



# CAL POLY

## Academic Senate

### Executive Committee Agenda

Thursday, September 4, 2025 | 11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

<https://calpoly.zoom.us/j/85880614973>

1. **Call to Order** [Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair]
2. **Approval of Minutes** [Jerusha Greenwood]
  - 2.1. Executive Committee Meeting on August 1, 2025 ..... pp. 2-5
3. **Communications and Announcements** [Jerusha Greenwood]
4. **Special Report** [Jeffrey D. Armstrong, President]



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### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 1, 2025 | 2:10 – 3:00 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Brian Ayash** 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

Daniel Grassian; Cheryl May; Shannon Sullivan-Danser

### MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, called the meeting to order.
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - 2.1. The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting on May 20, 2025, were approved.
3. **Communications and Announcements:**
  - 3.1. Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, announced that Shannon Sullivan-Danser, Academic Senate Analyst, has been systematically improving the Academic Senate website to make the webpages surrounding committees and statement of interest forms more user-friendly and intuitive for all faculty members.
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - 4.1. Semester Conversion Consent Agenda: There being no objections, all consent agenda items have passed.
5. **Reports**
  - 5.1. **Academic Senate Chair:** Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, reported an update on a former consent agenda item surrounding the Indigenous Studies in Natural Resources minor. The Curriculum Appeals Committee negotiated with the Ethnic

*Absence is indicated through the strikethrough of a person's name.*



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Studies Department to create a solution while remaining in favor of Natural Resources Management & Environmental Sciences Department. The contested minor of was approved, but the phrase “Indigenous Studies” was revised to “Indigenous Principles.” Greenwood also reported that she will be traveling to the Cal Poly Solano campus twice in August to attend a faculty meeting and the Maritime convocation and is looking forward to meeting new colleagues from Cal Maritime and welcoming them to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. She also intends to attend many of the upcoming college meetings during fall conference week in order to recruit faculty for committee membership; she encouraged caucus chairs to bring awareness to which committees have vacancies in the meantime.

**5.2. President’s Office:** No report.

**5.3. Provost:** Al Liddicoat, Interim Provost, reported that the Office of the Provost has been preparing for their annual Academic Affairs Leadership retreat, which Jerusha Greenwood, Academic Senate Chair, will also be participating in. Liddicoat welcomed several new academic leaders: Brian Horgan, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences; Kate Murphy, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Mark Swackhamer, Dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design; Katherine O’Clair, Interim Dean of Library Services; and Jennifer Teramoto Pedrotti, who will be more closely integrated into the Academic Affairs leadership team moving forward. The search for the Dean of the College of Engineering will resume this fall, and Bob Crockett will continue to serve as Interim Dean until the search is completed, and a successor has been named. Superintendent Rear Admiral Eric Jones from Cal Maritime will also be joining the provost’s leadership team to serve as Maritime Academy Superintendent and oversee the Cal Poly Maritime Licensure program, the Corps of Cadets, and additional federal maritime administration responsibilities. On August 15<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Rear Admiral Eric Jones will conduct the majority of Cal Maritime’s convocation alongside President Armstrong and Vice President and CEO Corey Cook. Dinesh Pinisetty and Graham Benton from Cal Maritime will continue to serve in Associate Vice President roles as well. The Cal Poly and Cal Maritime campuses are now operating as one university under a unified leadership structure, and Jessica Darin, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Advocacy, has sent an email to faculty with more detailed updates on the integration, which Liddicoat advised reading. A department chair workshop will occur on August 13<sup>th</sup> to provide department chairs at both campuses the opportunity to connect and discuss processes ranging from sabbatical



leaves to hiring lecturers. Liddicoat also shared congratulatory remarks to the 27 recipients of the 2025-26 Teacher-Scholar Mini Grants. Liddicoat recognized the Cal Poly recipients of the CSU Artificial Intelligence Educational Innovations Challenge Award: Dr. Francisco Fernflores (CLA), Dr. Amir Hajrasouliha (CAED), Dr. Jane Zhang (CENG), Dr. Paris Kalathas (CENG), Dr. Ava Wright (CLA), and Dr. Jacob Sparks (CLA). The full list can be viewed [here](#). He also praised Dr. Phil Costanzo (BCSM), who was recently awarded the James Flack Norris award for outstanding teaching in Chemistry. Finally, he highlighted Dr. Andrew Byrne (BCSM) for his mentorship of Christian Ulysses Reyes, who was recently named a 25-26 Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctor Scholar.

- 5.4. Statewide Senate:** Samuel Frame (STAT), Statewide Senator and Academic Senate Vice Chair, reported that Senator Steve Rein has been appointed Chair of Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee, and he looks forward to Rein's leadership in addressing topics like fiscal policies, budget challenges, and legislation affecting the CSU. Steve Rein (STAT), Statewide Senator, reported that Dr. Junius J. Gonzalez was appointed as the CSU Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, and Rein expects solid leadership from him moving forward.
- 5.5. CFA-SLO:** Lisa Kawamura, CFA President, reported that the CFA has been focused on the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) detentions of David Huerta and Professor John Caravello. An immigration task force for CFA SLO has been created, and Kawamura asked Executive Committee members to encourage department involvement to centralize preparing for potential ICE visits. Future trainings on the matter will be scheduled as well. CFA is waiting to receive an update on their Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) charges, resulting in stalled bargaining for the time being.
- 5.6. ASI:** Marc Cabeliza, ASI President, reported that ASI will be traveling to Cal Poly Solano on September 13<sup>th</sup>, and is currently a part of an ad hoc committee discussing ASI integration between the two campuses to determine appropriate representation. The ASI leadership retreat will begin soon, in addition to convening with faculty and other bodies. Finally, ASI is ensuring that students are appointed to Academic Senate committees, and final appointments will be determined soon.

## **6. Faculty Appointments [Greenwood]**

### **6.1. M/S/P to Approve the Appointments to Academic Senate:**



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Emily Ryalls (Interdisciplinary Studies)  
Ariel Setniker (Mathematics)  
Amy Parsons (English)

Joshua D. Shackman (IBL)

Tony Lewis (Business)

Steven Runyon (Chemistry)  
Taiyo Inoue (Mathematics)  
Sarah Senk (English)

Alex Parker (Oceanography)  
Zachary Nosker (Engineering Tech)  
Tom Oppenheim (Mech Engineering)  
Aparna Sinha (English)

*Grants Review Committee (2025-2027)*  
*Curriculum Committee (2025-2026)*  
*Curriculum Appeals Committee (2025-2026)*

*Distinguished Scholarship Award Committee (2025-2026)*

*Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee (2025-2026)*

*Diversity Committee (2025-2026)*  
*Faculty Affairs Committee (2025-2026)*  
*General Education Governance Board (2025-2026)*

*Grants Review Committee (2025-2026)*  
*Instruction Committee (2025-2026)*  
*RSCA Committee (2025-2026)*  
*USCP Review Committee (2025-2026)*

7. **Adjournment:** This meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.