

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES  
ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES  
February 25, 2025

ASM 24-12 DRAFT

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ABSENT

C. Rodriguez, C. Larkins, E. Porter

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair Avramchuk convened the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Senator Harris read the Tongva land acknowledgement.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 The Executive Committee (EC)

- met with the ASI President, Yahir Flores, and welcomed increased student participation in shared governance.
- amended the Miscellaneous Rules for all Senate announcements to also be submitted in writing to the Senate Office for inclusion in the minutes no later than the day after the meeting.
- met with President Eanes for mutual updates on campus and wider issues.
- met with Interim Provost Bippus and expressed appreciation for her service during transition

Please read Exec minutes for more information and reach out to any of the Exec members with any questions at any time!

1.1.2 President Eanes approved the following proposed policies on February 13, 2025

- Deletion: Minimum Grade Point Average in General Education, Faculty Handbook, Chapter IV – effective Spring 2025
- Deletion: Library Cubicles, Faculty Handbook, Chapter VIII – effective Spring 2025
- Modification: Policy on Elections, Faculty Handbook, Chapter V- effective Spring 2025
- Modification: Definition, Philosophy, Student Learning Outcomes and Criteria for General Education Breadth Requirements, Faculty Handbook, Chapter IV – effective Fall 2024

1.1.3 President Eanes returned unsigned the following proposed policy on February 13, 2025

- Modification: Faculty Rights, Faculty Handbook, Chapter VI  
Rationale: The updates to the Faculty Rights Policy include topics that are covered by other employment laws and policies

1.1.4 The Nominations Committee made the following nominations for the:  
**Intercollegiate Athletics Board**, one position, male nominee, term ending Spring 2029: Christopher Harris (A&L), Scott Lee (B&E), Mohammad Hashemi Joo (B&E), Michael Selvan Joseph (HHS), and Andrew Aman (NSS).  
**University Academic Appeals Board**, one position, term ending Spring 2027: Christopher Harris (A&L), Phung Huynh (A&L), Karyn Lawrence (A&L), Serdar Yayla (B&E), Silvia Martin (B&E), Gokhan Kumpas (B&E), Rui Hu (B&E), Mohammad Hashemi Joo (B&E), Keirstin Uomoto (HHS), and Gar Culbert (NSS).  
Petition notices seeking additional nominations will go out tomorrow, Wednesday, February 26, with the deadline of Tuesday, March 4.

1.2 Senator Bettcher announced: This is a shared announcement between myself and Dr. Ren Heintz (Director of the Center for the Study of Genders and Sexualities). We are the co-PIs  
Cal State LA has been awarded a \$412,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to create a hub for transgender studies scholarship with community-based art and engagement. The grant is funded through the foundation's Higher Learning Program to help establish the Trans Studies Consortium of Los Angeles.

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Through the grant, the consortium will implement a three-year program to create cutting-edge, trans-affirming knowledge that is intersectionality centered and grounded in trans experiences. The consortium will provide graduate student fellowships, feature notable speakers, develop an informative online media presence, and launch a partnership with Allies in Arts, a regional nonprofit which supports artists who face discriminatory barriers.

The consortium will build on the success of the university's Center for Gender and Sexuality Studies, which is housed in the College of Arts and Letters. The center's mission is to provide support for faculty, students, and community partners who investigate gender and sexuality through intersectional scholarship. It advances work that bridges the diverse communities represented at Cal State LA and its surrounding community.

- 1.3 Senator Chavez announced: I just want to remind you that if you are working with graduate students we have writing support available for graduate students. We have a big team in the spring semester of writing consultants and thesis reviewers who work with grad students on a variety of sort of writing support – which could be for their research papers that they're writing and could be used for their thesis that they'll be submitting. The spring semester tends to be our busiest semester for thesis submission. I know many of your students will be graduating and working with us to have their thesis approved. Please encourage them to stop by the Graduate Resource Center for either a drop-in appointment or have them connect with us so that we can make an appointment online for them. We have evening hours and weekend hours for writing support and we really want to push our grad students to make use of this resource.
- 1.4 Senator Ramos announced: I would like to cede my time to Professor Zamora Sanchez.  
Professor Sanchez announced: There is an event going on called "Know Your Rights" on campus to advise you on what to do in case ICE shows up. It's going to be delivered by an undocumented lawyer, Lesbeth Mateo. We're going to be showcasing a small documentary that HBO produced on her and there will be a short Q&, followed by a know your rights. It will be on Thursday, February 27, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Cross Cultural Center in the U-SU.
- 1.5 Chief of Staff V. Rojas, on behalf of President Eanes, announced: 1. In an effort for more consultation, transparency, and inclusion, President Eanes will be scheduling budget meetings with Departments and/or Colleges. The goal is to share and inform individuals on all things budget. 2. The budget transparency website is being updated to include our new budget numbers and new timeline. This is being done to help with transparency and reflect up-to-date steps on where we should be. 3. Thank you to Professor Ramos for calling my office to help resolved the inappropriate and harmful post on Instagram regarding ICE on our campus. Irresponsible actions like these hurt more than help and create more fear. A campus wide message was sent out to address the issue.
- 1.6 Interim VPAF/CFO C. Lindow announced: 1. The Financial Transparency website is being regularly updated. We encourage you to visit the site and stay informed. 2. Administration and Finance, in collaboration with Student Life, is developing a new initiative to enhance Financial Literacy as part of the Financial Transparency efforts. 3. The newly formed Budget and Planning Committee has met twice this semester to review and discuss the 2024-2025 budget. Following their discussions, the budget was submitted to the President for approval through the Office of Academic Affairs. 4. We have launched a new Safety and Lighting project aimed at repairing or replacing 260 lights that are currently dimmed or nonfunctional. A proof of concept has been established for the new lighting system, which will be implemented in the first wave of replacements. 5. To increase revenue, we have launched a new Facilities Rental website to better promote our facilities for external rentals. As a result, we are in discussions with potential clients, including UCLA,

L AFC, and local high schools. Additionally, we are replacing the grass on the baseball field to ensure it is ready for summer rentals.

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- 1.7 L. Lopez, Director of Financial Aid, announced: The California Student Aid Commission has extended the FAFSA and California Dream Act application priority submission deadline from March 3 to April 2. We will be sending out information to students and updating the information on our website.
- 1.8 AVP A. Ellis announced: I just wanted to announce and an email will be following soon that on next Wednesday, March 5, from 3:45-5:00 p.m., we will have a small reception to open the Library Women's History Month exhibit. It will be in the Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the reading lounge. We hope you can make it.

2. The following questions and concerns were raised from the floor:

QUESTIONS FROM THE  
FLOOR

- On behalf of College of Ethnic Studies faculty, we ask President Eanes-Johnson, will she:
  1. Strengthen the university's investment in the College of Ethnic Studies, the Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and the Latin American Studies Program with no cuts and no restructure.
  2. Commit to CoES control of AB 1460 monies. Open up the books and commit to CoES financial transparency and faculty-led decision-making.
  3. Holistically evaluate CoES, WGSS, and LAS by our high-impact practices and value to the university and the contributions we make to Los Angeles' transformation and future as a democratic and inclusive region. Using the same evaluation metric – number of majors – for all departments is inequitable.
  4. Invest in a faculty-led and student-engaged CoES, WGSS, and LAS outreach, recruitment, and retention strategy. We cannot be expected to grow without resources.
  5. Fund classes according to student demand. We are being forced to cut high-demand classes that students want to take. No course cuts.
  6. Support the Black Student Union (BSU) demands. Anti-Blackness and the disinvestment in Black students at Cal State LA must end.
  7. Support the Students United and Reaching Goals in Education (SURGE) demands. Undocumented students are the heart of our university.
- How can you guarantee that this information (potential cuts, department mergers/cuts) is kept current, immediately accessible, and transparent?

No responses were provided from the floor. The Chair requested that the questions and concerns be forwarded to the President's office.

3. None.

INTENT TO RAISE  
QUESTIONS (continued)

4. It was m/s/p (Meyerott) to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2025 (ASM 24-11).

APPROVAL OF THE  
MINUTES

5. It was m/s/p (Meyerott) to approve the agenda.

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AGENDA

6. Chair Avramchuk presented his report.

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

7. Pat Chin, President, Emeriti Association presented the history, updates and information on the association. Members of the association introduced themselves.

EMERITI ASSOCIATION

8. 8.1 It was m/s/ (DeShazo) to waive the First-Reading Items rules and move this item to a Second-Reading Item.

RESOLUTION OF THE  
CAL STATE LA  
ACADEMIC SENATE:  
REAFFIRMATION OF  
VALUES (24-10)  
*First-Reading Item*

8.2 Chair Avramchuk read the rules for waiving the First-Reading Items. The DeShazo motion failed. (V: 26/4/5 – did not meet the  $\frac{3}{4}$  requirement vote)

RESOLUTION OF THE CAL  
STATE LA ACADEMIC  
SENATE: REAFFIRMATION  
OF VALUES (24-10)  
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- 8.3 Four Senators advised that they were unable to vote electronically. Chair Avramchuk ruled in favor of accepting verbal votes due to technical difficulties. No objections were raised. The DeShazo motion passed (V: 30/4/5). The item became a Second-Reading Item.
- 8.4 It was m/s/ (Dennis, on behalf of Senator Porter) to delete lines 10-13: **Whereas, the Trump Administration has made clear through Executive Orders its intention to demolish all diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, prevent the teaching of Critical Race Theory and Gender Theory, deport or imprison undocumented immigrants, and erase trans people from civil and social life; and**
- 8.5 Debate ensued.
- 8.6 It was m/s/ (Dennis) to call the question. Objections were raised. (V: 19/7/6 – failed as it did not meet the 2/3 vote). Three Senators advised that they were unable to vote electronically and Chair Avramchuk ruled in favor of accepting verbal votes due to technical difficulties. The votes were included (V: 22/7/6). The motion to call the question failed.
- 8.7 The Dennis motion failed (V: 6/25/3). One Senator advised that they were unable to vote due to technical difficulties and Chair Avramchuk ruled in favor of accepting a verbal vote due to technical difficulties. The vote was included (V:6/26/3).
- 8.8 It was m/s/ (Meyerott) to add in line 17: **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, THE CAL STATE LA ACADEMIC SENATE ENDORSES THE ARTICLE BY SHAUN HARPER, [A DEAR COLLEAGUE LETTER](#) IN DEFENSE OF DEI WITH ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN: AND**
- 8.9 Debate ensued.
- 8.10 The Meyerott motion failed. (V: 5/24/6)
- 8.11 It was m/s/ (Meyerott) to extend the meeting time by three minutes. An objection was raised.
- 8.12 The recommendation was approved. (V: 26/4/5). Two Senators advised that they were unable to vote due to technical difficulties and Chair Avramchuk ruled in favor of accepting verbal votes due to technical difficulties. (V: 28/4/5)
- 8.13 It was m/s/ (Baaske) to forward ahead of the approval of the minutes. No objections were raised.
9. It was m/s/p (DeShazo) to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT