

Minutes

of the Academic Senate Meeting

Wednesday, September 16th, 2026

Start Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: CLA Building 98 P2-07

PRESENT SENATORS: Gregory Barding, Ghada Gad, Melissa Aaron, Michelle Solo-Peña, Yuanjie He, Berit Givens, Jessie Vallejo, Pam Adams, Faye Wachs, Aaron Cayer, Chitra Dabas, Jonathan Puthoff, Mario Guerrero, Rita Kumar, Kelly Min, Jessica Perez, Erin Questad, Julie Shen, Alex John, Mohammed Hussain, Jeff Ray, Sean Monemi, Eileen Wallis, Zahra Sotoudeh, David Edens, Nicholas Van Buer, Preeti Wadhwa, Gerd Welke, and Alireza Yazdani.

PROXIES: Senator Michelle Solo-Peña proxy for Senator Jeffery Roy

GUESTS: Alejandra Lopez, Nicole Hawkes, Jenelle Pitt-Parker, Mary Anne Akers, Connie Kuang, Charles w. Conn, Larisa Preiser Houy, Craig LaMunyon, Jocelyn Chong, Margie Jones, Andrew Kefsdever, Cecilia Santiago-Gonzalez, Laura Massa, Aaron DeRosa, Brianne Dávila, Camille Johnson, Melanie Arias, Claire Whang, Maria E. Peppers, Rebecca Cameron, Ethan Orr, Anthony Orlando

Chair Barding welcomed everyone to the first Academic Senate meeting of the new academic year. He introduced Ghada Gad, Academic Senate Vice Chair, and new Senate Analyst, Promise Li.

1. Academic Senate Minutes – May 6th, 2026 – [5.06.26 Academic Senate Meeting Minutes\(PDF\)](#)

The May 6th, 2026, Academic Senate Meeting minutes are located on the Academic Senate website at [September 16, 2026 Academic Senate Meeting](#)

M/s/p to approve the May 6th, 2026 Academic Senate Meeting minutes.

2. Information Items
 - a. [Chair's Report](#)

The Chair's Report is located on the Academic Senate website at [Senate Packets](#)

Chair's Announcements and Reminders:

Meeting Procedures:

- **Robert's Rule of Order**

- All Senate meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order.
- Each member **may speak twice per question per day**, but a second opportunity to speak will only be given once all other members have had a chance.
- **A 3-minute speaking limit** will be enforced per speaker to ensure equitable participation.
- **Senators will be prioritized** on the speaker list; guests may speak after senators if time permits.

Announcement

Chair Barding announced that the full spreadsheet and analysis are available in the Executive Committee (EC) Minutes, linked in the Chair's Report on the Senate website.

b. [President's Report](#) (Presented by Nicole Hawkes)

The President's Report can be found on the Senate Website at [September 16, 2026 Academic Senate Meeting](#)

President Quiñones is absent due to Chancellor's event in Washington D.C.

- **Key leadership searches ongoing; announcements expected soon**
 - Enrollment target for 2026–27: 28,571 students
 - Fall intake: 4,277 first-time freshmen, 2,494 new transfers
 - Spring transfer goal: 785 students; spring admission open for all non-impacted programs and select impacted majors (Sociology, Accounting, Physics, Kinesiology)
 - Achieving annual enrollment goal critical for permanent CSU funding
- **University Budget Committee (UBC) clarified**
 - Not a replacement for the Academic Senate Budget Committee
 - It's a university wide, working, and information sharing committee composed of representatives from units across the institution with responsibility for administering budgets Senate chair and Budget Committee chair included as members
 - Will ensure that budget leaders across all divisions and colleges receive consistent information, understand the university's financial position and priorities, and have clear direction regarding expectations, timelines, processes, and necessary actions
- **Ethnic Studies course listing proposal: one-year pause requested by President Quiñones**
 - Concerns: workload impact on cluster-hire faculty during RTP, legal/personnel issues, budget, student access
- **Important Reminders**

- Lanterman Development Project flagged as highest presidential priority; concept approval targeted for November or January Board of Trustees meeting
- California Native American Day: September 25; annual NAGPRA physical survey going out by email, 100% compliance requested
- Faculty Listening Sessions upcoming; October 8 marked as President Quiñones' 100-day celebration

c. Provost's Report (Presented by Laura Massa)

The Provost's Report is located on the Academic Senate website at [September 16, 2026 Academic Senate Meeting](#)

Interim Provost Alison Baski is absent due to personal matters.

- **Office of Academic Innovation**
 - Supports undergraduate research, academic internships, cooperative education, service learning, micro internships, digital badging, and entrepreneurial training
 - Partner with you as faculty to help bring meaningful career engaged learning to our students
 - Point to Dr. Winnie Dong for academic innovation support
- **Winter/Spring integration beginning Spring 2027**
 - Winter and spring treated as one semester and winter session grades will contribute to the spring semester GPA
 - Winter remains self-support; spring remains state-support
 - State University Grant eligibility based on spring only; federal aid and scholarships may cover for winter session charges
 - Winter contracts remain separate; no overload implications for faculty
 - Senate policy review needed for academic standing and grades
- **Fall census date: September 16; final enrollment numbers expected in ~one week**
 - Funding already received for 285 FTEs of existing over-enrollment and 422 additional resident growth FTEs
 - About 1.5% below our original fall goal, opening for spring
- **Career and academic support highlights**
 - Career events: Get Career Ready (Sep 18), Fall Career Fair (Sep 24), STEM Fair (Sep 25), Grad/Professional School Fair (Oct 13)
 - Faculty CAFE: new faculty learning community, writing community (virtual), online teaching workshops
 - Student progress reports: weeks 2–5 and 8–11
- **Upcoming Opportunities**
 - Provost Awards for Excellence Symposium: October 29, from 3:00pm-5:00pm BSC Ursa Major
 - New Academic Effectiveness SharePoint launched by Office of Assessment and Program Review; includes curriculum matrices, assessment plans, and annual reports

Comment from a senator requesting numbers for data so that faculty can look into academic standing policy.

No further questions were raised, and the meeting continued with the next agenda item.

d. [Vice Chair's Report](#)

The Vice Chair's Report is located on the Academic Senate website at [September 16, 2026 Academic Senate Meeting](#)

e. [ASCSU Report](#)

The ASCSU Report is located on the Academic Senate website at [September 16, 2026 Academic Senate Meeting](#)

Senator Faye Wachs presented ASCSU's recent meeting details.

- **First reading on vacant faculty trustee seat**
 - Feels concerned regarding failure in appointing a faculty trustee
- **Other first readings heading to second reading at next meeting:**
 - Stability and transfer for the AANHPI student achievement program
 - Faculty engagement with Generative AI
 - In-person proctor testing requirements for transfer credit in math
 - System-wide Bachelor of Education program

Motion to Extend Time Certain

At **3:45PM**, the meeting approached its scheduled time certain. A motion was made to **extend the time certain by 10 minutes** to allow for the continuation of reports and discussion.

- **Motion:** To extend the time certain by 10 minutes
- **Vote:** Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

Outcome: Time certain extended to **4:00 PM**.

f. [Budget Committee Report](#)

The Budget Report is located on the Academic Senate website at [September 16, 2026 Academic Senate Meeting](#)

Senator Bharti Sharma, Chair of the Budget Committee, delivered the first budget report of the academic year, opening her concern about sustainability and emerging capacity.

- **Held two meetings:**
- **CSU level: \$712.6M in increased operating resources**
 - \$509.6M state general funds; \$203M from 6% tuition increase and enrollment growth
 - CPP allocation: \$448.7M
- **Enrollment**
 - It connects directly to our academic capacity; need to understand what the emerging student faculty ratio are is
- **Divisions have been asked to project their recurring general budget expenditure, which should help the university to get a clearer picture of ongoing resources required to operate the institution Senate Budget Committee priorities for the year:**
 - Sustainability remains important
- **Goal**
 - Analyze financial trends and report observations regarding university financial position
 - Examine recurring vs. one-time resources and long-term sustainability
 - Engage with Lanterman project financials and auxiliary/philanthropic alignment

g. [CFA Report](#)

Senator Jonathan Puthoff presented the CFA Report for the year.

The CFA Report is located on the Academic Senate website at [September 16, 2026 Academic Senate Meeting](#)

- Bargaining ongoing
- Upcoming events:
 - All-member meeting: September 24th, 11:30am-1:00pm in Ursa Minor
 - Rally with campus unions: September 29, outside Student Services Building from 12:00pm to 1:00pm
- Departments can request a CFA presentation; contact Jonathan (chapter vice president)

h. [ASI Report](#)

The ASI Report is located on the Academic Senate website at [September 16, 2026 Academic Senate Meeting](#)

ASI President Alejandra Lopez introduced herself and provided an overview of ASI's recent activities and priorities. She highlighted ASI's **2026–27 Action Plan**.

- **ASI annual operating budget: \$18M; oversees BSC, Poly Pantry, Children's Center, clubs and organizations**
- **Current priorities:**
 - Parking pass grant program: working with Parking, CARE Center, and Financial Aid
 - Healthy eating and food demos with CARE Center
 - ASI website redesign for better usability
 - Student employee scheduling and fair treatment
 - Social media campaigns highlighting campus resources
- **Additional Budget Request (ABR) program highlighted**
 - Students/clubs can pitch projects or conference travel to ASI for funding (airfare, lodging, meals)
 - Needs-based approval; cannot fund banquets, but can fund research presentations, competitions, new equipment
 - Faculty encouraged to direct students here when they lack travel or project funding

3. New Business
None

4. Old Business
None

5. Discussion

a. [Lanternman Update](#) (Presented by Professor Anthony W. Orlando)

The Lanternman Report is located on the Academic Senate website at [September 16, 2026 Academic Senate Meeting](#)

The Lanternman site is a 300-acre former mental health facility, 1.5 miles from campus, and Cal Poly Pomona currently holds jurisdiction. Anthony shared current challenges:

- Site challenges: 100+ historic buildings, century-old infrastructure, only 2 ingress/egress sites
- Previous developers (Five Points; Edgewood/Greystar JV) pulled out due to leadership changes and rising interest rates
- **Current approach: complete pre-EIR information package to reduce developer risk**
 - Consultants: KMA (market + feasibility), environmental + historic, and use + architecture, and infrastructure/utilities

- Market analysis: complete and available
 - Pre-EIR assessment: complete
 - Assessment of historical significance of existing buildings and consultation with SHPO
 - Financial feasibility analysis and conceptual land use plans: in progress
- **Vision (based on broad stakeholder input including faculty, deans, mayors, city managers, students):**
 - Housing (primary): 2,800 units envelope across student housing, multi-family, townhomes, single-family; variety of price points; affordability benchmarked to assistant professor and staff salaries
 - Innovation district: startup space, industry partnerships, research labs, student internships
 - Historic preservation: extent TBD pending SHPO response
 - Retail, transit hub, potential boutique hotel (longer-term)
 - Intentional green and public open space; pedestrian-oriented design
- Student ideas competition (Gensler-led, 16 teams, 40+ students): top themes were affordable housing, wellness, community/nightlife, pedestrian safety
- Site financials: costs ~\$2–3M/year to maintain
- **Timeline:**
 - Fall 2026: complete financial feasibility, engage SHPO, launch EIR
 - Spring 2027: Board of Trustees concept approval (target); RFQ/RFP for master developer; ENA negotiations
 - Fall 2031: phase 1 construction
- Succession/leadership: Debbie A. Stone (former Fresno State CFO, oversaw Campus Pointe P3) as senior project advisor
- Comparable projects: CSU Fresno Campus Pointe, CSU Channel Islands residential, SDSU Mission Valley, UC Davis (tax increment financing)
- Campus survey still live; QR code in slides; faculty encouraged to share with students and colleagues

Comment from Senators regarding urgent care, childcare, etc.

Next Steps

- **Share Lanterman campus survey widely**
 - QR code in distributed slides; send to classes and colleagues to maximize input before financial feasibility is finalized.
- **Raise urgent care and school district questions at next Lanterman project team meeting** (Anthony Orlando)
 - Senator flagged school district affiliation as critical for families moving in by 2031; urgent care also noted as unaddressed land use.

- **Send KMA market analysis report to Senator** (Anthony Orlando)
 - Report benchmarks housing affordability against assistant professor and staff salaries.
- **Review Senate policies on academic standing and grade forgiveness**
 - Winter/spring integration means academic standing won't finalize until end of spring; existing policies need updating before Spring 2027.
- **Fill out NAGPRA physical survey**
 - Survey going out by email; 100% compliance is the stated goal.

Adjourned @ 4:49pm.