CAL POLY
Academic Senate

Academic Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 20, 2026 | 3:00 – 4:50 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Executive Committee Members

Benjamin Alexander OCOB Caucus Chair; **Jeffery Armstrong** Cal Poly President; **Matthew Fairbanks** Maritime Council Chair; **Samuel Frame** Academic Senate Chair; **Lauren Garner** CAFES Caucus Chair; **Jerusha Greenwood** Immediate Past Senate Chair; **Kara Hitchcock** PCS Caucus Chair; ~~**Jen Haft** Office of the President~~; **Sean Hurley** Vice Chair; **Taiyo Inoue** CSU Statewide Senator; **Kris Jankovitz** BCSM Caucus Chair; ~~**Lisa Kawamura** CFA-SLO Chapter President~~; **Stacy Kolegraff** CAED Caucus Chair; **Al Liddicoat** Provost and Executive Vice President; **Allison Myers** CLA Caucus Chair; **José Navarro** CSU Statewide Senator; **Steffen Peuker** CENG Caucus Chair; **Steve Rein** CSU Statewide Senator; **Tanner Schinderle** ASI President**; Olivia Short** Board of Directors Chair; ~~**Aparna Sinha** CFA – Solano~~; **Dustin Stegner** CSU Statewide Senator

Guests

Simone Aloisio; Jessica Darin; Rachel Fernflores; Uniyah Loya; Amy Morris; Mary Pedersen; Shannon Sullivan-Danser; Tad Walters

MINUTES

1. **Call to order**: Samuel Frame, Academic Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. **Approval of September 29, 2026, meeting minutes:** The minutes from the September 29, 2026, Executive Committee meeting were approved.

3. **Communications and Announcements:** Chair Frame announced that the Academic Senate Maritime Council nominated Matthew Fairbanks to serve as chair for the AY 2026-2027. The committee moved to consider this appointment before reports. M/S/P to appoint Matthew Fairbanks as Chair of the Cal Poly Maritime Academy Senate Council for AY 2026-2027.

4. **Reports**
   - 4.1. **Academic Senate Chair**: Chair Frame welcomed Uniyah Loya as the Academic Senate's new student assistant.
   - 4.2. **President's Office:** President Jeffrey D. Armstrong attended the meeting to provide his report. He expressed his interest in hearing from the Executive Committee regarding Year-Round Operations (YRO), enrollment growth, and shared governance. He stated that Cal Poly's growth strategy is intended to expand access for qualified California students while sustaining the Learn by Doing model, small classes, and student success. He invited candid feedback and is committed to continued work with the Academic Senate, the Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee, student leaders, and staff.
     Note: A portion of this discussion addressed embargoed topics and is not reflected in these minutes.
   - 4.3. **Provost**: Al Liddicoat, Provost and Executive Vice President, submitted a written report which can be viewed here (p 6).
   - 4.4. **Statewide Senate**: Reports were deferred until after discussion item; no report was heard before adjournment.

4.5. **CFA SLO & Solano**: Lisa Kawamura, CFA-SLO Chapter President, submitted a written report which can be viewed here (p 7-9).
4.6. **ASI**: Tanner Schinderle, ASI President, and Olivia Short, Board of Directors Chair, submitted a written report which can be viewed here (p 10).

5. **Discussion Items**
   5.1. **AY 2027-2028 Calendar Feedback:** Kris Jankovitz, Instruction Committee Chair, presented faculty feedback on the draft calendar options beginning with AY 2027-2028. The Instruction Committee reported that the 14+1 calendar was viewed as more feasible than a 15+1 calendar for three symmetrical terms because it better preserved fall and spring breaks with equal-length terms. However, the feedback did not indicate support for beginning three-term symmetrical calendar in AY 2027-2028. Persistent concerns included short and inequitable intervals between terms; questions over what constitutes a weekend workday; a continuous instructional cycle for staff and support, laboratory and research facilities; insufficient time for advising, financial aid, curriculum, and other academic processes; and an inequitable summer break across tracks. Jankovitz stated that respondents viewed the accelerated timeline as premature, particularly given semester supported continuing a 15+1 fall/spring academic year with a compressed summer session for AY 2027-2028. Jankovitz stated that respondents viewed the accelerated timeline as premature, particularly given semester conversion, Maritime Academy integration, and curriculum implementation. The committee's feedback supported continuing a 15+1 fall/spring academic year with a compressed summer session for AY 2027-2028. Jankovitz clarified that the Instruction Committee was presenting campus feedback rather than making a recommendation; the Executive Committee would make any recommendation. Discussion addressed the Senate resolution and President's prior communication establishing 15+1 fall and spring terms for AY 2026-2027 and AY 2027-2028; the need for staff-resource assessments; financial aid and curriculum impacts; and CSU guidance on workdays. Provost Liddicoat reported that the CSU had approved flexibility to reduce the workday total. Rachel Fernflores, Director and Project Manager for Semester Conversion, stated that the lowest total for any two-term combination would be 161 workdays, compared with the previous 170-day minimum. Matthew Fairbanks noted that Marine Transportation students at Maritime require a 90-day summer period, which should be considered in calendar planning. M/S/P to recommend an AY 2027-2028 calendar that generally mirrors AY 2026-2027, with a spring semester that permits a 90-day summer term for Maritime students.

6. **Business Items**
   - 6.1. **Appointment of Matthew Fairbanks as Chair of the Cal Poly Maritime Academy Senate Council for AY 2026-2027:** *Conducted during communications and announcements*
   - 6.2. **Appointment to General Education Governance Board:** Due to time constraints, this item will be introduced at an upcoming Executive Committee meeting.
   - 6.3. **Resolution on Archiving of Course Syllabi:** Due to time constraints, this item will be introduced at an upcoming Executive Committee meeting.
   - 6.4. **Resolution on Student Feedback Instruments Committee:** Due to time constraints, this item will be introduced at an upcoming Executive Committee meeting.
   - 6.5. **Ad Hoc Workgroup on Internship/Co-op Policy:** Due to time constraints, this item will be introduced at an upcoming Executive Committee meeting.
   - 6.6. **Resolution on YRO Implementation and Shared Governance:** Due to time constraints, this item will be introduced at an upcoming Executive Committee meeting.
   - 6.7. **Resolution on YRO Academic Calendar:** Due to time constraints, this item will be introduced at an upcoming Executive Committee meeting.

7. **Adjournment:** Chair Frame adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

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