



# CAL POLY

## Academic Senate

### Academic Senate Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 | 3:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
 UU 220 and <https://calpoly.zoom.us/j/88396656604>

## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** | Greenwood
2. **Approval of Minutes** | Greenwood
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3. **Communications and Announcements** | Greenwood
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6. **Old Business Items**
  - 6.1. **Resolution on Modifications to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate regarding the Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee** (Returning in First reading) | Soma Roy, Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee Chair ..... pp. 24-25
7. **New Business Items**
  - 7.1. **Resolution on External Exam Credit** (First reading) | John Walker, Curriculum Committee Chair ..... pp. 26-30
8. **Adjournment** | Greenwood



## ATTENDEES

### ACADEMIC SENATE MEMBERS

**Aubrie Adams; Benjamin N.B Alexander** OCOB Caucus Chair; **Christian Anderson; Lisa Anderson; Jacques Belanger; Darin Bennett; Bret Betnar; Angela Bracco; Marc Cabeliza** ASI President; **David Camp; Sabrina Canady; John Clements; Matthew Cole; Nikhil Deb; 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; Jerusha Greenwood** Academic Senate Chair; **Thomas Gutierrez** Immediate Past Senate Chair; **William Harrison; Brian Healy; Kara Hitchcock** PCS Caucus Chair; **Sean Hurley** CAFES Caucus Chair; **Taiyo Inoue; Dawn Janke; Eric Kantorowski; Thomas Kommer; Angie Kraetsch; Sarah Lester; Patrick Lin; Bo Liu; Heather Liwanag; Ulric Lund; Casey McDonald-Liu; James Mealy; Ryan Miller; Keir Moorhead; Allison Myers; José Navarro; Phillip Nico; Patrick O’Sullivan; Brian Osborn; Erin Pearse; Nathan Perry; Steffen Peuker** CENG Caucus Chair; **Siroj Pokharel; Steve Rein** CSU Statewide Senator; **Rebecca Richards; Soma Roy; Andrew Schaffner** BCSM Caucus Chair; **Sarah Senk; Samuel Shalhoub; Dusting Stegner; Taufik; Hiren Trada; Alice Tierney-Fife; William Tsai; Stamatis Vokos; Daniel Waldorf; Christina Wolfe-Chandler; Ava Wright** CLA Caucus Chair

### GUESTS

**Simone Aloisio; Helen Bailey; John Bellardo; Kenneth Brown; Susan Cheng; PJ Crocker; Jessica Darin; Rachel Fernflores; Daniel Grassian; Jennifer Haft; Terrance Harris; Maren Hufton; Lisa Kawamura; Michele Kekaha; Maneesh Kumar; Amanda Lathrop; Meggan Levitt; Al Liddicoat; Cheryl May; Beya Makekau; Elizabeth McNie; Katherine O’Clair; Daniel Parsons; Dinesh Pinisetty; Tracy Richmond; Charlotte Rinaldi; Teshia Roby; Aparna Sinha; Shannon Sullivan-Danser; Cem Sunata; Jennifer Teramoto Pedrotti; Carmen Trudell; Cari Vanderkar; Emma Walzer; Dean Wendt; Prema Windokun**

## MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** | Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
  - 2.1. The [minutes](#) from the Academic Senate meeting on January 13, 2026, were approved.
3. **Communications and Announcements**
  - 3.1. Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, welcomed Leslie Nelson and Patrick Lin, who will both be serving as Senate substitutes. The deadline to submit interest in serving as a Cal Poly or as an ASCSU Senator seat was February 10th. There are still vacancies, so Jerusha encouraged those still thinking of the position to submit their nomination forms as soon as possible. Following the passing of the two resolutions at the previous Academic Senate meeting, the Academic Senate has reached one thousand resolutions passed. Jerusha acknowledged the Senate for this milestone accomplishment. Reminders will be sent out for those interested in serving in the Legislative Liaison position. With Academic Senate nominations ongoing, Chair Greenwood encourages applications to fill those seats.



#### 4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1. Guidelines for Summer 2026 Teaching Assignments: There being no objections, [all consent agenda items](#) passed.

#### 5. Written Reports

- 5.1. **Academic Senate Chair**: No report.
- 5.2. **President**: The Office of the President provided a written report that may be viewed [here](#) (pp. 5-6).
- 5.3. **Provost**: The Office of the Provost provided a written report that may be viewed [here](#) (pp. 7-8).
- 5.4. **CSU Statewide Senate**: Statewide Senators Samuel Frame, Steve Rein and Dustin Stegner provided written reports that may be viewed [here](#) (pp. 9-10).
- 5.5. **CFA**: Lisa Kawamura, CFA-SLO President, and Aparna Sinha, CFA-Solano President, provided written reports that may be viewed [here](#) (pp. 11-13).
- 5.6. **ASI**: ASI provided a written report that may be viewed [here](#) (p. 14).
- 5.7. **Strategic Enrollment Management & Student Affairs**: Terrance Harris, Vice President of Strategic Enrollment Management & Student Affairs, provided a written report that may be viewed [here](#) (pp. 15-17).

#### 6. Special Reports

- 6.1. **President's Report**: President Jeffrey D. Armstrong provided a special report that may be viewed [here](#).
- 6.2. **CSU Promise**: Beya Makekau, Associate Vice President – Culture & Institutional Excellence — provided a special report on the new CSU Student Success Framework that may be viewed [here](#).

#### 7. Old Business Items

- 7.1. **Resolution on UFPP 13.1 Administrative Memos**: Due to time constraints, Kenneth Brown, Faculty Affairs Committee Chair, will introduce in first reading a Resolution on UFPP 13.1 Administrative Memos at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- 7.2. **Resolution on UFPP Procedural Updates for Semester Conversion**: Due to time constraints, Kenneth Brown, Faculty Affairs Committee Chair, will introduce in first reading a Resolution on UFPP Procedural Updates for Semester Conversion at the next Academic Senate meeting.
- 7.3. **Resolution on Modifications to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate regarding the Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee**: Soma Roy, Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee Chair, introduced in first reading a Resolution on Modifications to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate regarding the Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee. This resolution will establish Distinguished Teaching Awards committees on the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and



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Solano campuses, which requires a modification to the *Bylaws* to enact this change. This resolution will return in first reading at the next Academic Senate meeting.

8. **New Business Items** | None

9. **Adjournment** | Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:58pm.

Minutes submitted by

**P.J. Crocker**



Please read the following note about the consent agenda for the February 24, 2026, Academic Senate meeting.

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**Department Name Change**

Current Name: Department of Sciences and Mathematics

Proposed Name: Department of Oceanography and Natural Sciences (OcNS)

Issues, concerns, and questions should be directed to Dr. Alexander Parker, department chair. If the concern is strong enough, any senator may request an item to be removed from the Consent Agenda **by February 17, 2026**.

Pursuant to AS-829-17, “Items removed from the Academic Senate consent agenda will be placed on the Senate agenda as business items. Personnel policy revisions shall be presented as reports attached to resolutions. The report contains the new university policy and all background or explanatory information about the change in policy. The Academic Senate Faculty Affairs Committee chair (or designee) is responsible for presenting the policy proposal to the Academic Senate Executive Committee and to the Academic Senate. The Academic Senate Chair (or designee) may invite interested parties concerning the policy proposals to be present at the meetings where pulled proposals will be discussed. Items not removed from the consent agenda are considered approved on the meeting date of the consent agenda.”

*From: Alex Parker, Interim Chair, Department of Sciences and Mathematics (S&M), Cal Poly Maritime*

*To: Dean Wendt, Dean, Bailey College of Sciences and Mathematics*

*Date: September 24, 2025*

RE: Request for Department Name Change: Department of Sciences and Mathematics (S&M) to Department of Oceanography and Natural Sciences (OcNS)

With the integration of the California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) and California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, the organizational structure of Academic Affairs was revised. This included the dissolution of the “Three School Model” at Cal Maritime, and in many cases, the restructuring or dissolution of existing academic departments.

The Department of Sciences and Mathematics (S&M) was retained, in part, due to the essential role it plays in maintaining laboratory and other facilities necessary to support the curriculum. Historically, S&M housed faculty expertise in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and oceanography. Of these disciplines, only oceanography offered a bachelor’s degree program, which was administered within S&M by a faculty program coordinator.

As part of the integration, the mathematics faculty transitioned as a unit to the Department of Mathematics within the Bailey College of Science and Mathematics at Cal Poly. The remaining 10 faculty members, representing the disciplines of chemistry, physics, and oceanography, continue to be housed together as one of the eight departments within the Bailey College.

The request to rename the department addresses two key concerns:

1. To better reflect and support the bachelor’s degree program in oceanography, it is important that oceanography be included in the department’s name.
2. With the integration of mathematics faculty into the existing Bailey College Mathematics Department, our department no longer represents mathematics at Cal Poly.

For these reasons, we propose renaming the department from the Department of Sciences and Mathematics (S&M) to the Department of Oceanography and Natural Sciences (OcNS). This name more accurately represents the current faculty expertise, promotes the identity of the oceanography degree program, and ensures alignment with the department’s ongoing academic mission.

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Bailey College of Science and Mathematics fully supports the proposed name change from the Department of Science and Mathematics to the Department of Oceanography and Natural Sciences (OcNS). The new name more accurately represents the department's current faculty expertise and academic focus.

Following the integration of Cal Maritime with Cal Poly, the mathematics faculty transitioned to the Department of Mathematics within the Bailey College of Science and Mathematics. Accordingly, it is appropriate to remove "Mathematics" from the department's name, as mathematicians are now housed within the Bailey Mathematics Department.

Prior to integration, the Oceanography degree program existed independently, although its curriculum was delivered by faculty within the Department of Science and Mathematics. Oceanography is now the department's only degree-granting program, making it central to the department's identity and mission. Including "Oceanography" in the department name enhances visibility and recognition for the degree program and supports student recruitment and retention by making the department's academic offerings clearer and more identifiable.

The proposed name will also strengthen the department's external identity in research collaborations, grant applications, and partnerships with marine and environmental organizations.

This change is organizational rather than structural, requiring no new resources or administrative reorganization, only updates to official materials and systems.

The Bailey College has also taken steps to ensure clear distinction between related programs. The Marine Science major is delivered on the Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo campus as an interdisciplinary program administered by the Department of Biological Sciences. The faculty have worked to differentiate the Marine Science and Oceanography programs through consistent language on college and departmental webpages, ensuring accurate and transparent public representation of each program's distinct focus and strengths.

The college supports this change as a meaningful step in aligning the department's name with its academic mission and disciplinary strengths, and in advancing the visibility of Oceanography within Cal Poly and beyond.

Sincerely,

Dean E. Wendt  
Dean, Bailey College of Science and Mathematics  
Interim Associate Vice Provost, Office of Research  
California Polytechnic State University

**Date:** November 7, 2025

**To:** Academic Senate  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

**From:** Dinesh Pinisetty  
Associate Vice President and Academics Lead  
California Polytechnic State University, Solano

**Subject:** Support for the Resolution to Rename the Department of Sciences and Mathematics to the Department of Oceanography and Natural Sciences

Dear Members of the Academic Senate,

I write in strong support of the resolution to rename the Department of Sciences and Mathematics to the **Department of Oceanography and Natural Sciences (OcNS)**. This proposed change accurately reflects the department's current faculty composition and academic focus following the integration of California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) with California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

The renaming aligns the department's title with its active disciplines—oceanography, chemistry, and physics—and highlights its signature program, the Bachelor of Science in Oceanography, which serves as a distinctive academic pathway within Cal Poly Solano. Including "Oceanography" in the department name recognizes the unique strength and identity of this degree program while "Natural Sciences" provides an inclusive and representative term for the foundational science disciplines that support it.

Beyond disciplinary alignment, the updated name will enhance external visibility and recruitment efforts, providing a clear and marketable identity to prospective students and partners. The title "Oceanography and Natural Sciences" effectively communicates both the applied and interdisciplinary nature of the department's work, supporting Cal Poly's mission of *learn by doing*, polytechnic education. This renaming is a meaningful and timely step in the ongoing academic integration process. It ensures that our academic structures, communications, and outreach reflect the true scope and expertise of our faculty and programs.

I fully endorse this resolution and recommend its approval by the Academic Senate.

Sincerely,



Dinesh Pinisetty  
Associate Vice President and Academics Lead  
California Polytechnic State University, Solano



November 5, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the proposed resolution to rename the Department of Sciences and Mathematics to the **Department of Oceanography and Natural Sciences (OcNS)**. As the former Chair of the university Curriculum Committee at California State University Maritime Academy, I had the opportunity to work closely with colleagues across the Department of Sciences and Mathematics during and following the integration with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

This name change is both timely and appropriate. It reflects the current disciplinary composition of the department and better aligns with its academic focus and degree offerings. With the transition of mathematics faculty to the Department of Mathematics within the Bailey College of Science and Mathematics, the remaining disciplines - oceanography, chemistry, and physics - are well represented under the proposed title. Including “Oceanography” highlights the department’s flagship bachelor’s program, while “Natural Sciences” accurately encompasses the supporting foundational sciences that remain essential to the curriculum.

The proposed name provides greater clarity and coherence within the evolving academic structure and helps ensure that students, faculty, and external partners can readily understand the department’s scope and contributions within Cal Poly’s expanding portfolio of programs. While departmental identities will continue to evolve as programs grow, I view this resolution as a positive and pragmatic step toward ensuring our academic structure reflects current realities and supports future development.

Sincerely,

Ariel Setniker, PhD  
 Former Chair, Curriculum Committee  
 Director of Faculty Development  
 Associate Professor of Mathematics Education  
 Cal Poly Maritime Academy

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February 4, 2026

To Whom It May Concern in the Cal Poly Academic Senate,

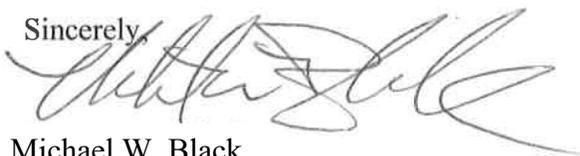
The Department of Biological Sciences at Cal Poly expresses its full support for the proposed name change from the Department of Science and Mathematics to the Department of Oceanography and Natural Sciences (OcNS). We agree that the proposed name more accurately reflects the department's current disciplinary focus, faculty expertise, and academic mission following the integration of Cal Maritime with Cal Poly.

From the perspective of the Department of Biological Sciences, we also appreciate the college's thoughtful attention to distinguishing related but distinct academic programs. The Marine Science major, administered by our department on the San Luis Obispo campus, is an interdisciplinary program with a separate focus and curricular structure from Oceanography. We have worked collaboratively with the Solano campus to ensure consistent and accurate language across departmental materials, supporting transparent public understanding of each program's unique strengths.

The proposed department name will additionally strengthen external engagement by clearly signaling disciplinary expertise in research collaborations, grant activities, and partnerships with marine and environmental organizations. We understand this change to be organizational in nature, requiring no new resources or structural reorganization beyond updates to official materials and systems.

The Department of Biological Sciences supports this proposed name change as a meaningful and constructive step in aligning departmental identity with academic reality, strengthening program visibility, and advancing Oceanography's profile within Cal Poly and the broader scientific community.

Sincerely,



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February 7, 2026

Hello,

The Chemistry and Biochemistry Department fully supports the proposed renaming of the Department of Sciences and Mathematics to the Department of Oceanography and Natural Sciences (OcNS). The proposed name best captures the current composition and mission of the department. We have already had several visits between our two departments, and our faculty are pleased at developing this relationship. We look forward to many productive interactions in the future.

Sincerely,

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February 10, 2026

Dr. Alexander Parker  
Interim Chair  
Department of Sciences and Mathematics  
Cal Poly Maritime Academy

Dr. Matthew Fairbanks  
Department of Sciences and Mathematics  
Cal Poly Maritime Academy

Dear Drs. Parker and Fairbanks,

Thank you for reaching out to the Physics Department with your request for a letter of faculty consultation and support regarding the proposed name change from the "Department of Sciences and Mathematics" at Cal Poly Maritime to the "Department of Oceanography and Natural Sciences (OcNS)."

Two office staff and sixty-seven faculty of all ranks in the Physics Department at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, which also included physics faculty at Cal Poly Maritime, were surveyed. The results of the consultation are below:

In favor of the name change: 6  
No strong opinion about the name change, but no objections: 63  
Not in favor of the name change: 0

Thanks again and all the best in this project,

Dr. Jennifer Klay  
Chair, Cal Poly Physics Department  
email: [jklay@calpoly.edu](mailto:jklay@calpoly.edu)

## 2026.02.24 Academic Senate Update from the Office of the President

We are nearing the end of the term in San Luis Obispo and almost ready for Spring Break in Solano. I hope you are looking forward to your respective breaks.

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### CSU AI Survey Completion

Thank you for participating in last year's CSU AI survey. We expect CSU to share more information about the survey findings in the coming months.

As noted during the survey outreach, participants were eligible to receive a gift card. San Diego State University — which administered the survey — has distributed \$10 gift cards to 5,000 selected recipients. These awards were sent via Tremendous (rewards@reward.tremendous.com) on behalf of San Diego State University.

If you received a gift card, or if anyone asks about Tremendous, please assure them that this is a legitimate vendor and not an attempted scam.

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### Annual Service Awards

On Friday, Feb. 13, we celebrated 17 members of the Cal Poly Maritime Academy faculty and staff who reached milestone anniversaries in calendar year 2025. The group included two 30-year honorees: Vineeta Dhillon and Ismael "Smiley" Garcia. They exemplify the value our long-tenured employees bring through their institutional knowledge and commitment to Cal Poly. You can see the full listing below and on the Cal Poly Annual Service Awards web page: [2025 Cal Poly Maritime Academy Service Awards - Annual Service Awards - Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo](#)

The ceremony for honorees on the San Luis Obispo campus will be held Wednesday, April 1 at 2:30 p.m. at the PAC Miossi Hall followed by a reception in the PAC Main Lobby. Please watch the Cal Poly Report for an invitation and RSVP link.

#### *2025 Cal Poly Maritime Academy Annual Service Award Honorees*

##### 30 YEAR HONOREES

Vineeta Dhillon

Ismael "Smiley" Garcia

##### 20 YEAR HONOREES

Josie Alexander

Mike Kazek

15 YEAR HONOREES

Khalid Bachkar

Nipoli Kamdar

Steve Runyon

10 YEAR HONOREES

Geoff Chappell

Tamara Collette

Lorrie Dineen-Thackeray

Josh Glaze

Ty Jackson

Amber Janssen

Stephen Loiacono

Keir Moorehead

Sean Sigler-Seaman

Andrea Zamora-Blair

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**St. Patrick's Day Plans in San Luis Obispo**

You may have seen announcements about the Morning on the Green concert scheduled for the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day. This marks the second year the university is hosting a large music festival as an alternative to street gatherings that disrupt our surrounding community.

We are working closely with the city to promote safety and reduce disturbances. This year, we have increased the event's capacity from 5,000 to 10,000 attendees to help further limit off-campus parties.

We appreciate your ongoing support in encouraging students to attend the university-sponsored event and in helping share with neighbors the steps Cal Poly is taking to minimize disruptions.

### **Dean of the College of Engineering Search and Noyce School of Applied Computing – Finalist Visits**

Cal Poly will soon host finalists in the search for the next named Dean of the College of Engineering (CENG) and Noyce School of Applied Computing. Three-day finalist visits will take place across both campuses on March 2–4, March 4–6 and March 16–18. The first two days of each visit will be held on the San Luis Obispo campus, with the third day at the Cal Poly Solano campus. Each visit will include an open forum on the first day from 11:10 a.m. to noon, offered in person and via Zoom. Additional details will be shared in advance.

### **Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award – Nominations Open**

Nominations are open for the 2025–26 Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award, which recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates exceptional impact on students through academic advising. The recipient will receive a \$2,000 stipend and be recognized by President Armstrong at Fall Conference. Faculty, staff, and current students may submit nominations. At least one nomination must come from a current student. Self-nominations are not permitted. Nominations close at 11:59 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2026. Additional [information and the nomination form are available online](#) through University Advising. Questions may be directed to Denise Bryden at [dlazar@calpoly.edu](mailto:dlazar@calpoly.edu).

### **CSU International Programs Faculty Seminar – Ensenada, Mexico**

CSU International Programs invites applications for the International Faculty Seminar in Ensenada, Mexico, taking place June 22–26. Hosted in partnership with Universidad Autónoma de Baja California and Centro de Enseñanza Técnica y Superior, the seminar will explore *Two Regions, One Future: Exploring the California–Mexico Scientific, Economic and Cultural Ties*. The program supports faculty collaboration and cross-border engagement aligned with Cal Poly's Learn by Doing mission. Full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty from all disciplines are encouraged to apply. Applications are due March 1. [Additional information and the application form are available online](#). For campus-specific questions or support, [contact the International Center](#).

### **Bachelor's Pathway Programs (BPP) – Implementation Update**

*(In response to questions raised at the Feb. 3, 2026, Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting)*

I appreciate the feedback on our AHC and Cuesta Bachelor's Pathway Programs (BPP) that I received at a previous Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting, which highlighted the need for additional guidance for faculty teaching in these programs, department chairs assigning faculty to teach in the programs, and program coordinators and faculty who initiate new BPPs. Based on experience and insights from recent launches, we are working to streamline the process and create procedures for establishing and maintaining high-quality Cal Poly Bachelor's Pathway Programs with local community colleges. This should provide consistency, clarity, and helpful guidance as programs move from planning to delivery. These resources will be made available on a Cal Poly BPP landing page that will be developed as part of this work.

In the near term, Dr. Jennifer Jipson (Psychology and Child Development) and Provost's Fellow for Bachelor's Pathway Programs, is coordinating with our BPP leadership teams (e.g., 2+2 program coordinators, the Provost's Office, SEMSA, Deans, department chairs) and our community college contacts by conducting direct outreach to departments (e.g., Sociology, Business, and Liberal Studies)

most affected in AY 2026–27 to coordinate and guide these programs, as well as the GE and support course scheduling associated with the programs.

### **AI Factory Update & Energy Use**

*(In response to questions raised at the Feb. 10, 2026, Academic Senate meeting)*

Cal Poly's AI Factory is an NVIDIA DGX B200–based high-performance computing system designed to support AI research, simulation, and instructional innovation. It is shared research infrastructure, not a standalone intelligence system, and is expected to be fully operational in mid- to late March, following minor supply chain delays.

At full capacity, the projected power draw is approximately 65 kW, which is equivalent to about 88 horsepower. ITS has consolidated several existing workloads, ensuring sufficient energy capacity within the data center. The projected load is well within the existing capacity of our on-premises data center and substantially smaller than the commercial-scale AI server installations often referenced in national reporting. The system includes tools to monitor utilization and energy consumption, and energy use will continue to be tracked as it comes online. More information is available in the November press release: [Cal Poly to Open Advanced AI Factory with NVIDIA Technology](#).

### **Grocery Shuttle Pilot – Cal Poly Partners Board Discussion**

*(In response to questions raised at the Feb. 3, 2026, Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting)*

Following a report on the success of the ASI-funded grocery store shuttle, senators raised concerns about ongoing funding needs to continue the grocery shuttle pilot. I shared these concerns, the need for access to lower-cost groceries on campus, with the Cal Poly Partners Board of Directors during our January CPP Board meeting. The purpose was to elevate the issue and engage broader campus leadership in identifying sustainable, long-term solutions.

Conversations are ongoing with TAPS, Housing, Campus Health & Wellbeing, and Cal Poly Partners to explore institutional and partnership-based approaches that would reduce reliance on student fee revenue. Academic Senate will be kept informed as options are developed and evaluated.



## Submitted by Samuel Frame

This report covers APEP on Friday 13 February 2026: The ASCSU executive committee's report to APEP included the just-released draft of the CSU Strategic Enrollment Initiative from the CO for their evaluation. It is not yet distributable, but they screen-shared the document and gave a brief overview. I bring to your attention examples of formalizing "multiple instruction formats" that include "year-round calendars" and "8-week classes." Also from their report, in response to a CSU Math Council request, mathjobs.org will be added to the resources used to hire mathematicians "the way mathematicians want to hire." Drs. Chapman and Inouye from the CO joined APEP for a 90-minute discussion on the processes used to review CCC courses for lower-division Areas 2 and 6, including the reasons these processes differ from the process for the other GE areas. These are the only two areas that include an additional layer of faculty review. They emphasized that the review is not intended to function as course-to-course articulation, which remains the responsibility of individual campuses. Rather, courses are evaluated against the Cal-GETC Standards along with a simultaneous UC review. APEP will meet with the CSU Ethnic Studies Council on Friday, 20 February on AS-3778 (Appointment of Area 6 Ethnic Studies Disciplinary Faculty Reviewers).

## Submitted by Steve Rein

Bills of note in the legislature (so far) this year:

- [AB664](#) - Community College BA program in El Cajon
- [AB960](#) - Any CCC may allow any BA degree program that is non-duplicative with LOCAL CSUs and UC without CSU agreement that it is non-duplicative.
- [SB640](#) - Impacts Admission, Transfer, dual enrollment, and enrollment
- [AB1858](#) - Allows LBCC to award AA degrees to CSULB students who have completed their lower division GE package and enough units to have earned an ADT had those courses been taken at LBCC
- [AB1552](#) - Require Civics be taught in GE courses
- [SB895](#) - \$23.5B Bond measure to partially step in where Federal grant dollars are being withheld

And Assemblymember Berman's office has sent us draft text of a Bill he says will be introduced by Friday, Feb 20 that says that all CCC, CSU, and UC courses will have a Common Course Numbering (CCN) system to avoid the challenges of reviewing courses for articulation purposes. This could be especially problematic at Cal Poly with our "upside down curriculum."

**CFA-SLO CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1/2  
TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE, CAL POLY SLO**

**Lisa Kawamura  
February 24, 2026**

**Bargaining**

CFA has another bargaining session with management on Friday, February 27, 2026. CFA members are invited to the CFA Caucus space during each bargaining session. Please check out the Bargaining website (link below) to register for the Caucus link. We check in after we break with management during bargaining to provide updates on what has been passed and a general read of the bargaining sessions.

If you cannot make it to the Caucus space, and would like to know what happened on 2/27, you are invited to join us for our next Bargaining Townhall the following Monday or Tuesday (I do not have a schedule yet for that meeting, but you can find the registration on the Bargaining website below).

If you have not had a chance to see what your Bargaining Team has proposed and what management has proposed, you can find them [here](#).

You can access CFA's Bargaining full website [here](#).

**Teamsters Strike**

As of the writing of this report, we have just finished the second day of the Teamsters strike. So far, campus unions have come strong to support our Teamsters (yes, they really are OUR teamsters, NOT hired strikers from out of the state) especially during their lunch breaks.

If you don't know what the Teamsters do on our campus, they represent the Trades...they do much more than "just drive trucks." In fact, they provide support for everything we do on our campus. Cold? They make sure you get heat. Leaky roof? They fix it. No power? They get you connected. I think you get my point. They were promised a raise and step increases and the Chancellor has reneged on their negotiated contract terms, citing no money. This, all on the heels of monumental raises for campus presidents and Administrators in the CSU.

They also support YOU at every CFA demonstration, strike, lobbying efforts and more that we host here at CFA-SLO. I hope you were able to walk proudly with our Teamster siblings. I did so proudly (and loudly) to support those that make my job easier everyday.

**CFA-SLO CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2/2  
TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE, CAL POLY SLO**

**Lisa Kawamura  
February 24, 2026**

**CFA-SLO All-Member, Chapter Meeting, Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

CFA-SLO will host an all-member Chapter meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 from 11:10-1:00 pm. We will have a brief update on bargaining as well as other issues that we are facing as a chapter. Come and have lunch with us and let's talk about our Chapter updates. You must be a member to attend, but you can join at the door to hear about what we have been working on this year.

Please let us know if you have specific dietary needs (email [cfa\\_slo@calfac.org](mailto:cfa_slo@calfac.org)) so we can accommodate you!

**CFA-SLO Bowl-A-Rama, March 11, 2026**

CFA-SLO is happy to announce our first Bowl-A-Rama of the year! Come join us for some fun bowling the night away (actually, it will only be for 2 hours). We have lanes reserved from 5:30-7:30 pm. We will have pizza and lanes available for folks and your families.

This is also a members only event, but you can always join at the door!

Please let us know if you have specific dietary needs (email [cfa\\_slo@calfac.org](mailto:cfa_slo@calfac.org)) so we can accommodate you!

**Join CFA**

If you are not already a member (you need to actively join, if you were a fee payer before, you need to join to become a member), please join [here](#). Only members can vote in CFA elections, bargaining, resolutions, etc. We are only as strong as our union. Remember, Union, starts with U.

## **ASI Report**

### **Civic Engagement Day**

- We had a successful Civic Engagement Day, where students chatted with Mayor Stewart, City Manager McDonald, Deputy City Manager Greg Hermann, Chief Scott of SLOPD, Chief Plastino of CPPD, and SLO County Supervisor Gibson while enjoying donuts.

### **ASI Elections**

- Filing for ASI Board of Directors and President is still open until February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 PM. ASI Elections will begin in April!

### **Rooted in Unity**

- Upcoming: Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> (2 PM - 4 PM in Chumash Auditorium)
- This event is in collaboration with the Office of Culture & Institutional Excellence (CIX) and will include a student & staff panel and updates from both ASI and Dr. Beya Makekau, the Associate Vice President of CIX.

### **ASI Spirit Day**

- Upcoming: Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> (11 AM - 1 PM in UU 220)
- This event celebrates 125 years of Cal Poly! There will be booths from Athletics, FSL, Alumni, Cal Poly Partners, and the President's Office! Additionally, there will be free food and live music!

### **Initiatives:**

- As we enter the last quarter, we are prioritizing a couple main initiatives:
  - Implementing menstrual products in all facilities on campus
  - Improving city relations & advocating for tenant protections as we switch to semesters
  - Working with CH&W on preventative measures for substance abuse
- Board members' documents in progress:
  - Resolution to Support City of San Luis Obispo Efforts to Establish a Rental Registry Program
  - Endorsement Reaffirming the 2025-26 CSSA Executive Officers' Statement on the DOJ Lawsuit Against AB 540

## Academic Senate Meeting — SEM and Student Affairs Reports

Meeting Date: Feb. 24, 2026

### Admissions Update for Fall 2026

- With more than 80,000 applications submitted for fall 2026, Cal Poly continues to demonstrate strong national demand at a critical moment as higher education faces the enrollment cliff.
- Sustained application volume — supported by growth in Solano Campus interest, improved early confirmations, and expanding out-of-state reach — provides important momentum as we plan for yield and long-term enrollment stability.
  - **Overall applications:** 81,095 applications submitted for fall 2026 (as of the CSU close of applications on Dec. 1).
  - **Geographic growth:** Out-of-state applications increased by 2%, including a notable 25.3% increase from Illinois following targeted outreach efforts.
  - **Solano Campus applications:** 1,133 applications as of Feb. 4, 2026 (numbers remain fluid due to the March 1 deadline extension), compared to 1,078 at the same time last year.
  - **Solano Campus confirmed admits:** 147 confirmed for fall 2026 as of Feb. 4, 2026, more than double the 67 confirmed at this point in fall 2025.
  - **Alternate major interest:** 1,247 San Luis Obispo Campus applicants selected a Solano Campus major as their alternate.

### Fall Opening Event Dates are Announced, Reflecting Transition to Semesters Move-In

- In the fall, thousands of Mustangs and their supporters will be arriving at our campuses, resulting in more traffic on and near campus.
- San Luis Obispo Move-In Dates:
  - New Students: Aug. 18-19
  - Continuing Students: Aug. 21-22
- Cal Poly Maritime Academy Move-In Dates:
  - New Students: Aug. 17
  - Continuing Students: Aug. 22-23

### Cal Poly Orientation Dates

#### Solano Campus

- A Parent/Family Orientation virtual webinar program will be offered over the summer. It is recommended but not mandatory. The series will be held on Zoom from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the following dates:
  - July 7, 9, 14, 15 and 30.
  - Aug. 4 and 6.
- Orientation: Tuesday-Sunday, Aug. 18-23, 2026. Instruction begins Monday, Aug. 24.

### **San Luis Obispo Campus**

- SLO Days (new student and supporter orientation): June 30-July 28, 2026.

#### **First-year Students**

##### In-Person Sessions

- June 30-July 1; Tuesday-Wednesday
- July 7-8; Tuesday-Wednesday
- July 10-11; Friday-Saturday
- July 13-14; Monday-Tuesday
- July 17-18; Friday-Saturday
- July 20-21; Monday-Tuesday
- July 27-28; Monday-Tuesday

##### Virtual Session (Reserved for International and out-of-state students)

- July 30; Thursday

#### **Transfer Students**

##### In-Person Sessions

- July 24-25; Friday-Saturday
- Virtual Session
- July 23; Thursday
- Second Part (Depending on Major)

##### Virtual Session

- August 5-6; Wednesday-Thursday

- Week of Welcome (WOW): Aug. 19-23, 2026.

- Big Fall Welcome and Evening with the President at Spanos Stadium: Aug. 19.

### **Call for Volunteers for St. Patrick's Day Weekend**

- As the university prepares for St. Patrick's Day, campuswide support will be needed to ensure a safe and successful weekend for students and the community.
- To address concerns related to vandalism, damage, and student safety observed in past years, the university will again implement several measures including:
  - **No-Guest Policy in University Housing:**
    - A no-guest policy will be in effect March 12-17, 2026. Student resident IDs will be checked at all University Housing entrances.
    - Meaning, if you don't live in that building, you will not be able to enter.
  - **Parking Restrictions**
    - Overnight guest parking permits will not be sold during this time.
  - **Increased Accountability for Damages**
    - Charges for any damage incurred in Housing facilities will be doubled.
- Faculty and staff will be invited to sign up to assist in staffing the residence halls during the weekend by using the link below:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D44ACA928A0FF2-61992430-stpattys>

Adopted:

**ACADEMIC SENATE  
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**RESOLUTION ON MODIFICATIONS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE REGARDING  
THE DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARDS COMMITTEE**

- 1 WHEREAS, Each Cal Poly campus (San Luis Obispo and Solano) has unique academic
- 2 program structures; and
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- 4 WHEREAS, The selection process for the awardees of the Distinguished Teaching Awards
- 5 requires that the Distinguished Teaching Award committee members conduct
- 6 class visits of the finalists; therefore be it
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- 8 RESOLVED: That the Cal Poly Academic Senate establishes Distinguished Teaching Awards
- 9 committees at each Cal Poly campus, and each committee will prepare
- 10 procedures and guidelines for the award selection as fits the unique needs of the
- 11 campus; and be it further
- 12
- 13 RESOLVED: That the *Bylaws* of the Academic Senate be modified as shown on the attached
- 14 revision.

Proposed by: Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee  
Date: December 15, 2025

## Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee

### (a) Membership, San Luis Obispo campus

General Faculty representatives should be former recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Award, from the San Luis Obispo campus. If no prior Distinguished Teaching Award recipients from a particular college are available and willing to serve, the Executive Committee, in consultation with the San Luis Obispo Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee chair, may appoint a faculty member from that college who has a clear and compelling record of sustained, outstanding instructional performance. Ex officio members shall be two ASI representatives from the San Luis Obispo campus. These students will have at least junior standing and will have completed at least three consecutive termsquarters and 24 semester 36quarter units at Cal Poly with at least a 3.0 grade point average.

### (b) Membership, Solano campus

General Faculty representatives should be 3 – 4 former recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Award, from the Solano campus. If no prior Distinguished Teaching Award recipients are available and willing to serve, the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Solano campus Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee chair, may appoint a faculty member(s) who has(ve) a clear and compelling record of sustained, outstanding instructional performance. Ex officio members shall be one ASI representative, from the Solano campus. This student will have at least junior standing and will have completed at least three consecutive terms and 24 semester units at Cal Poly with at least a 3.0 grade point average.

### (c) Responsibilities

The Distinguished Teaching Awards Committees at the two campuses shall conduct the selection process and judge potential candidates for the Distinguished Teaching Award in accordance with the special rules and procedures developed by the Distinguished Teaching Awards Committees at the two campuses and approved by the Executive Committee. Final recommendations regarding the Distinguished Teaching Award recipients will be submitted to the President through the Academic Senate Chair.

Adopted:

**ACADEMIC SENATE  
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**RESOLUTION ON EXTERNAL EXAM CREDIT**

**Impact on Existing Policy:**

- **Replaces AS-331-90/1C (Resolution on the International Baccalaureate Program)**
- **Replaces AS-468-96/1C (Resolution on Credit for Advanced Placement Exams)**

1 WHEREAS, Cal Poly will convert from quarters to semesters beginning in Fall 2026; and  
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3 WHEREAS, the CSU requires Cal Poly to update its policies on external exam credit effective  
4 Fall 2026 to convert to semester units and to match CSU policy for the minimum  
5 GE credit earned for each exam—as described in the CSU Systemwide Credit for  
6 External Examinations policy; and  
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8 WHEREAS, Cal Poly’s current policy awards 9 quarter units (6 semester units) credit for each  
9 Advanced Placement (AP) exam passed and 8 quarter units (5 semester units)  
10 credit for each International Baccalaureate (IB) exam passed, which is typically  
11 more than the credit for the equivalent courses and the CSU-mandated units;  
12 and  
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14 WHEREAS, the current policy creates inequities by offering these excess units for AP and IB  
15 exams, which may only be used as free electives, but not for external credit from  
16 other sources; and  
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18 WHEREAS, some Cal Poly majors have no free elective units and cannot use the excess units  
19 currently offered for AP and IB exams, which creates additional inequity for  
20 students in those majors; and  
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22 WHEREAS, most other CSU institutions grant no excess free elective credit for external  
23 exams, and only award credit for articulated courses or CSU mandates; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Cal Poly students who have received excess degree-applicable free electives  
26 from external exams gain advantages in earlier registration and earlier access to  
27 upper-division courses compared to other students; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the start of the semester curriculum offers a timely opportunity to implement a  
30 more equitable external exam credit policy for students; therefore, be it  
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32 RESOLVED: that Cal Poly Academic Senate adopts the attached Policy on External Exam  
33 Credit to begin in Spring 2026.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Curriculum Committee and the General  
Education Governance Board

Date: February 17, 2026

## POLICY ON EXTERNAL EXAM CREDIT

1. This policy will take effect for exams taken in Spring 2026 or later. Cal Poly credit for external exams taken prior to Spring 2026 will be awarded according to the previous Cal Poly policy.
2. Cal Poly will follow the minimum passing score, minimum semester credits earned for admission, semester credits toward GE certification, and the GE area for all external exams listed in the CSU Systemwide Credit for External Examinations policy (the CSU policy).
3. Individual departments/areas will decide what specific course(s) articulate for each exam and may award credit in different courses for exam scores above the CSU minimum passing score if they wish.
4. If a department articulates course(s) that award more than the CSU-mandated minimum exam credit, then the student will receive the higher number of credits.
5. If a department articulates course(s) that award fewer credits than the CSU-mandated minimum, the student will receive the balance of the CSU minimum credits as free elective units or GE units if the exam confers GE credit under the CSU policy.
6. If the CSU policy lists more than one GE area as an option for an exam and no articulated GE course exists, then the General Education Governance Board (GEGB) will review the exam and decide whether to allow credit in only one of the areas or to give credit in whichever area is most advantageous to the student.
7. If the CSU policy lists more than one GE area as an option for an exam and a department articulates course(s) covering one of those areas, the student will receive the articulated GE course credit. If the student has already fulfilled that GE area by other means, then the student will be given completion of the other GE area mandated by the CSU but no additional unit credit beyond the higher of the CSU minimum units or the articulated course units. (Using AY 2025-2026 as an example, according to CSU policy a passing score on the AP European History Exam awards 3 units of credit in either GE Area 3B or GE Area 4. Suppose that the History Department decides that this exam gives credit for HIST 2212, which is 3 units in GE Area 4B. However, the student already receives GE Area 4B credit through their major but has not fulfilled GE Area 3B. The student receives 3 units of credit in HIST 2212 and fulfills GE Area 3B but gets no additional units since CSU only mandates 3 units for completion of this exam.)
8. If a student receives the CSU passing score on an external exam with a mandated GE area and the exam articulates to a Cal Poly course with a different GE area, the student will receive credit in the articulated course and the CSU-mandated GE area but not in the GE area covered by the course. (This preserves the course articulation without awarding credit in an extra GE area for a single exam.)

9. If a student receives the CSU passing score on an external exam without a mandated GE area, and the exam does not articulate to any Cal Poly course, the student will receive free elective credit equal to the minimum semester credits earned for admission listed in the CSU policy.
10. If a student receives the CSU passing score on an external exam with a mandated GE area, and the exam does not articulate to any Cal Poly course, the student will receive GE credit equal to the semester credits towards GE certification listed in the CSU policy.
11. If a student receives the CSU passing score on an external exam with a mandated GE area, and the exam articulates to non-GE Cal Poly course(s), the student will receive the articulated course credit as GE credit up to the units of the articulated course or the semester credits towards GE certification listed in the CSU policy, whichever is higher.
12. No excess free elective credit will be given for any exam beyond the number of units listed in the minimum semester credits earned for admission or the semester credits toward GE certification listed in the CSU policy. If Cal Poly course(s) articulate to the exam, the course units will be used to meet the CSU mandate whenever applicable.
13. Due to technical limits on Cal Poly systems, it may be necessary to offer more credits than this policy allows until the systems are replaced or revised. These limitations do not alter the underlying policy. In these instances, the guiding principles will be that (a) Cal Poly course articulations will be honored, (b) CSU mandates will be met, and (c) the total units of credit granted will be the minimum to satisfy both (a) and (b) subject to the limitations of the systems.
14. The Senate empowers the Registrar's Office—in consultation with the General Education Governance Board (GEGB) and the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee (ASCC)—to determine the details of how this policy will be implemented in areas not clearly defined by the policy.
15. Any disputes arising from this policy concerning GE credit will be resolved by the GEGB. Any disputes concerning non-GE credit will be resolved by the ASCC.

## ADDENDUM

### External Exam Credit Decision Grid

The table below shows the combinations of CSU mandate and Cal Poly course articulations covered by this policy.

<b>CSU Mandate</b>	<b>Cal Poly Articulation</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Policy Items</b>
Non-GE	None	CSU mandated units	9
Non-GE	Non-GE	Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as free electives) or course articulation	4, 5
Non-GE	GE	Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as free electives) or course articulation; plus GE	4, 5
GE (1 option)	None	CSU mandated units; plus GE	10
GE (1 option)	Non-GE	Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as GE units) or course articulation; plus GE	4, 5, 11
GE (1 option)	GE (same as CSU)	Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as GE units) or course articulation; plus GE	4, 5
GE (1 option)	GE (different than CSU)	Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as GE units) or course articulation; plus CSU-mandated GE only	4, 5, 8
GE (2+ options)	None	GEGB decides CP option(s); CSU mandated units plus GE from GEGB choice	6, 10
GE (2+ options)	Non-GE	GEGB decides CP option(s); Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as GE units) or course articulation; plus GE from GEGB choice	4, 5, 6, 11
GE (2+ options)	GE (matches CSU option)	Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as GE units) or course articulation; plus GE in area most favorable to student	4, 5, 7
GE (2+ options)	GE (different than CSU)	Higher of CSU mandated units (balance as GE units) or course articulation; plus CSU-mandated GE only in area most favorable to student	4, 5, 8