



ATTENDEES

ACADEMIC SENATORS PRESENT

Abo-Ismael, Mohammed (CAFES); **Alexander, Benjamin** (OCOB); **Bennett, Darin** (CAFES); **Bracco, Angela** (CAED); **Bridger, Sarah** (CLA); **Clements, John** (CENG); **Cole, Matthew** (OCOB); **Derickson, Dennis** (CENG); **Ding, Shunping** (CAFES); **Easton, Robert** (BCSM); **Frame, S. (Academic Senate Chair)**; **Fraser, Scott** (BCSM); **Garner, Lauren** (CAFES); **Gray, Christine** (PCS); **Greenwood, Jerusha** (Immediate Past Senate Chair); **Haft, Jennifer** (Office of the President, ex officio, non-voting); **Hardy, Kristin** (BCSM); **Hitchcock, Kara** (PCS); **Hurley, Sean** (Academic Senate Vice Chair); **Inoue, Taiyo** (ASCSU Senator); **Jankovitz, Kris** (BCSM); **Jones, Seamus** (CENG); **Kolegraff, Stacy** (CAED); **Kommer, Thomas** (CAED); **Lester, Sarah** (PCS); **Liddicoat, Al** (Provost, ex officio, non-voting); **Lin, Patrick** (CLA); **Lund, Ulric** (BCSM); **Maerz, Addison** (OCOB); **Malama, Bwalya** (CAFES); **Miller, Ryan** (CAED); **Minor, Elizabeth** (CLA); **Myers, Allison** (CLA); **Navarro, José** (ASCSU Senator); **Nelson, Leslie** (CLA); **Pan, John** (CENG); **Perez, Carrie** (PCS); **Peuker, Steffen** (CENG); **Pollin, Andy** (CAED); **Poshtan, Majid** (CENG); **Rein, Steve** (ASCSU Senator); **Richards, Rebecca** (PCS); **Ruttenberg, Ben** (BCSM); **Scaramozzino, Jeanine** (PCS); **Schinderle, Tanner** (ASI president, ex officio, non-voting); **Short, Olivia** (Chair of ASI Board of Directors, ex officio, non-voting); **Stegner, Dustin** (ASCSU Senator); **Trada, Hiren** (CENG); **Vokos, Stamatis** (BCSM); **Wang, Cindy** (OCOB); **Wendt, Dean** (Dean's Council, ex officio, non-voting); **Wolfe-Chandler, Christina** (PCS); **Wright, Ava** (CLA); **Wu, Xi** (CENG); **Yang, Hocheol** (CLA); **Yeh, Grace** (CLA)

ACADEMIC SENATORS ABSENT

Anderson, Lisa (OCOB); Kawamura, Lisa (CFA, ex officio, non-voting); Mealy, James (CENG); Pearse, Erin (BCSM);

GUESTS

Aloisio, Simone; Bailey, Helen; Bettergarcia, Julie; Brown, Ken; Cruz Rios, Cristal; Daly, Lauren; De Lay, Ann; Fairbanks, Matthew; Groom, David; Harris, Terrance; Kumar, Maneesh; Lin, Joyce; Lindo, Jason; Macdonald, Sarah; May, Cheryl; Merrit Miller, Beth; Morris, Amy; Morris, Andrew; Parsons, Daniel; Pedersen, Mary; Sinha, Aparna; Sullivan-Danser, Shannon; Sunata, Cem; Swackhamer, Marc; Teramoto Pedrotti, Jennifer; Windokun, Prema; Zelezny, Lynnette

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order:** Samuel Frame, Academic Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** The Academic Senate Meeting minutes from June 2, 2026, were approved.
- 3. Communications and Announcements** | Samuel Frame, Academic Senate Chair, announced that his office hours will be from 1:00–1:50 pm on Mondays via Zoom, and in-person from 1:00–1:50 pm on Tuesdays in Building 38-143.
- 4. Consent Agenda** | There being no objections, [all items](#) on the Consent Agenda have passed.
- 5. Reports**
 - 5.1. Academic Senate Chair** | Samuel Frame, Academic Senate Chair, reported the inclusion of the following two documents and invited senators to reach out to him directly with questions.
 - 5.1.1. Update on Summer Activities by the Executive Committee:** This update may be viewed [here](#) (p. 11).



5.1.2. Orientation Packet for AY 2026-2027: This packet may be viewed [here](#).

5.2. President | Jennifer Haft, President's Office Chief of Staff, welcomed senators to Cal Poly's first semester and reiterated points from Jeffrey Armstrong's, Cal Poly President, convocation speech, including gratitude towards faculty and staff's work on the semester conversion and the administration's commitment to increasing housing opportunities and strengthening the local economy. The honorary degree process is open, and individuals may be nominated for recognition at the 2027 Commencement ceremony. The Executive Committee will review nominations and submit finalists to the Chancellor's Office on December 4th. The Anti-Semitism Task Force completed their work at the end of the last academic year and presented their findings to the president in a report that may be viewed [here](#). Beya Makekau, Associate Vice President and Senior Diversity Officer of Culture and Institutional Excellence, is formalizing an implementation plan and a SharePoint site for sharing updates. In accordance with NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA guidelines, all ancestral remains and cultural artifacts have been repatriated and Cal Poly is working with tribal members to ensure they are reburied appropriately. The administration will remain vigilant about adhering to NAGPRA guidelines moving forward. Cal Poly was ranked #10 among public universities and #38 overall in the nation in Time Magazine's inaugural America's Best Colleges '26-'27 ranking of 500 U.S. universities. The rankings recognize excellence in student outcomes, learning environment, and institutional appeal. The University Strategic Plan is being refreshed to align priorities with the CSU Forward Strategic Plan, semester integration, and full integration with Maritime. The process will also consider expectations for accreditation. Haft thanked the Senate for recent feedback and noted that, over the next few months, meetings with shareholders will commence, the Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee will synthesize key themes and make recommendations, and a new draft of the Strategic Plan will be produced in early 2027.

5.3. Provost | Al Liddicoat, Provost, reported a strong kickoff to the bachelor's pathway programs at Cuesta College and Allan Hancock College, highlighting 22 new students in the Liberal Arts program at Cuesta. The Business and Sociology 2+2 program cohorts at Allan Hancock contain approximately 40 students, therefore meeting program expectations and allowing for future growth. Faculty and staff who worked on the Kennedy Library were awarded the 2026 San Diego AIA Design Award for their thoughtfulness, intentionality, and accessibility in renovating the library. The provost also thanked faculty, staff, and other on-campus leaders for their work on the semester conversion and the approval of new curricula and degree programs. He also mentioned Cal Poly's summer collaboration with Huron to consult about the implementation of Year-Round Operations (YRO) and analyze how viable YRO would be for various degree programs. The focus during this academic year is on details for implementation and engaging faculty, staff, and students to assess planning for the transition. Finally, the provost noted the WASC report responsible for evaluating Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly Solano's



integration provided data that demonstrates increased efficiency and a rise in student success. The Maritime WASC evaluation team will visit Cal Poly in December to finalize the process of transferring accreditation from Solano to Cal Poly.

- 5.4. CSU Statewide Senate** | Steve Rein, SLO Statewide Senator, reported that a secretary has been elected from the Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee. Due to advocacy from the Chancellor's Office and state relations, amendments to AB 2694 and SB 960—both of which would give community colleges the ability to provide bachelor's degree programs—have been made. The amendments mandate that community colleges must first provide students with associate degrees for transfer, a CSU must be impacted, and the Secretary of Labor must certify the state workforce needs for each community college program. After these changes were implanted, the community colleges changed positions to oppose these bills and are now advocating against them. Dustin Stegner, SLO Statewide Senator, reported a plenary Q&A session with the Chancellor focusing on the CSU Forward and faculty funding issues. In Academic Affairs, a resolution was brought forward in first reading about reorienting the use of artificial intelligence towards reducing faculty workload, and it will return in second reading. The lack of a faculty trustee was also noted, and the process will begin the following year to appoint a faculty trustee; however, in the meantime, Jackson Martinez from Cal Poly is serving as a student trustee. Taiyo Inoue, Solano Statewide Senator, reported the creation of Bachelor's Degree Innovation Catalyst Grants for the Bachelor of Applied Studies and Bachelor of Professional studies programs, which have a minimum unit requirement of 90 semester units. There will be three recipients per campus and a maximum of \$25,000 awarded to each. José Navarro, SLO Statewide Senator, reported that Dilcie Perez, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Success, mentioned the enrollment cliff issue across the CSU and the specific enrollment drop in the Los Angeles region. JEDI discussed AS 3810, examining stability and transparency within the CSU ANAPI and CSU ASAP programs and mandating the Chancellor's Office to publish an annualized line-item budget report for their spending. A question of shared governance has been raised about President J. Luke Wood at SFSU for acting outside of Education Code by appointing a ANAPI program director without first consulting the ANAPI Commission Group. Senator Navarro also mentioned a resolution for the CSU to disaggregate CSU mixed-race student data to provide more accurate metrics and representation while simultaneously allowing institutions to reach statuses and subsequent funding sooner. Certain CSU campuses are having difficulty complying with NAGPRA, particularly within Anthropology and Geography programs, and CalNAGPRA intends to work towards a white paper or resolution to address this issue.
- 5.5. CFA** | Aparna Sinha, CFA Solano President, reported that CFA is currently under mediation and had their first mediator meeting on September 1, which will determine the state of bargaining



moving forward.

5.6. ASI | Tanner Schinderle, ASI President, reported that the grocery shuttle program has relaunched for the academic year and numbers from the first two weeks demonstrate engagement. Cal Poly is currently #1 in the CSU for voter registration, and ASI is offering free headshots through Career Services throughout the year via the service PopCam. Olivia Short, ASI Board of Directors Chair, reported that during the first board meeting, ratifications and operating rules were voted to be ratified, two students attended their open forum opposing West Campus development, and one special nomination was received for the University Union Advisory Board chair. Nominations will open again and elections will be held at the September 17th meeting.

5.7. Strategic Enrollment Management & Student Affairs | The Division of Strategic Enrollment Management & Student Affairs provided a written report that may be viewed [here](#) (pp. 71-73).

6. Discussion Items | None

7. Special Reports

7.1. Revised 2024-2025 Online Student Evaluation of Instruction Report:

Kenneth Brown, Faculty Affairs Committee, submitted a written report that may be viewed [here](#) (pp. 74-87).

7.2. Annual Report on UFPP Procedural Updates:

Kenneth Brown, Faculty Affairs Committee, submitted a written report that may be viewed [here](#) (pp. 87-143).

7.3. Academic Integrity Policy: David Groom and Jason Lindo, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, shared a presentation on Academic Integrity Policy that may be viewed [here](#).

8. Business Items | None

9. Adjournment: Samuel Frame, Academic Senate Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:49 pm.

Minutes submitted by

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