

ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

Approved 10-23-25

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

PLN-130

Present: Ahmad, Badal, Barber, Barros, Becerra, Blandon-Gitlin, Bono, Bonuso, Brusckke, Carlin, Ceisel, Chen, Chik, Childers, Dabirian, Fontaine, Ghosh, Gradilla, Graewingholt, Jarvis, Kalczynski, Kanel, Kleinjans, Kuffner, Larios, Luker, Mallicoat, Martin, Plouffe, Robinson, Rochon, Rutowski, Salguero, Salim, Setten, Shahrestani, Struckhoff, Swarat, Thomas, Tobias, Tsong, Valdez, Valenci, Wilson, Wood, Wynants

Absent: Landeros, LeeKeenan, Miller, Milligan, Weismuller

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Jarvis called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

A moment of silence was observed.

In Memoriam

- John C. Bilello, Founding Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science [died August 19, 2025]

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- M/S/P (Childers/Wynants) Motion to pass the Consent Calendar. Motion passed.

2.1 ASD 25-94 Revisions to UPS 300.004 - Policy on Syllabi

2.2 ASD 25-95 Revisions to UPS 108.000 - Visiting Scholars and Other Formal Delegations of Visitors: Procedures and Expectations

2.3 ASD 25-96 New Course Proposals - Fall 2025

2.4 ASD 25-97 Program Discontinuance - Fall 2025

2.5 NOMINEES TO COMMITTEES

NOMINEES TO STANDING COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE (10 faculty)

Nominees: Bri'ann Wright (ARTS)

Confirmed 9/11/25: Mira Kim (ECS); Madeleine Mejia (EDUC); Stephen Mexal (HUM); Julie Brice (HHD); Eric Setten (CBE); Annie Petrossian (L/A/C); Joel Abraham (NSM); Rob Robinson (SOC SCI); Jiwoo Park (CCOM)

ACADEMIC ADVISING COMMITTEE (10 faculty)

Nominees: Jacquelyn Gerali (L/A/C); Michael Yoshimi (ARTS)

Confirmed 8/28/25: Fang Zhang (CBE); Nicole Bonuso (NSM); Waleed Rashidi (CCOM); Laura Keisler (EDUC); Jessie Peissig (SOC SCI); Joao Barros (HHD); Yu Bai (ECS); Mugdha Yeolekar (HUM)

GENERAL EDUCATION REVIEW COMMITTEE (10 faculty)

Nominees: Mira Kim (ECS); Pending (NSM); Pending (CCOM)

Confirmed 9/11/25: Brenda Bowser (SOC SCI); Xin Che (CBE); Saul Tobias (HUM); Laura Keisler (EDUC); Mary Pomonis (ARTS); Kristina Fortes (HHD); Barbara Miller (L/A/C)

NOMINEES TO MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES

CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE

Nominees: Desen Lin (CBE); Pending

Confirmed 8/28/25: Sudarshan Kurwadkar (ECS); Sarah Grant (SOC SCI); Joe Carlin (NSM)

III. URGENT BUSINESS

- (Jarvis) If you are recording this meeting, it may not be distributed without consent. So, if you do record the meeting and you wish to use what someone has said, you should check with that person. We are working on providing guidance for our meetings.
- (Graewingholt) I would like to raise concern regarding a reoccurring traffic problem that seems to be creating a safety issue. There's a consistent pattern right in that small turnaround area by Carl's Jr. that people seem to be using as an unofficial drop-off pickup point.

I know that there are thousands of new titans here every year trying to navigate campus, but I'm a little worried about it being a safety concern because it's impeding ingress and egress to the campus, it actually completely blocks anyone from being able to leave or enter that area. And it's started to escalate because it's spilling out where people will idle there and put their hazards on to pick up students who are coming out of classes right there. I'm concerned in the event of an evacuation or something where emergency vehicles may need to be entering that area.

I know there's some places by Titan Hall and other areas of campus where they have those little sandwich boards that say not a pickup or drop off area or whatever that is. If there's someone in this room who has the ability to make that happen, that would be great. If campus PD or transportation, I'm not sure whose purview that would fall under, might consider other options at preventing a potential safety issue.

- (Jarvis) I have already brought this and three other parking related issues to parking's attention a couple weeks ago and they said they were looking to it.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤	2025 Health and Wellness Expo	Friday, September 26, 2025 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Titan Student Union Pavilions ABC
➤	Call for Applications Faculty, University Honors Program	Submission by Friday, September 26, 2025 (flyer in Dropbox folder)
➤	Academic Senate Special Election to fill vacancies in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Personnel Committee - HUM seat - (3-yr) and Library seat - (2 yr) • Faculty Research Committee - HUM seat - (2-yr) • Professional Leaves Committee - Library seat - (1 yr) 	eVoting will take place: M, September 29 th , 7:00 AM Thru R, October 2 nd , 4:00 PM
➤	TitanHEALTH Flu Clinic	Housing Piazza October 6 th from 10AM – 3PM Humanities Quad October 7-9 th from 10AM – 3PM (flyer in Dropbox folder)
➤	TitanTHRIVE Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2025	(flyer in Dropbox folder)
➤	Open Access Week Live Webinar: What's the Deal with APCs?	Thursday, October 23, 2025 11AM - 12PM via Zoom (flyer in Dropbox folder)
➤	Disability Support Services New Finals Scheduling	Deadline: Friday, November 21, 2025 by 5 p.m. (flyer in Dropbox folder)
➤	Disability Support Services E-Newsletter	(flyer in Dropbox folder)

V. TIMES APPROXIMATE

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Topic: Campus Facilities Update

Presenters: VP Porter & AVP Singh

VP Porter's presented slides covering the following areas:

- Capital Programs and Facilities Management Teams
- Energy Efficiency & Sustainability Initiatives
- Active Major Capital Projects
- Deferred Maintenance / Infrastructure Initiatives
- Capital Programs and Facilities Management by the Numbers
- Recently Completed Projects
- CSUF Priority Project for CSU Capital Outlay Program Academic Projects List
- Campus Facilities Advisory Group

Q & A:

Q: (Valdez) Are any of these projects updating facilities to include gender inclusive restrooms? And with the upgrading of classrooms, if we could please be mindful of providing wheelchair accessible desks? I had several issues last year with a student where he couldn't access the desk. And then when we did correct it, there was a separate desk in the corner separating him from everybody else, which made it really difficult because everything I do is collaborative work.

A: (VP Porter) In regard to the restrooms, yes, we are creating additional facilities, and one in particular in College Park. We are in the process now doing permitting on that. That building sits under the city of Fullerton's permitting process, they're not technically a state building, but we are working on it. We have multiple projects on campus. We also have a list of all of the gender-neutral spaces, and we can definitely share that with you so you can see exactly where they are.

And with the desk spaces, we have an ADA Coordinator on campus now that was hired about a year or so ago, and they're helping out with advising on furniture selection. So, we'll be working with that group, and we will take that under consideration for the next go-round.

Q: (Salim) Maybe just to provide context for those of us who haven't been here for a while. Could you tell us more about the elephant statue in terms of funding source, priority in terms of all the other things that we're trying to do, a million and a half dollars in this budget climate is not a small amount of money.

A: (VP Porter) That's a donor-funded project. That money is being funded by a number of donors, not any one single one. We're looking at the end of May 2026 for that to be installed.

12:00 PM – 12:15 PM

Topic: Campus Safety Presentation

Presenter: Chief Frisbee

Chief Frisbee's presented slides covering the following areas:

- Our Safety Mission
- 2025/26 Safety Initiatives
- Technology
- Community Engagement
- CSUF Police Department Tip-A-Cop fundraiser
- Safety Statistics
- Grant Funding
- Holistic Safety through Synergy
- Experiences with perceptions, and expectations of law enforcement

Q & A:

Q: (Jarvis) Where are we on the status of having locks for classroom doors?

A: (Chief Frisbee) Every classroom door right now should have a locking mechanism in it. If you find that it doesn't, please let me know.

Q: (Ceisel) Quick question about the public safety video camera system. Where is that data stored? How is it going to be held? And what might it be used for?

A: (Chief Frisbee) We've had a public safety security video system here for a number of years. What we've done is enhanced that system. We now have 800 cameras with about 1,200 views here on the university in public areas, most of it outside, some of it in the lobby where you come out of the elevators to help us respond quickly to emergencies if something occurs inside. All of that data is stored within the department on servers, and I can provide you with the retention rates that we have.

What that is used for, it's already paying dividends. And why I say that is the crime rates are decreasing. There's a lot of factors in crime rates, some we don't have control over within the police department, but a lot that we do, and we've been really intentional. With the cameras specifically, a lot of the camera's views show our bicycle racks and our scooter racks, where our students and even staff and faculty are parking.

What that's done is we are much quicker now able to identify who's stealing the bike and if we have a trend. Our dispatchers have actually caught these bikes getting stolen in the act and had officers dispatched in order to intervene. What we found is the suspects continue to come back and steal until they're caught. We're catching them much sooner now because of the cameras that we have. The cameras are strictly for security and safety, the policy specifically says it will not be used for like timekeeping and things like that.

Q: (Ceisel) Will it be shared with other agencies? What sort of privacy protections are attached to that?

A: (Chief Frisbee) Any requests we get, if it's a criminal investigation, if we're the jurisdiction, if it's outside jurisdiction that we're working with, we do share it with the district attorney. Outside agents, other outside groups, we would ask for a PRA and we would follow our public records request act if it was outside the criminal realm and that is processed through Risk Management.

Q: (Salim) Are there plans to increase the number of cameras? Is that the number that we're aiming for, or do you have plans for expansion?

A: (Chief Frisbee) Currently no plans for major expansion. As we have new buildings, new areas on campus, new crime trends we may discover, or as we're looking proactively at areas to enhance safety, we may add a few here and there, but no major increase.

In the parking structures, I'm really happy to share with you, and I don't take credit for this, I give VP Porter and the parking and transportation team full credit. We have seen a decrease in the number of traffic accidents that we've received this year so far in the parking structures versus last year and I think part of that is due to the physical improvements that they've made with the speed bumps and different things, the delineations as well as the campaign working with ASI leadership in getting the word out more to folks to slow down a little bit, take their time in those structures. In the structures, we do have cameras near the elevators, stairways, and other areas for safety.

There are additional cameras that housing has requested that they're working on. That started with requests from students and then worked through the housing leadership. We will support that once those are installed.

Q: (Robinson) Similar to the question about cameras, I fully support the electronic door access program while recognizing that it allows our movement to be tracked when we're on and off campus. I was curious about privacy protections for that and or how that data is siloed.

A: (Chief Frisbee) I will get back to you on the technical aspects of that, I'll work with my colleagues in IT. I don't even want to pretend that I have the technical expertise to answer that thoroughly today, but we'll make sure to provide that information before that goes in place so that you can ask further detailed questions about that. We'll take that concern back as we're developing this.

Q: (Barros) There were a couple of high-profile cyber attacks in the news in the past couple of weeks or months, and I wonder if that's part of the conversation when we're discussing apps to send out emergency communication to folks or the digital or electronic locks or how as we move more in the direction of using the cloud and digital tools, how that is part of the conversation at Cabinet.

A: (Chief Frisbee) I maybe speaking out of turn, but maybe a presentation from our IT vice president to come back and share some information with you, because they are doing amazing work every day to keep us safe from an IT aspect and those intrusions that come in.

- (President Rochon) The VP and I just had a discussion about this, and he was just describing the number of IT threats we have weekly that are in the thousands. So, I'll tell you, we have an amazing team, and they are on top of that.
- (VP IT/ CIO Manriquez) We have a number of vectors of potential attack in the digital space that come in for information security that come across either through simple emails or from other network intrusions that people want to take and look at the university from different ways and come and do protected data sets and those sorts of things. They are on the order of multi-millions of potential vectors of attack, and we're constantly fighting those off with both platforms and tools that we have and then mitigating those. The largest mitigation we have, of course, is our behavior in how we address security as a campus and how we utilize the tool sets that we have inside the campus.

So, without getting into very specifics, there's a presentation that we're preparing now for the president and happy to come to the Senate and also give that same presentation with a follow-up with more specifics related to that. But it is a growing number and a growing concern in today's time. So, these are some of the elements that are out there.

Q: (Gradilla) Brea, Azusa, Aliso Viejo, Orange, and Cerritos. these are all cities that have the same population as Cal State Fullerton's enrollment plus faculty and staff. Are we going to have a traffic master plan? I think that's something that I'd like to see the campus community address in terms of safety. I just see the traffic getting, it's more dense, it's more aggressive, it's dangerous for our bicyclists and our pedestrians.

I'd like to see more bus routes and shuttles. There are things that are missing, and this may be also for VP Porter as well, but I just think that we need a traffic master plan because we are the size of a major city.

A: (Chief Frisbee) The answer to the question is yes. We are right now in the process of doing a circulation study across campus, both from a pedestrian perspective, bicycle perspective, and also traffic that goes around, that is currently in progress. In addition to that, Caltrans and the city are also making some improvements to bikes egress onto campus. There's a project coming along with that, and that'll mostly be affecting the Nutwood side and the approach on that.

One of the things under consideration is about how we have buses around campus. So, there's a number of things we're looking at as part of that to handle the influx of folks coming on site but also partnering with our community partners about how we can work together in order to get traffic in and around campus much easier than we are today.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 ASD 25-93 Academic Senate Minutes 8-28-25 (Draft) - *forthcoming*

VII. REPORTS

1. [Chair's Report](#)
2. President Report

- I wanted to start off by thanking everyone in the room and outside the room for this past week when we had convocation. I know that they were what some would describe as a comedy of errors, you know, just going on with our technical glitches, but I want to thank everyone who was involved in putting that together. I want to thank the team behind the scenes in particular, even though there were glitches going on, folks were scurrying to do what they could to help me pivot and actually deliver a sound presentation to you all. There have been so many people that have walked up to me and have been so complimentary and gracious and so I say thank you, but the thanks actually go to the team. There are so many people, and I would make a mistake and leave out some significant names, so I'm not going to mention any names other than just a mere fact that I want to thank them.

I want to thank in particular, though, Matt Jarvis, for his delivery, Matt gave a great presentation. Haneefah provided a great update. And then Cecil, I had indicated to you, personally, how much I appreciate all the work that's been done as well.

I want to share something with you all. Last week was a heavy week in many ways for me, both personally and professionally. We had a threat to campus that was speaking about bringing harm to community members that gave me pause during a cabinet meeting. We abandoned that meeting just to see what we could do to assist our chief and those who were trying to make sure that we were in a safe space.

We had a killing that took place where students in Utah witnessed something horrific in person. We had a shooting in Colorado at a high school, again, which brought harm to children. We had HBCUs that were on lockdown. I have family and friends and some of those HBCUs that were threatened with immediate harm to them as well. It was just a heavy, heavy week. And I came outside that morning and was looking at the sky and thinking about what could I do to bring some uplift to my community? The one thing that I know that I don't ever want to do is bring my heaviness to my community. I'm trying to be optimistic and uplifting as much as I possibly can, but also being honest about what's going on. Right before I came on stage, I began to think about ways in which I can bring some immediate levity for myself in particular to help me ease into my presentation. And all of a sudden, glitches began to occur. But doing my delivery, I began to articulate some words that after listening to several conversations from folks on campus, but more importantly, just reflecting personally and privately, I said some things that were definitely offensive. I've concluded that on my own. And I wanted to apologize. I want you to know that I own that. I will do better. My intent, I promise you, was never to hurt anybody. That is not how I wake up in the morning, to hurt people, hurt groups, hurt anyone. But that day, responding in a way in which I thought I can bring something to ease into this very difficult talk, it should not have happened, period. I wanted to express that to everyone. I wanted to tell you that I sit in that space, I reflect in that space, I will do better in that space. I'm a human being. I made a mistake. I want you to know that. I wanted to share that with my community. So, thank you so much for allowing me to say that.

- I wanted to also just kind of bring to your attention a couple of things that are of priority right now. We continue to talk about safety with the Chief of Police, he's going to do a presentation for you today as well. I want you to understand that things are evolving within our country and what I spoke about with regard to the four goals, I don't shy away from, especially the last one with regard to the care and concern of our campus community. So, again, I want to just press into everyone that if there is something going on that gives you pause, please talk to the chief. Please reach out to his office, he has officers that will be responsive and that will investigate and will bring us answers that are necessary for this campus community.

I recognize that through social media, there is greater concern just through the exchange of communication between people. Vitriol is growing, it's real, and finding ways in which we can be very prudent and very attentive to how we maintain safety is a priority for us each and every day. So, I'm asking everyone to please recognize the significance of his presence here today, but always on our campus. I just want to thank you, Chief, and thank the officers as well.

- I want you to know that there's \$125 million in Pell Grants and support, 40% of our students are always at the forefront of my thinking with regard to how we respond and what we do. Pell Grants are necessary for our students, you all know this, I know this, and our students will tell you this. So, maintaining a very strategic response is something that I think is going to always need to be at the forefront of our behavior and our thinking. Being ready to pivot at all times is key. Also working closely with Chancellor Garcia is something that I'm working hard to do as well.

Our commitment to our North Star, our student body, is not changed and I want you to know that even though we strategically have to adjust, we will not abandon our mission, our goals, our identity, who we are as a campus. That remains key to how I work.

Nomenclature, though, I'm learning, I'm recognizing, just as you, mean something within this administration at the federal level, it means something. And so just recognizing the significance of new policies and new investigations that are happening as we speak may unfold in a way in which they will impact our campus very directly as well. I want to stay with this, students at the center. I want to stay with driving our enrollment, making sure that we're focused on that, building our campus for growth for the future, as we talked about the development of our hub in engineering, our landmark hall, and then also our brand new residence hall. These are the foundations of what I am excited about with regard to our continued work.

- I also want to mention to you all that we have three searches that have kicked off, a VP for Human Resources and Inclusive Excellence, VP for University Advancement, and then also a Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, those searches have launched. I want to thank again the faculty and staff who are on these committees, working with us so closely.

For those of you who do not know this, when I bring in a position, any hire at this level, I will always meet with the search committee personally. Hearing their voices, understanding the work that they've done as an advisory committee is extremely key to me. This is something that I find to be very, very important, very significant with regard to making a final decision on who would be hired. That will not be abandoned, I'm going to continue that practice.

With regard to additional searches that are going to be quite significant, Dean for Communications will be launched and then also Dean for College of Engineering and Computer Science also, we're moving those along.

- Sue had just indicated to me right before this meeting that the strategic plan report is now available. I think Tran has sent that out to the campus community. If you haven't received it please let her know. Sue, thank you to you and the entire team. Thanks to everyone for the work that's been done for the strategic plan.
- There is a grant that was just awarded to our university for Asian American, Native American, and Pacific Islander program focused on our students. I want to thank, again, Cecil Chik for writing the grant, we received \$1.8 million. So, thank you for this work, this is great news.

3. [Provost Report](#)

- To answer Senator Gradilla's question, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the number of students in class, if they go to class, is at 10,800. So, between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, our top peak is at 10,800. On Monday and Wednesdays there are about 10,600 students. So, those four days from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm are the top peak days of campus.
- The president brought up the two dean searches that are coming up, we're asking Academic Senate for names for those committees.
- There are two other two searches that are also going to come out this fall, the Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Studies and General Education and the Executive Director of Graduate Studies.
- We have 53 associates going to full, that's one of our highest numbers, and this is fantastic for our campus. We're really building a foundation for everybody.
- The tenure is still at 34 but we're trying to push that to another level. We want to make sure our faculty progresses to become full.
- We're at 45,165 students; we have more full-time students than ever.

Q & A:

Q: (Struckhoff) Those 10,800 students, does that include online students?

A: (Provost) No, those are on campus.

Q: (Struckhoff) How many seats do you have over?

A: (Provost) There's another 1,500 at the same time that are online students.

Q: (Struckhoff) I'm curious just from a capacity standpoint, how many seats do we have at the university?

A: (Provost) Oh, that's a harder answer to give you. We do have more than that right now available, but it varies depending on the classes. But we are reaching the very much the limit of the university because we're about almost 95% full at that time. So, the maximum capacity from a capacity of what seats are available is about 95%.

Q: (Barros) In terms of the promotions to full and promotions to associate, I have hunches, but I don't think we've seen data in terms of potential inequities in who are the folks that are being stuck at the associate level versus who are getting promoted. And I wonder if there's a way for us to kind of pull some of the data and maybe not share super widely but share in certain groups.

A: (Provost) I'm looking at it and we're going to continue looking at that.

4. [Statewide Academic Senate Report](#)

5. [ASI Report](#)

- (Salguero) I just want to highlight something on our ASI report. We're offering \$105,000 in additional funding this year as a result of the ASI Student Wellness Initiative, so if you could tell your students or anybody you know who may be interested in applying for these scholarships, that would be phenomenal. Applications close on October 10th, so you still have some time. So please tell your students.

Q: (Gradilla) Have you tried to go through the new assistant deans? I think that would be a way for them to submit it through colleges. I think that's how students get their info per college.

A: (Salguero) I personally haven't, but that's a great recommendation. I'll definitely take that into consideration.

6. [CFA Report](#)

- (Ceisel) I just want to emphasize a few things that are in the written report. First of which is that we need to take up EP&R 76-36. I know this body has addressed it before, specifically in February of 2020, but since then things have gotten considerably worse.

This document, last updated 1976, suggests that a 6 WTU class is only 120 or more students. We currently have courses being capped at 119. We have colleagues teaching as many as 500 students without a course release. We have seen class sizes increase exponentially and we know this document does not reflect what we know about good pedagogy.

What we know about pedagogy that benefits our first generation students who need more attention from us and in this time where we are facing threats, both to our safety, the safety of our community, and we are engaging with real concerns about what we say in the classroom, being recorded and then reported to other agencies, other groups, shared online, taken out of context, we need to be able to build trust among our students. We need them to trust us. We need to trust them if we are going to be able to educate ourselves and our communities.

So, I really want to urge the Academic Senate to take this issue up again and work towards a resolution. The union stands with us on this cause, and I can't really think of one more crucial to the mission of the university.

Q: (Kanel) I just wanted to check and clarify. Did you say you wanted a resolution? Do you want it from this Senate or do you want it from Statewide Academic Affairs, because I'm on that. I just wondered, you want us to do a resolution at statewide level or do a resolution here?

A: (Ceisel) Let's do it all, we can fix this on this campus and be leaders for the system.

Q: (Kanel) Did you talk to the statewide president of CFA that comes to the statewide Senate?

A: (Ceisel) This is an issue that the CSU has continuously refused to discuss with CFA.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- M/S/P (Badal/Wood) Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.