



ATTENDEES

Executive Committee Members

Benjamin Alexander OCOB Caucus Chair; ~~Marc Cabeliza~~ ASI President; ~~Alyson Engel~~ ASI Board of Directors Chair; **Samuel Frame** Vice Chair & CSU Statewide Senator; **Jerusha Greenwood** Academic Senate Chair; **Thomas Gutierrez** Immediate Past Senate Chair; **Kara Hitchcock** PCS Caucus Chair; **Sean Hurley** CAFES Caucus Chair; ~~Lisa Kawamura~~ CFA SLO Chapter President; ~~Al Liddicoat~~ Interim Provost and Executive Vice President; **Elizabeth McNie** Solano Campus Representative; **Steffen Peuker** CENG Caucus Chair; **Steve Rein** CSU Statewide Senator; **Andrew Schaffner** BCSM Caucus Chair; **Dustin Stegner** CSU Statewide Senator; **Ava Wright** CLA Caucus Chair; **Vacant**: CAED Caucus Chair

Guests

PJ Crocker; Jen Haft; Daniel Grassian; Amanda Lathrop; Cheryl May; Aparna Sinha; Shannon Sullivan-Danser; Zora Sowinska; Matthew Weinstein

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes:

2.1. The minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting on September 4, 2025, were approved.

2.2. The minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting on September 23, 2025, were approved.

3. Communications and Announcements: None.

4. Reports

4.1. Academic Senate Chair: Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, provided a brief orientation for Executive Committee members which can be viewed [here](#). This presentation included a restatement of the Executive Committee's commitment to shared governance, pertinent resolutions, and direct applications to Senate work. Additionally, Chair Greenwood described the roles and responsibilities of Executive



Committee members and Academic Senate staff, the protocol and procedures for meetings, and the resolution and voting processes.

- 4.2. President's Office:** Jennifer Haft, President's Chief of Staff, reported that U.S. News and World Report ranked Cal Poly SLO as #1 in the "Best in the West" list for the third consecutive year. Haft also provided a series of documents supplied by OneCampus and the system office with guidelines in the case of U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) on Cal Poly campus. The CSU Presentation on Responding to ICE is available [here](#), the CSU FAQ about ICE is available [here](#), and Cal Poly resources if ICE comes on campus are available [here](#). George Hughes, Associate Vice President of Public Safety, is the sole on-campus individual who can certify that ICE documents and warrants are applicable and appropriate. To avoid undue stress and fear, campus communication will not be distributed until ICE presence on campus is apparent, but other methods for increasing awareness are under consideration. Faculty members are recommended to comply with ICE and call 911 in an emergency, or the non-emergency number if the matter is not urgent. ICE is not required to notify Cal Poly of their presence on campus, but all spaces on campus where an academic component takes place are considered private. However, there is a variety of public spaces on campus, such as the entrance to the Recreation Center. Additionally, any staff member who may have been impacted by new H-1B visa requests has received communication from the President's Office with applicable resources. Beginning October 6th, 2025, the Student Ombuds Services will close, and Patricia Ponce, Student Ombuds, will be joining the Residential Student Service Center to address increasing needs in housing. Faculty, staff, and students are recommended to complete the CSU AI Survey, which addresses the future use of AI on campus and was recently distributed to all 22 CSU campuses. The survey can be accessed [here](#). The year-long Presidential Antisemitism Task Force—composed of faculty, staff, students, and community members—will have their inaugural meeting in late October and reoccur bi-quarterly until June, when the group and advisors will present final recommendations to President Armstrong. Cal Poly IT has upgraded Virtual Computer Labs to provide better service, faster function, and increased reliability for students. The President's Office reported Poly PDF, a spreadsheet circulating among the student body with free course texts, to Google for copyright concerns, and it was pulled from the internet. The President's Office is searching for innovative ways to support students in securing course materials in a cost-effective manner that does not violate copyright laws. Finally, the Vice President for University Personnel search will begin within the next month and a half, and the



Academic Senate will receive a request to make an appointment to the Consultative Search Committee.

4.3. Provost: None.

- 4.4. Statewide Senate:** Steve Rein (STAT), Statewide Senator, reported that Junius Gonzales was appointed Executive Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and will bifurcate Academic Affairs and Student Affairs shortly after his arrival. The CSU avoided an 8% budget cut, reducing it to a 3% cut or “deferral.” The money for the compact was similarly deferred. Mildred García, CSU Chancellor, alluded to the possibility of lacking future funds to repay Cal Poly programs that have been encouraged to continue. A no-interest loan from the state government to the CSU was offered, but the details have not yet been reviewed. Margarita Berta-Ávila, CFA President, mentioned that CFA strongly advocates for CSU to take the loan, as it would allow the CSU Employees Union (CSUEU), to prove the CSUs are fully funded, therefore providing an argument for their wages to be increased. Nathan Evans, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs, reported that enrollment increased by 7,700 California residents systemwide for fall of 2024—prior to the inclusion of Cal Poly numbers—which is beneficial for financial lobbying in Sacramento. Dustin Stegner (ENGL), Statewide Senator, reported that the Academic Affairs Committee focused on three-years degrees, i.e., bachelor’s degree programs of less than 120 semester units, which create a “third space” between the Associate of Arts degree and the Bachelor of Arts or Sciences degree; these possibilities will be further investigated. The Chancellor’s General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) discussed the methodology of community colleges submitting courses for Cal-GETC approval, as a lack of clarity is apparent. Furthermore, due to current legislature, the University of California system is effectively immune from curricular control, meaning they can accept partial certification for GE or transfer admits, whereas the CSU system must be fully certified to do so. Senator Stegner also provided additional context on the CSUEU labor situation: if the CSU is funded fully, then CSUEU employees would not be required to acquire step increases but rather, would be transferred into a step that is comparable with their current salary. Therefore, the underfunding of the CSU has a direct impact on staff at Cal Poly and across the entire CSU system. Another tangible effect of the bargaining situation is that the memorandum of understanding for lecturer range elevation has changed, affecting lecturer salaries and preventing range elevation unless lecturers are at the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) maximum. Restoring the time in range for lecturers will be part of bargaining; however, the CFA is using open bargaining as their primary tactic but is largely stalled as management has not been amenable to this tactic. The



ASCSU appropriated WTUs for Cal Poly Solano faculty for the 2025-2026 Academic Year without adequate representation of Solano faculty and staff. Samuel Frame (STAT), Statewide Senator, reported from the Academic Preparation & Education Programs Committee (APEP) that community colleges have proposed to the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS) a new method of course approval via Cal-GETC. This course approval process will entail lower levels of review based on less documentation of learning objective completion. In terms of codifying approval process, APEP has a resolution which attempts to document the approval process for remaining Area 6/F courses. Ethnic Studies faculty have expressed concern about the approval process due to lack of feedback and transparency surrounding it.

4.5. CFA-SLO: None.

4.6. ASI: Mark Cabeliza, ASI President, and Alyson Engel, ASI Board of Directors Chair, provided a written report which can be accessed [here](#).

5. Action Items:

5.1. Approval of Revised Winter 2026 Calendar of Meetings: M/S/P to approve the Revised Winter 2026 Calendar of Academic Senate and Executive Committee Meetings.

5.2. Approval of Faculty Appointments: M/S/P to approve the following Faculty Appointments to stated roles or Academic Senate and University Committees:

5.2.1. Benjamin Alexander as *OCOB Senator (2025-2027)*

5.2.2. Bret Betnar as *CAED Part-Time Representative Senator (2025-2027)*

5.2.3. Brian Salvatore as *Substitute for Samuel Shalhoub as BCSM Part-Time Representative Senator (Fall 2025)*

5.2.4. Academic Senate and University Committees:

Pei Zhang (CAFES)

Diversity Committee (2025-2027)

Shashika Hewavitharana (CAFES)

Graduate Committee (2025-2027)

Emily White (CAED)

Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee (2025-2027)

Thomas Kommer (CAED)

Faculty Affairs Committee (2025-2027)

Claire Olsen (CAED)

Graduate Committee (2025-2027)

John Bellardo (CENG)

Graduate Committee (2025-2027)

Nancy Arrington (CLA)

Graduate Committee (2025-2027)

José Navarro (CLA)

USCP Review Committee (2025-2027)

Charles Knight (BCSM)

Faculty Affairs Committee (2025-2027)

Kelly Bodwin (BCSM)

Graduate Committee (2025-2027)



Lisa Anderson (OCOB)	<i>Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Committee (2025-2027)</i>
Jeanine Scaramozzino (PCS)	<i>Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee (2025-2027)</i>
Kyle Tanaka (PCS)	<i>Diversity Committee (2025-2027)</i>
Mercedes Rutherford-Patten (PCS)	<i>General Education Governance Board (2025-2028)</i>
Rebecca Richards (PCS)	<i>Graduate Committee (2025-2027)</i>
Miguel Pedroza (CAFES)	<i>Academic Assessment Council (2025-2028)</i>
Anuraj Dhillon (CLA)	<i>Academic Assessment Council (2024-2027)</i>
Don Choi (CAED)	<i>Graduate Writing Requirement Advisory Board (2024-2026)</i>
Keri Schwab (At-Large)	<i>International Program Committee (2025-2027)</i>

5.3. Approval of Charges for Academic Senate Committees: M/S/P to approve the amended Charges for Academic Senate Committees for the 2025-2026 Academic Year.

6. Discussion Item:

6.1. [CONFIDENTIAL] Donor Recognition Naming Consideration: Matthew Weinstein, Vice President, University Development and Alumni Engagement, presented a Donor Recognition Naming Consideration for the Charles and Claire Jacobson Animal Health Center and the George Wurzel Plant Sciences Building. M/S/P to endorse the Donor Recognition Naming Consideration.

7. Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm.