

ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2026

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11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

PLN-130

Present: Ahmad, Badal, Barros, Becerra, Blandon-Gitlin, Bonuso, Brusckke, Carlin, Ceisel, Chen, Chik, Childers, Ghosh, Gradilla, Graewingholt, Jarvis, Kalczynski, Kanel, Kleinjans, Kuffner, Landeros, Martin, Miller, Plouffe, Robinson, Rochon, Rutkowski, Salguero, Salim, Setten, Shahrestani, Struckhoff, Thomas, Tobias, Tsong, Walker, Wilson, Wood, Wynants

Absent: Barber, Bono, Larios, LeeKeenan, Luker, Mallicoat, Milligan, Swarat, Valdez, Valencia

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

A moment of silence was observed.

In Memoriam

- Lisa Guillory, Staff [died: March 2026]
- Megan Tommerup, Lecturer of Biological Science [died: March 2026]
- Don McLaren, Staff Emeritus [died: March 3, 2026]

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

- M/S/P (Wood/Kleinjans) Motion to approve the consent calendar. The consent calendar was approved as amended.
 - (Landeros) Pulled ASD 26-42 Revisions to UPS 411.104 - Policy on Online Instruction. This will become the first item of new business.

2.1 ASD 26-42 Revisions to UPS 411.104 - Policy on Online Instruction

2.2 ASD 26-43 New Course Proposal - Spring 2026

III. URGENT BUSINESS

- (Kanel) Motion to approve Revisions to UPS 630.000 - Policy for Investigating Instances of Possible Research Misconduct. Motion passed.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤	Tech Day	Tuesday, April 7 th Pollak Library, 9AM – 3PM (flyer in Dropbox folder)
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Additional announcements:

- (Graewingholt) I want to say thank you to Academic Affairs, Jacki Drumm, and the library team that handled the remodel of the first floor South. It got a lovely little refresh and we're super thankful. There are new bookshelves for each of the DIRC Centers right outside of that area, which are getting populated with new books.

Also, the 20th of this month starts National Library Week. So, by the time we meet again, it'll be National Library Week, which has our beloved Peeps competition and all the other programming that will happen that week. There should be something happening every day.

- (Chik) I want to wish everybody happy at Peace of Heritage Month, it's the month that we celebrate Peace of Heritage. There will be a kickoff program on the Tuffy Lawn after Academic Senate if you want to stop by and check it out. It's also SWANA Heritage Month, so we want to make sure we recognize and acknowledge that.

Our DIRC friends will be hosting all our cultural celebrations starting April 30th, they'll be happening every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday until the weekend before commencement. So, if you're free, please come and support our students and celebrate this milestone with them and support our DIRC staff and all the hard work that they put into being able to celebrate our students.

- (Martin) The upcoming University Awards Program is Thursday, April 23rd, 9.30 am to 11:00 am. Join us for breakfast, a celebration of all of our faculty and staff. An email announcement with full details will be going out later this afternoon.
- (Tsong) The week of the 20th is also the National Advising Week that week. We will be doing something every day to celebrate and recognize our academic advisors, including both our faculty advisors and our professional advisors.

On Monday, if you happen to be in the quad, we're going to have Tuffy and we will be tabling all day for students to write cards if they want to say thank you to any of the advisors that they have had.

On Tuesday, we'll have our advising conference supported by both the LR Grant and the Aspire Grant from the Department of Education, that's ending this year. This is the first time we'll be bringing graduate and undergraduate advisors together for the conference. So, if you are able, please join us.

- (Bruschke) The next issue of the Academic Senate Forum is going to be coming out, and it's got a new location. It is going to be linked on the Academic Senate website. You'll get an email that has a link you can click. We have become ADA compliant, it's upgraded, and it looks better.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- M/S/P (Landeros/Salim) Motion to approve the March 5th minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

5.1 ASD 26-31 Academic Senate Minutes 3-5-26 (Draft)

- M/S/P (Miller/Salim) Motion to approve the March 19th minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

5.2 ASD 26-41 Academic Senate Minutes 3-19-26 (Draft)

VI. REPORTS

1. [Chair's Report](#)

2. President Report

- I wanted to acknowledge someone. At the last meeting, he was unable to attend because he was attending his very first system-wide provost meeting, and that was Sean Walker, who was identified as our interim provost. I'm really excited about Sean serving, he is hitting the floor running. He is engaged, and he is involved. He is providing great counsel to me, and I'm very thankful for his leadership. So, thank you, Sean, for taking on this role.
- I will be leaving town on Monday, bright and early, with my team to travel to DC. Haneefah Syed, our ASI president, will be traveling with me as well. We will be meeting with elected officials all across the hill, talking about the CSU, talking about Cal State Fullerton in particular. We will be meeting with Orange County elected officials as well. This will be my second trip on behalf of this campus, and we really do benefit from having these relationships, as you already know.
- There was a letter that came out from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) early this morning indicating our needed appeal and also our needed outreach to Congress because of Pell. Pell is in danger and we need Congress to fund Pell fully. We have talked about this over and over again, our students are dependent on those Pell grants and Pell rewards.
- The VP for University Advancement search is going on right now. Our last candidate is in town, and the presentation will be in this room at 2:00 pm. If you're available, please come and participate. Those of you who have participated, please provide input. We value your input and we are reading it and utilizing it.

- I want to also thank Dr. Natalie Tran for stepping up and serving as interim dean for the College of Education. I want to thank Amir Dabirian and Sean Walker for engaging with faculty and staff. I want to thank Dean Kirtman as well for being a part of that process.
- We had an announcement with Jim Donovan identifying his retirement date. I'm building a committee as we speak. That committee will be published within the next two weeks. We are going to get that search moving as fast as possible. I was able to meet with all the staff, get feedback from the athletic unit and to provide them with some insight, but also get insight from them as well.
- The VP for Finance and Administration search will begin in the fall. I will be working with Matt on identifying faculty for that role, serving in that capacity as well.
- We talked about commencement last time; I just want to kind of go back to that again. Juan, Mahak, you all had questions with regard to regalia. I revisited that and we are able to no longer mandate that students not wear their caps and regalia prior to getting in line. This will remove some stress, and I think provide some additional smiles for students who want to come preordained. The chief made it clear that we have a system that's going to work and work effectively. Our goal is simple with commencement, it's all about safety and also maintaining safety for all those individuals who are coming to celebrate our students. We cherish the student life because we understand how transformative this space is.

I read an article that many of you all did just recently talking about 61% of Americans not finding value in higher education, not finding value in a college degree. I find value in this room. I find value in this institution. I find value in what we do each and every day to uplift our students. I find value in each of you all.

Our work is so important to this nation and to this globe. Our commencement is something that I cherish, and I'm asking everyone, if you can, please participate. Please come and celebrate these families. There are many cultural centers providing celebratory opportunities. We're not asking you to come to all of them. If you can come to one, if you can just come maybe and just greet people and leave. It means so much to our students and to their families and I want to thank you in advance for making time for them. You've seen them in class, let's see them as they prepare to walk across that stage as well. They deserve you, and you deserve them.

- We have a very important Academic Senate meeting coming up on April 23, we will be celebrating our distinguished faculty. So please, if you can, be in attendance.
- And then another important date, May 7, if you could make note of that, for the Fiscal State of the University presentation. Our Chief Financial Officer, Laleh Graylee, will be providing an update. I received so much feedback about last year's presentation, and I've asked Laleh to condense that so you can have a better understanding as an executive level of where we are with regard to the university budget, and she's excited about putting that together. So, if you can, make that as well.

3. [Provost Report](#)

Q: (Jarvis) Do we know where we are on the total number of searches and yields?

A: (Provost) The report comes out at the end of the week, I'll send you an update.

4. [Statewide Academic Senate Report](#)

5. ASI Report

- (Salguero) Next week, ASI will be hosting their career week, it's going to be the first time that ASI has ever done this. It will take place on Monday, April 13th through Friday, April 17th. This is centered around providing students with an opportunity to learn more about different career pathways. We are bringing in our ASI alum and along with collaboration with the Career Center here at Cal State Fullerton to make sure that students are provided with different opportunities that they may not have even been aware of. This is going to be open to all students, engineering, arts, literally all across the range. If you can encourage your students to attend, this is going to be a great event. We've been promoting it all over our social media pages.

Q: (Jarvis) For the ASI Career Week, is it better thought of as ASI Career Week or ASI's Career Week? Is it about careers in ASI? Because I know a number of our graduates go on to in fact work for ASI. Or is it about working in general?

A: (Salguero) No, it's about working in general. If you want to work for ASI, I think it's also a great pathway, but it's for careers in general.

6. [CFA Report](#)**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7.1 ASD 26-15 Revisions to UPS 100.015 - Review and Revision of University Policy Statements

- M/S/P (Kanel/Barros) Motion to approve ASD 26-09 Revisions to UPS 300.016 - Withdrawal Policy. Motion passed as amended.

From AS meeting 3-19-26

M/S (Kanel/Barros) Motion to approve 26-15 Revisions to UPS 100.015 - Review and Revision of University Policy Statements.

[MAIN MOTION]

Chair Jarvis reminded the body where they left off on this document.

- M/S/P (Carlin/Shahrestani) Line 62: insert the wording “To provide additional support for committees engaging in this work, the Academic Senate has established a Framework for Guided Action on Inclusive Excellence, maintained by the Senate DEI Committee, which will be shared with committee chairs at the start of each academic year and maintained on the Academic Senate website”. Motion passed as amended.
- M/S/F (Kleinjans/Kanel) Replace Academic Senate Committee with DEI Committee. Motion failed.

Y = 7

N = 15

A = 16

Back to the (Carlin/Shahrestani) motion

- M/S/P (Kanel/ Shahrestani) Line 63: replace “established” with “received”. Motion passed.

Back to the (Carlin/Shahrestani) motion. Motion passed as amended.

Back to the main motion. Document passed as amended.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar and became the first item of new business.
- M/S/P (Jarvis/Mallicoat) Motion to send back to the Executive Committee to make the fixes to the document and then bring it back for Senate approval. Motion passed.

2.1 ASD 26-42 Revisions to UPS 411.104 - Policy on Online Instruction

- M/S/ (Landeros/Ceisel) Line 47: add the language “For courses designated as hybrid with an established in-person component, faculty may use up to 20% of total class time or instruction for synchronous or asynchronous delivery, at their discretion. Any synchronous online instruction must occur during the course's regularly scheduled in-person meeting time, with advance notice provided to students”.

- (Kalczyński) The language should be inserted at line 49. *Considered friendly.*

8.1 ASD 26-16 Revisions to UPS 411.400 - Educator Preparation

1. Revisions to UPS 411.400 - Educator Preparation - Clean Version

8.2 ASD 26-22 Revisions to UPS 650.000 - Intramural Research Grants

8.3 ASD 26-23 Revisions to UPS 300.002 - Academic Advising Policy

1. Revisions to UPS 300.002 - Academic Advising Policy - Clean Version

8.4 ASD 26-33 Revisions to UPS 300.030 - Academic Appeals

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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