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Academic Senate

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Tuesday, October 28, 2025 | 3:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** [Greenwood]
2. **Approval of Minutes** [Greenwood]
 - 2.1. Academic Senate Meeting on October 7, 2025 pp. 2-4
3. **Communications and Announcements** [Greenwood]
 - 3.1. [Letter of Support – Veto of AB 1400, sent to Gov. Newsom on 9/25/2025](#)
4. **Consent Agenda** – No Items
5. **Reports**
 - 5.1. **Academic Senate Chair** [Greenwood]
 - 5.1.1. [Orientation Packet for AY 2025-2026](#)
 - 5.2. **President:** Written Report [Haft] pp. 5
 - 5.3. **Provost:** Written Report [Liddicoat] pp. 6-7
 - 5.4. **Statewide Senate** [Frame, Rein, Stegner]
 - 5.5. **CFA-SLO** [Kawamura]
 - 5.6. **ASI** [Cabeliza, Engel, Schinderle]
 - 5.7. **Strategic Enrollment Management & Student Affairs:** Written Report [Harris].... pp. 8-9
6. **Quarterly Report**
 - 6.1. **[TIME CERTAIN: 3:30] President’s Report** [Armstrong]
7. **Business Items:** None
8. **Discussion Items:** None
9. **Adjournment:** None



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ATTENDEES

ACADEMIC SENATE MEMBERS

Aubrie Adams; **Benjamin N.B Alexander** OCOB Caucus Chair; **Christian Anderson** (proxy – Allison Myers at 4 p.m.); **Lisa Anderson**; **Jacques Belanger**; **Darin Bennett**; **Kelly Bennion**; **Bret Betnar**; **Angela Bracco**; **Charles Camp**; **Sabrina Canady** (proxy – Christine Gray); **John Clements**; **Matthew Cole**; **Dennis Derickson**; **Shunping Ding**; **Robert Easton**; **Alyson Engel** ASI Board of Directors Chair; **Matthew Fairbanks**; **Samuel Frame** Vice Chair & Statewide Senator; **Scott Fraser**; **Lauren Garner**; **Christine Gray**; **Thomas Gutierrez** Immediate Past Senate Chair; **William Harrison**; **Brian Healy**; **Kara Hitchcock** PCS Caucus Chair; **Sean Hurley** CAFES Caucus Chair; **Eric Jones**; **Eric Kantorowski**; CFA President; **Tiffany Kwapnoski** (proxy – Kara Hitchcock); **Sarah Lester**; **Bo Liu**; **Heather Liwanag**; **Ulric Lund**; **Addison Maerz**; **Bwalya Malama**; **Casey McDonald-Liu**; **Elizabeth McNie**; **James Mealy**; **Ryan Miller**; **Keir Moorhead**; **Allison Myers**; **José Navarro**; **Phillip Nico**; **Erin Pearse**; **Nathan Perry**; **Steffen Peuker** CENG Caucus Chair; **Siroj Pokharel**; **Majid Poshtan** (proxy – Hiren Trada); **Steve Rein** CSU Statewide Senator; **Brian Salvatore**; **Jeanine Scaramozzino**; **Andrew Schaffner** BCSM Caucus Chair; **Tanner Schinderle** ASI Chief of Staff; **Taufik**; **Hiren Trada**; **William Tsai**; **Stamatis Vokos**; **Daniel Waldorf**; **Christina Wolfe-Chandler**; **Ava Wright** CLA Caucus Chair; **Hocheol Yang**

GUESTS

Simone Aloisio; **Susan Cheng**; **Bethany Conway**; **PJ Crocker**; **Rachel Fernflores**; **Daniel Grassian**; **Bruce Greenbaum**; **Jennifer Haft**; **Terrance Harris**; **Lisa Kawamura**; **Michele Kekaha**; **Angie Kraetsch**; **Meggan Levitt**; **Al Liddicoat**; **Cheryl May**; **Beth Merritt Miller**; **Andrew Morris**; **Daniel Parsons**; **Dinesh Pinisetty**; **Patricia Ponce**; **Aparna Sinha**; **Zora Sowinska**; **Shannon Sullivan-Danser**; **Cem Sunata**; **Marc Swackhamer**; **Jennifer Teramoto Pedrotti**; **Cari Vanderkar**; **Dean Wendt**; **Prema Windokun**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Samuel Frame, Academic Senate Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1. The minutes from the Academic Senate Meeting on June 3, 2025, were approved.
3. **Communications and Announcements**
 - 3.1. There were no communications or announcements from the Academic Senate Chair.
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - 4.1. Semester Conversion Consent Agenda: There being no objections, [all consent agenda items](#) have passed.



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5. Reports

5.1. Academic Senate Chair: Samuel Frame, Academic Senate Vice Chair, shared that Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, will be reporting the Executive Committee's summer activities at the next Academic Senate meeting.

5.1.1. [Orientation Packet for AY 2025-2026](#)

5.1.2. [Letter of Support Veto of AB 1400, sent to Gov. Newsom on 9/25/2025](#)

5.2. President's Office: The President's Office provided a written report that can be viewed [here](#).

5.3. Provost: Al Liddicoat, Provost, announced that Damon Fleming will serve dually as Dean of Orfalea College of Business (OCOB) and Dean of Extended Professional and Continuing Education (EPaCE), effective October 1st. Bianca Uway will serve as Interim Executive Director of EPaCE. On November 6th, the Office of the Provost and Noyce School of Applied Computing will host a campuswide AI convening in the ATL to showcase on-campus innovation and cross-disciplinary collaboration. The convening is open to submissions for presenters, research posters, and panelists.

5.4. Statewide Senate: Steve Rein (STAT), Statewide Senator, shared on behalf of Dustin Stegner (ENGL), Statewide Senator, that the Academic Affairs Committee is discussing the topic of a three-year degree. He also shared that Junius Gonzales will serve as the CSU Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. The CSU was reportedly prioritized in the California state budget, receiving a 3% deferral of funding. The CSU is reducing costs by 8% in each division and each campus is being asked to reduce expenditures by 2%. He also shared that CFA representative Margarita Berta Avila has indicated that CFA is urging the CSU to take the 0% loan. California state residents enrolled in the CSU is up 7,700 since September. He reported a decline in enrollment in international students by about 2,000.

5.5. CFA-SLO: Lisa Kawamura, CFA President, reported that CFA is working actively to prevent further sharing of personal contact information of faculty by the CSU Chancellor's Office, following the EEOC Inquiry at California State University, Los Angeles. She also shared that the Immigration Task Force has created posters to remind the public that classrooms and faculty offices are private spaces, which ICE agents may not enter without a federal warrant. Bargaining is reportedly "stalled at the table" and both the CFA and CSU have filed PERB charges, and both charges have been accepted as complaints. Attendance is encouraged at the next Board of Trustees meeting on November 18th. CFA has expressed support of voting "Yes" on Prop 50. The Fall Assembly will be held online.



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5.6. ASI: Tanner Schinderle, ASI Chief of Staff, reported that work continues for the Cal Maritime Integration Ad Hoc Committee to integrate Solano's ASCMA with ASI and to design a shared governance model. An outreach plan is being developed to build connection between the ASI Board of Directors and Dean's offices. ASI will execute voter registration and information initiatives to encourage students to exercise their civic voices. In collaboration with the City of San Luis Obispo, an off-campus lighting survey is being distributed to collect data to ensure student safety throughout the community. ASI maintains student basic needs and resources as a main priority, with an emphasis on food insecurity.

5.7. Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Affairs: Terrance Harris, Vice President of Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, provided a written report that can be viewed [here](#).

6. Special Report

6.1. Academic Notice Policy Review Process: Beth Merritt Miller, Assistant Vice Provost for University Advising, and Susan Cheng, Associate Provost for Student Success, provided a special report on academic notice policy. The presentation slides can be viewed [here](#), and a policy handout can be viewed [here](#).

7. Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

P.J. Crocker

Academic Senate 10/28/25 Report from the Office of the President

NAGPRA / CalNAGPRA

As a reminder, all departments were asked to complete the NAGPRA campus self-assessment survey by Tues. Nov. 4.

NAGPRA is the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act which requires annual reporting of cultural items or human remains. This is the second year we have undertaken the survey as part of our legal and ethical obligation under the NAGPRA and CSU policy.

We appreciate the strong participation we received last year and are on track to repatriate the cultural items currently in the university's possession sometime in 2026.

If you have any questions about the survey or about NAGPRA or CalNAGPRA, please reach out to our NAGPRA Coordinator Kent Spiers.

Stuart Weitzman Event

We are excited to have Stuart Weitzman visit Cal Poly on Monday, November 3.

Weitzman is a world-famous luxury shoe designer, now retired. He spends his time traveling the country, lecturing at various universities about innovation and entrepreneurship.

Mr. Weitzman has also been integral to changes at the Stuart Weitzman School of Design at UPenn where he advocates for an interdisciplinary approach. He believes future architects should study how to design transformational buildings and also learn business so they can manage an architecture firm. His approach is in line with our own thoughts about interdisciplinary education.

He will visit Cal Poly on **Monday, Nov. 3** and will speak at the PAC where students, faculty and staff will hear firsthand how Stuart built an iconic brand, the lessons he learned growing global businesses, and the experiences that have shaped his life and leadership. Please consider attending; it should be a very interesting presentation.

Cal Poly AI Convening – Nov. 6 - Keynote and Panelists

Cal Poly will host its inaugural AI Convening on Thursday, November 6, in the Advanced Technology Lab (ATL). The event, hosted by the Office of the Provost and the Noyce School of Applied Computing, will feature a keynote address and panels showcasing Cal Poly faculty and staff applying AI in teaching, research, and administrative practice. The Keynote speaker will be announced in a universitywide announcement this week.

Keynote (2:45–3:45 p.m.) *Dr. Mekena McGrew*, Quantum Information Lead at Deloitte and member of the Noyce School of Applied Computing Advisory Board, will deliver the keynote address, “AI and Business Transformation.” Her presentation will explore how quantum and artificial intelligence technologies are reshaping data analytics, decision-making, and organizational strategy across industries.

Faculty Panels

- AI in Teaching and Learning – Moderated by *Leida Chen* (AI Faculty Fellow, OCOB), featuring *Dr. Ava Wright* (Philosophy, CLA), *Dr. Amir Hajrasouliha* (City and Regional Planning, CAED), *Dr. Stern Neill* (Marketing, OCOB). Panelists will discuss how generative AI is transforming pedagogy, assessment, and student engagement across disciplines.
- AI in Research and Innovation – Moderated by *Dr. Ryan Jenkins* (Philosophy, CLA), featuring *Dr. Foad Khosmood* (Computer Engineering/Computer Science & Software Engineering, CENG), *Dr. Sarah Senk* (English, CLA), *Dr. Taiyo Inouye* (Mathematics, BCSM), *Dr. Franz Kurfess* (Computer Science & Software Engineering, CNG), and *Dr. Javier Gonzalez-Sanchez* (Computer Science & Software Engineering, CENG). This session will highlight faculty research advancing responsible and human-centered AI innovation.

Staff Panel

- AI in Administrative Functions – Moderated by *Cheryl May* (Special Advisor to the Provost and EVP), featuring *Darin Matthews* (Administration & Finance), *Erin Davis* (University Communications & Marketing), *Clint Hahlbeck* (Bailey College of Science & Mathematics), and *Andrew Ostler* (ITS). Panelists will share practical examples of how AI tools—including ChatGPT and custom GPTs—are improving efficiency, communication, and service delivery across campus.

All faculty and staff are invited to attend the full program, and students are welcome to attend the keynote. The keynote and all panels will be livestreamed and recorded for later viewing. Additional details and registration are available on the [AI Convening webpage](#).

CAP 211 (Academic Calendar) Task Force to Host Campus Forum Nov. 13

The CAP 211 Task Force, convened by the Provost's Office this fall, is reviewing Cal Poly's current process for developing, reviewing, and approving the university's academic calendar. Task Force members represent Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, the Academic Senate, ASI, and several administrative divisions. The group is charged with conducting a comprehensive review and providing recommendations to the President and Provost on a revised CAP 211 policy.

The campus community is invited to attend an open forum on Thursday, November 13, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Building 180, Room 102. The forum will share the task force's preliminary findings and gather

feedback on future criteria and processes for the academic calendar—ensuring it supports student success, equity, and operational sustainability.

Faculty Lead Opportunity: Quantitative Reasoning (QR) Core Competency Assessment

The Office of Academic Programs & Planning (APP) invites applications for a Faculty Lead to coordinate Cal Poly's Quantitative Reasoning (QR) Core Competency assessment. Working in partnership with APP, the Academic Assessment Council, and faculty colleagues, the Faculty Lead will plan, organize, and document campus-wide QR assessment activities. Responsibilities include establishing a project timeline; aligning artifacts, rubrics, and sampling; supporting scorer calibration; and producing summary findings and recommendations for continuous improvement. The Faculty Lead will also share findings with departments and colleges to inform curriculum, pedagogy, and student support efforts.

The position includes four units of assigned time in AY 2025–26, with an estimated effort of approximately six hours per week across Winter–Spring 2026, and possible renewal for AY 2026–27 based on project needs and performance. Ideal candidates will have experience with learning outcomes assessment (preferably at the program or GE level), familiarity with QR or quantitative literacy outcomes and rubric-based scoring, the ability to convene cross-college teams and communicate effectively with faculty and leadership, and a demonstrated commitment to equity-minded assessment practices. Faculty interested in this opportunity should submit a CV, a one- to two-page statement of interest outlining relevant experience and approach to QR assessment, and department chair/head confirmation of support for assigned time by November 21, 2025, to Jean Lee (jlee473@calpoly.edu). Questions may also be directed to Jean Lee.



Academic Senate Meeting — SEM and Student Affairs Reports

Meeting Date: Oct. 28, 2025

Building 15 Welcome Event

- Student Affairs hosted a Building 15 Welcome event Oct. 7 to celebrate multiple of its programs moving to a new space on campus — as part of Cal Poly's larger space optimization effort.
- The event included food, music, brief remarks from campus leaders, and opportunities for the campus community to tour the space.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the event!

Learn about the new Student Success Center Oct. 29

- Student Affairs, in partnership with The Miller Hull Partnership, will host a Student Success Center (SSC) Showcase event throughout the day on Oct. 29. Events include:
 - **SSC Showcase Presentation:** From 9:10-10 a.m., students and staff are invited to attend a presentation in UU 220 to hear updates about the new Student Success Center project. A Zoom link will be provided for those unable to attend in person.
 - **SSC Showcase Tabling Event:** From 3-5 p.m., students and staff are invited to attend a tabling event on Dexter Lawn to engage with partners and ask questions about the project.

Student Experience Surveys

- Solano Campus
 - The Cal Poly Maritime Academy Student Experience Survey was live for two weeks.
 - It closed on Monday, Oct. 13 with 105 participants or a 12.3% response rate (about what was expected).
 - The primary purposes were to:
 - To give an opportunity for the Cal Poly Maritime Academy student body to be heard regarding the integration hopes/concerns.
 - Support current Cal Poly departments that will be providing services to the Solano campus with information regarding the needs and wants of the Cal Poly Maritime Academy students. (ASI, Career, CH&W)
- San Luis Obispo Campus



- The division of Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Affairs is collaborating with ASI, Cal Poly Partners and Facilities on a Student Experience Survey that will be open to all current students.
- The survey will run from Oct. 13 to Nov. 3 and will gain feedback from students to help shape student programs, services and support on campus.

Halloween Safety Enhancement Measures

- The Office of the Dean of Students is encouraging students to help raise awareness among their peers about the safety measures being implemented for Halloween.
- The city of San Luis Obispo will enforce Halloween Safety Enhancement Zones from midnight Oct. 24 to 7 a.m. Oct. 27 and midnight Oct. 30 to 7 a.m. Nov. 3.
- Halloween events and activities will be held on campus for students to safely enjoy the holiday. Events will be posted on [Cal Poly Now](#).

Family Weekends

- Maritime Family Weekend
 - Maritime Family Weekend saw more than 400 parents and supporters in attendance.
- Mustang Family Weekend
 - Mustang Family Weekend is coming up Oct. 31-Nov. 2 with more than 80 activities on the schedule.
 - Thank you to all the departments that are participating.

Campus Health and Wellbeing Extended Hours

- The Health Center within Campus Health and Wellbeing has extended its hours:
 - In-Person:
 - Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Tuesdays: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. (5-7 p.m. by appointment only)
 - Wednesdays: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Telehealth:
 - Sundays: 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. (by appointment only)
 - 24/7 phone support: After-Hours Nurse Advice Line