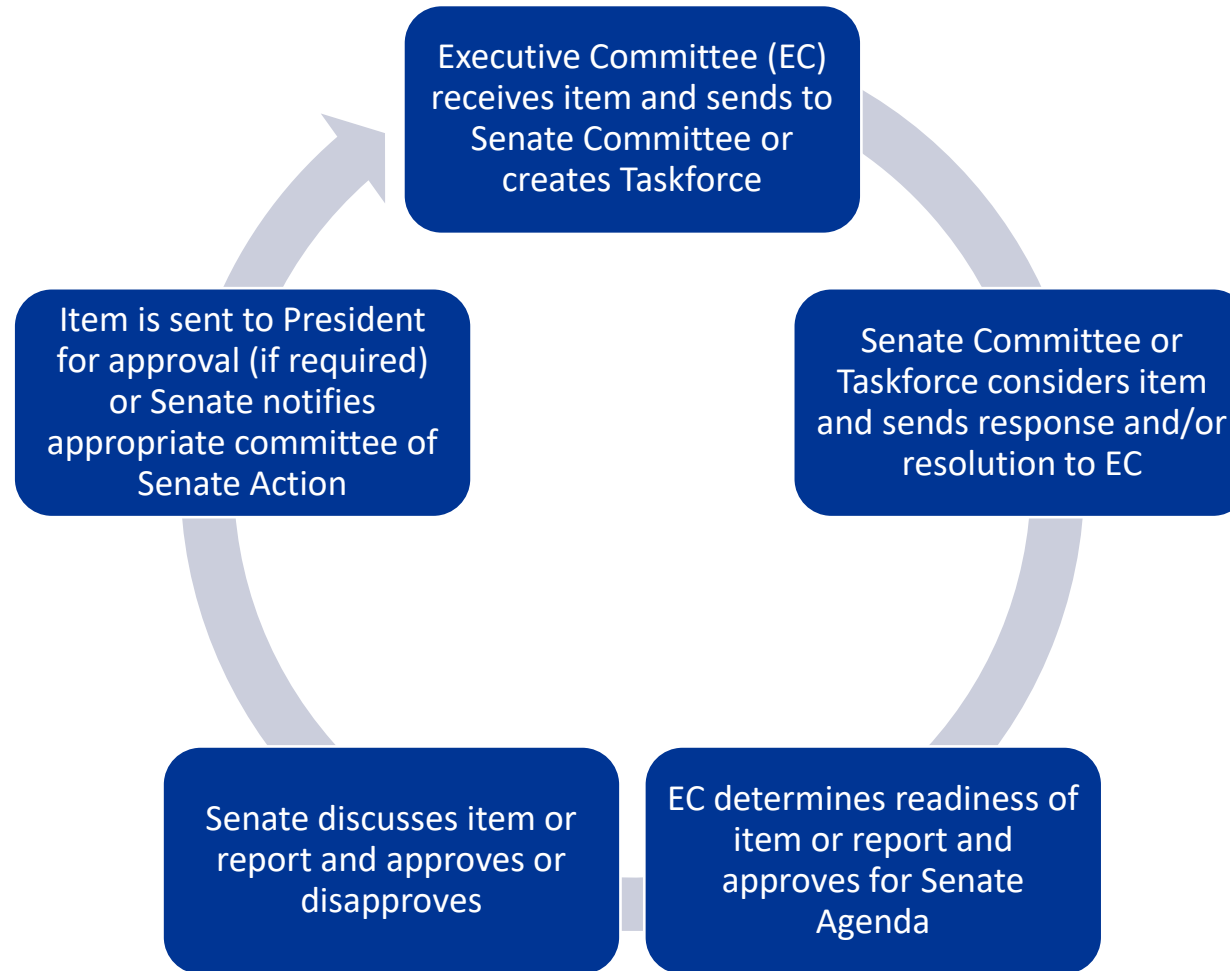
- Academic Senate Chairs Council
- Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS) - Represents three systems

The CSUB Academic Senate

The purposes of this organization shall be:

1. to exercise the rights and authority specifically delegated to the Faculty by the Board of Trustees as well as the Chancellor of the CSU
 - developing policy that governs the awarding of grades and granting of degrees
 - making recommendations to the University President on matters including fiscal policies and budgetary priorities (added June 28, 2018)
2. to serve as the primary consultative body in the University in formulating, evaluating and recommending to the president policies concerning
 - curriculum & instruction
 - appointments, promotion, evaluation & granting of tenure to faculty members
 - academic administrative matters of the institution
3. to serve as the primary body through which members of the faculty may express opinions on matters affecting the welfare of the University

How Business Moves Through CSUB Shared Governance



See handout: [*Detailed Process Map*](#)

Procedures

The regular order of business subject to change by majority vote:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Announcements and Information (Guests: limited time/time certain; Floor: brief)
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Report from CSU Academic Senators
6. Provost's Report
7. Committee Reports (Can be suspended or delayed for urgent business)
8. Resolutions
 - a. Consent Agenda (automatically approved with agenda)
 - b. Old Business
 - c. New Business
9. Open Forum Items
10. Adjournment

Robert's Rules: Making a Motion

A motion is a proposal that the entire membership take action or a stand on an issue.

How to make a motion

1. Raise hand, get permission to speak
2. "I move that (BAS) CFO be added as an ex-officio non-voting member to BPC"
3. Wait for your motion to be seconded
4. Chair will restate if seconded
5. Expand your motion
6. Put question to Membership
7. Vote on motion

See handout: [Introduction to Robert's Rules of Order](#)

Resolution Process

Two reading rule

- Allows Senators time to reflect and consult on the issues
- Can be waived under certain circumstances

Facilitating rules move discussion within democratic process

- Reading materials before the Senate meeting
- Request to be added to the speaker list (Vice Chair maintains)
- Speaking only twice on an issue and not repeating comments
- Comments must concisely address the merits of the motion on the floor

Standing Committee Rules

- Standing Committee Chairs shall be elected by the Academic Senate from its membership at the Organizational Senate meeting at the end of Spring semester
- The Summer Senate shall appoint members of each Standing Committee, subject to ratification at the first regular Senate meeting of the Fall semester
- Topics for policy recommendations come to a Standing Committee only on Referral from the Academic Senate Executive Committee or the Senate Chair
- Notice of Referral shall be included in the Academic Senate Log, which shall be attached to the next Senate Agenda

Standing Committee Rules (Continued)

- Each Standing Committee Chair may appoint subcommittees without membership restrictions
- All Standing Committee meetings shall be open
 - Committees may, by simple majority vote, go into closed session to consider confidential matters, such as but not limited to appointments, recommendations concerning naming of facilities, or similar items
 - Regular business of each committee shall be in open session
- The presence of a majority of voting committee members constitutes quorum
- Standing Committee Chairs shall provide progress reports on the work of their committees at the regular meeting of the Academic Senate

Academic Affairs Committee Membership

Voting members

- Seven faculty members (one from each school and three at-large)
- One student appointed by ASI

Ex officio & non-voting members

- AVP for Academic Affairs & Dean of Academic Programs
- Director of Academic Operations
- GE Director

Academic Affairs Committee Functions

The Academic Affairs Committee functions shall be to review and report to the Academic Senate its recommendations regarding:

- All new academic policies, procedures, programs, and curricula having inter-school or all-university impact
- Proposed changes to the University Catalog that have inter-school or all-university impact
- The Academic Plan
- Proposed changes in the implementation of the General Education Program

In addition, the Academic Affairs Committee shall serve as the University Curriculum Committee for interschool programs that have required courses for majors and/or minors (i.e., not electives) in more than one school

Academic Support & Student Services Membership

Voting members

- Seven faculty members (one from each school, one librarian, and two at-large)
- One Student Services Professional
- One Staff member
- One Student - ASI Vice President (or designee)

Ex officio & non-voting members

- Associate Dean Undergraduate & Graduate Studies
- Vice President for Student Affairs (or designee)
- Executive Director of Associated Student, Inc. (ASI)
- AVP for Enrollment Management (or designee)
- Dean of Libraries (or designee)

Academic Support & Student Services Functions

The Academic Support and Student Services Committee functions shall be to make policy recommendations to the Academic Senate concerning:

- the library
- media services
- student services
- international students
- the cafeteria
- the bookstore
- the computer center
- the campus police

The committee shall monitor the University's academic support and student services programs and make recommendations to the appropriate administrator

Budget & Planning Committee Membership

Voting members

- Seven faculty members (one from each school, one librarian, and two at-large)
- One Staff member
- AVP for Student Affairs
- One Student - ASI President (or designee)

Ex officio & non-voting members

- Academic Senate Chair
- Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Chief Financial Officer (AVP for BAS)

Budget & Planning Committee Functions

The functions of the Budget and Planning Committee shall be to make recommendations to the Academic Senate on all policies and procedures related to:

- Setting institutional priorities
- Allocating and utilizing University resources
- Jointly with the Academic Affairs Committee
- Approve the Academic Plan
- Review new academic programs
- Review existing programs
- Respond to the needs of the University's service region

The committee shall monitor the University's planning processes and coordinate revisions to the Mission and Goals Statement.

Faculty Affairs Committee Membership

Voting members

- Seven faculty members (one from each school, one librarian, and two at-large)

Ex officio & non-voting members

- AVP for Faculty Affairs
- CFA Representative (CFA President, Vice-President, or Faculty Rights Chair as determined by the CFA President)

Faculty Affairs Committee Functions

The functions of the Faculty Affairs Committee shall be to:

- Make recommendations to the Academic Senate on all policies and procedures concerning appointment, promotion, tenure, retention, evaluation, and other closely related matters
- Review and propose revisions to all sections of the Handbook
- Review and prepare recommendations concerning policies on faculty development, such as the University Research Council



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Guiding Principles

California State University, Bakersfield is actively committed to academic and personal exploration through open and respectful discourse.

As Runners We...

- Celebrate academic excellence
- Value integrity & self-reflection
- Embrace individual differences
- Collaborate to build community
- Engage in sustainable practices
- Strive to be local and global citizens
- Welcome new ideas
- Pursue life-long learning

In order to honor our shared purpose, we dedicate ourselves to these guiding principles.

Great conversations are based on:

Mutual Respect – recognizing that everyone has valuable and important contributions to make and are valued for what they bring to the conversation.

Trust – having the ability to rely on each other because a safe environment exists in which dialogue can be shared freely without judgment or negative consequences.

Responsibility – recognizing the duty to uphold mutual respect, building trust, making contributions, and listening to colleagues.

Contribution – sharing your thoughts, experiences, and knowledge with others to enhance the conversation by providing various points of view, exploring many options, and highlighting potential solutions.

Listening - paying attention to the person speaking, giving everyone the opportunity to speak, and seeking clarity by asking questions to gain understanding.

Source: adapted from *iExcelencia in Education!*

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Thank you for your willingness to dedicate your time and effort to support shared governance.

Your voices and concerns are important to the university community, as are those of the persons you represent.