CAL POLY
Academic Senate

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 | 3:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

ATTENDEES

ACADEMIC SENATORS PRESENT

Abo-Ismail, Mohammed (CAFES); **Alexander, Benjamin** (OCOB); **Anderson, Lisa** (OCOB); **Jeffrey Armstrong** (President); **Bennett, Darin** (CAFES); **Bracco, Angela** (CAED); **Bridger, Sarah** (CLA); **Clements, John** (CENG); **Cole, Matthew** (OCOB); **Derickson, Dennis** (CENG**); Ding, Shunping** (CAFES); **Easton, Robert** (BCSM); **Fairbanks, Matthew** (BCSM); **Frame, Samuel (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); **Healy, Brian** (CLA); **Hitchcock, Kara** (PCS); **Hurley, Sean** (Academic Senate Vice Chair); **Inoue, Taiyo** (ASCSU Senator); **Jankovitz, Kris** (BCSM); **Jones, Seamus** (CENG); **Kolegraff, Stacy** (CAED); **Lester, Sarah** (PCS); **Lin, Patrick** (CLA); **Lund, Ulric** (BCSM); **Maerz, Addison** (OCOB); **Malama, Bwalya** (CAFES); **Mealy, James** (CENG); **Miller, Ryan** (CAED); **Minor, Elizabeth** (CLA); **Myers, Allison** (CLA); **Navarro, José** (ASCSU Senator); **Nelson, Leslie** (CLA); **Oppenheim, Tomas** (CENG); **Pan, John** (CENG); **Pearse, Erin** (BCSM); **Perez, Carrie** (PCS); **Peuker, Steffen** (CENG); **Pollin, Andy** (CAED); **Poshtan, Majid** (CENG); **Potterton, Kristin** (CAED); **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, Julia** (CENG); **Yang, Hocheol** (CLA); **Yeh, Grace** (CLA)

ACADEMIC SENATORS ABSENT

Kommer, Thomas (CAED); **Liddicoat, Al** (Provost, ex officio, non-voting); **Perry, Nathan** (CLA - proxy, Sarah Bridger)

GUESTS

Aloisio, Simone; Anderson, Raechelle; Bailey, Helen; Bellardo, John; Benson, Bridget; Bettergarcia, Julie; Bland, Chuck; Bodan, Kayleigh; Borzellino, Joe; Colegrove, Tod; Cruz Rios, Cristal; De Lay, Ann; Diaz Cota, Erika; Dhillon, Anuraj; Espinoza-Wade, Eric; Fernflores, Rachel; Hansen, Emily; Hartwell, Laurie; Hasan, Mohammad H.; Hiremath, Nandeesh; Horgan, Brian; Janke, Dawn; Janssen, Amber; Kekaha, Michele; Keen, Aaron; Kienow, Courtney; Kloosterman, Jenna; Kolodziejski, Lauren; Kumar, Maneesh; Laiho, Lily; Lathrop, Amanda; Leung, Stanley; Lin, Joyce; Loya, Uniyah; Lutz, Ben; Lyons, Nicole; Macdonald, Sarah; Makekau, Beya; Marconett, Haley; Marsalek, Kim; May, Cheryl; Mayer, Hans; McCormick, Mike; McGuire, Carly; Morris, Andrew; Mott, Jennifer; Murphy, Kate; O'Clair, Katherine; Palazzo, Anthony; Pedersen, Mary; Peterson, Zachary; Pilolla, Kari; Pinisetty, Dinesh; Pulse, Eric; Schaffner, Andrew; Schoff, Andrew; Sinha, Aparna; Stephens, Shannon; Strange, Michael; Sullivan-Danser, Shannon; Sunata, Cem; Teramoto Pedrotti, Jennifer; Trudell, Carmen; Vanderkar, Cari; Walker, John; Windokun, Prema; Zelezny, Lynnette; Zhang, Alan

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** | Samuel Frame, Academic Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes** | The Academic Senate Meeting from October 13, 2026 were approved

3. **Communications and Announcements** | Samuel Frame, Academic Senate Chair, introduced Uniyah Loya, the new Academic Senate student assistant; recognized Sarah Senk's and Taiyo Inoue's podcast, *My Robot Teacher*; and announced that the Executive Committee appointed Matthew Fairbanks as the inaugural chair of the Cal Poly Maritime Academy Senate Council.

4. **Consent Agenda** | All items on the consent agenda were approved without objection.

5. **Reports**
   5.1. **Academic Senate Chair** | Samuel Frame, Academic Senate Chir, highlighted the Cal Poly Maritime Academy Senate Council membership; the Instruction Committee's review of campus feedback on proposed calendars at the October 20th Executive Committee meeting; and the availability of caucus reports as attachments to the October 13 minutes. These reports were forwarded to the President Armstrong. .

   5.2. **Office of the President** | The Office of the President provided no written report. President Jeffrey Armstrong was present during the latter half of the meeting and gave a special report then.

   5.3. **Office of the Provost** | The Office of the Provost provided a written report, which can be found on the agenda on pages 25-26.

   5.4. **CSU Statewide Senate** | Dusting Stegner and José Navarro, ASCSU Senators, reported that the Statewide Senate plenary would begin the following week and that they expected to have more to report after plenary.

   5.5. **CFA** | CFA provided a written report, which can be found on the agenda on pages 27-29.

   5.6. **ASI** | ASI provided a written report, which can be found on the agenda on page 30. Additionally, Tanner Schinderle, ASI president, announced transportation vouchers that cap students' costs for rides to the airport and train station at $10 before and after academic breaks. Olivia Short, Chair of ASI Board of Directors, announced the October 28th ASI Board of Directors meeting and reported new lockers, screens, and wind nets near the pickleball courts.

   5.7. **Strategic Enrollment Management & Student Success** | The Division of Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Success provided a written report, which can be found on the agenda on pages 31-32.

6. **Discussion Items** | None

7. **Special Reports**
   7.1. **President's Report** | Jeffery Armstrong, President of Cal Poly, presented an update on the proposed West Campus development, which can be found here. He stated that the project may include retail, grocery, housing, and other services; that the University is evaluating the use of the 18 acres of Class 1 agricultural land while seeking to avoid disruption to academic programs; and that further due diligence and approvals would be required. President Armstrong also announced and distributed a memo, found here, indicating that the University will retain a 15 + 1 fall and spring calendar for 2027-28 and 2028-29 and will not consider a symmetrical calendar before 2029-30. He stated that the University will continue planning Year-Round Opportunities with campus stakeholders and provide additional details and opportunities for feedback.

8. Business Items

8.1. **Resolution on Modification of the Academic Senate Bylaws regarding the Instruction Committee (Academic Policies Committee)** | Kris Jankovitz, Instruction Committee Chair, reintroduced the resolution and noted corrections to a referenced resolution year and the Provost's title. M/S/P to move the resolution to second reading. M/S/P to adopt the Resolution on Modification of the Academic Senate Bylaws regarding the Instruction Committee (Academic Policies Committee).

8.2. **Resolution on Archiving Course Syllabi** | Kris Jankovitz, Academic Policies Committee Chair, introduced in first reading a resolution to establish a department-level archive of representative course syllabi. The proposed policy would retain syllabi for at least 10 years, support student needs such as transfer and graduate-school applications and help the campus meet CSU records-retention requirements. Jankovitz noted that the resolution includes a reference to a prior Senate resolution defining syllabus requirements. This item will return at an upcoming meeting.

8.3. **Resolution Establishing the Student Perceptions of Learning Experience Committee** |Due to time constraints, this item will be introduced at an upcoming Academic Senate meeting.

9. **Adjournment** | Samuel Frame, Academic Senate Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Minutes submitted by



Uniyah Loya, Academic Senate Student Assistant