



Academic Senate Meeting — SEM and Student Affairs Reports

Meeting date: Oct. 7, 2025

Building 15 Welcome Event

- Over the summer, several Student Affairs programs moved to Building 15, including the Black Academic Excellence Center, Cal Poly Scholars, Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), La CASA and TRIO Achievers.
- Student Affairs is hosting a “Building 15 Welcome” event from 4-6 p.m. Oct. 7.
- Students in the programs as well as the general campus community will be invited to check out the new space, enjoy food, music, and mingle and learn more about the programs and centers.

Fall Start

- We had a great start to the new academic year:
 - Moved 5,309 students into on-campus housing
 - These students and 600+ orientation leaders completed WOW.
 - Hosted 1,700 new parents at the Evening with the President, an event that takes place after parents/supporters move their students in.
- 139 students participated in CORE (Creating Opportunities for Represented Engagement). This is a pre-wow program rooted in proactively connecting underrepresented students to the resources, community, and connections that will kickstart their academic journey.
- Thank you to all of you who volunteered at Move-in and participated at various other events to welcome our newest Mustangs.

Clubs and Orgs

- More than 400 clubs and organizations are chartered and ready for a new academic year!
- New: Cal Poly Club Women's Flag Football has officially begun with over 130 signups
- Strong Fraternity & Sorority Recruitment this year:
 - Panhellenic Association: 1242 signed up –breaking records, 2017 was 1237 total.
 - Interfraternity Council: 608 signed up
 - United Sorority & Fraternity Council: 50 signed up
- Fraternity & Sorority Life Moved to Building 124 Student Services Building.

California Student Parent Summit

- On Sept. 10, Students with Dependents co-hosted the California Student Parent Summit at Cal Poly — the first CSU to host this event.
- More than 300 student parents, advocates and leaders from across the state attended to celebrate successes, share strategies and chart a path forward in supporting student parents in higher education. KSBY news coverage of the event: <https://www.ksby.com/san-luis-obispo/cal-poly-is-first-csu-to-host-california-student-parent-summit>
- Students with Dependents is making strides in data collection to better aid pregnant and parenting students on campus.
- In 2023, Cal Poly received a \$60,000 grant through the Data-to-Action campaign to strengthen its Students with Dependents program. The funding supports the development of better systems to identify these students and provide them with the resources they need to thrive on campus.

Upward Bound Funding

- Upward Bound is a federally funded outreach program that provides free services to local high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds to inspire them to reach their higher education goals.
- Cal Poly Upward Bound serves about 100 students each academic year.
- The program faced funding uncertainty earlier this year but fortunately was recently informed that it would receive its Grant Award Notice for the 2025-26 academic year.
- This academic year, Cal Poly saw a record number of students in the Upward Bound program become Cal Poly Mustangs. Nine students are enrolled at Cal Poly. Overall, all 28 high school seniors who graduated last June enrolled in two- or four-year institutions for the fall, with 75% attending four-year schools including CSU or UC campuses and private universities.

Services and Support

- **Admissions:** In collaboration with Provost's Office, launching student success guide support program with HECSA graduate students to support our incoming MOSAIC scholars, they will serve as a bridge to campus resources on campus.
- **Financial Aid:** All hands on deck assisting students during our busiest few weeks of the year ahead of our first fall disbursement.
 - Disbursed ~\$69M in financial aid during our first 2025-26 disbursement
- **Off Campus Housing Program:** Joint Cal Poly/SLO City initiative for SLO Clean Up Week 2025 resulted in 1079 scheduled clean up requests to San Luis Garbage, which is a 47% increase in requests compared to 2024. A total of 121 tons of materials were collected from the public right-of-way." OCHP helped booth, distribute flyers, post on social media, and email off-campus students.

- **Disability Resource Center:**

- Testing Accommodations: The DRC is developing new processes to uphold its testing policies for students so its team can continue to meet an increased demand for testing accommodations — a 25% increase year over year. Students will be required to schedule their exams at least five business days in advance of their exam date or submit a late testing request form, with approval based on availability. If no seats are available, the student may reach out to faculty to discuss options. Please visit the DRC website for more information: <https://drc.calpoly.edu/updated-testing-procedures-faq>
- New Tram Service: The DRC will be expanding its tram services to faculty and staff who have an approved accommodation.

Cal Poly Now

- The Cal Poly Now website remains the go-to guide for events, clubs and organizations on campus with over 1,600 events currently listed.
- The website now includes events from Athletics, ASI and the entire Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Affairs division.
- While the campus community can view events on the website without logging in, Student Affairs encourages users to log in to see more opportunities.