CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
September 15, 2026

ASM 26-3 DRAFT

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Chair DeShazo convened the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Senator Porter read the Tongva land acknowledgement.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements

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1.1.1 Academic Senate meeting modality for the 2026-2027 AY will alternate between in person and Zoom.
September 15: Zoom
September 29: Golden Eagle Ballroom 3
October 13: Zoom
October 27: King Hall 1077 (LL 2)
November 10: Zoom
December 8: Golden Eagle Ballroom 3

1.1.2 A few policy updates:
Signed Policies
Policy Modification: Introduction to Higher Education Course
New Policy: Research, Scholarship, Creative Activity Policy Committee
Policy Modification: Student Opinion Survey on Instruction

Unsigned Policies (returned with feedback)
Policy Modification: Definition of Faculty

1.1.3 Facilities Master Plan: Campus Engagement Sessions
Faculty, staff, students, and community partners are invited to learn about the plan's progress and help shape its preferred direction.
Thursday, September 24

- 12 - 1 p.m. Campus Forum 1
  Golden Eagle Ballrooms 2 & 3 • Food provided
- 2 - 2:45 p.m. ASI Board Meeting
  U-SU Board Room N/S, Room 303/303A
- 2 - 4 p.m. Wellness Fair Pop-Up
  Main Walkway
- 4 - 5 p.m. Campus Forum 2
  Golden Eagle Ballrooms 2 & 3
- 6 - 7 p.m. Residential Campus Forum
  South Village Multi-Purpose Room • Food provided

Please attend one or more sessions. Your input matters.
Questions: facilitiesmasterplan@calstatela.edu
Learn more: calstatela.engage.sasaki.com

1.1.4 Academic Senate of the CSU Election

- Voting is now open.
- Under past practice and a loose interpretation the Faculty Constitution, university-wide voting has been limited to tenure-track and tenured faculty, excluding many faculty members from participation.
- The Senate body can choose to reconsider this practice and/or interpretation of the Faculty Constitution. You can also discuss moving forward with the current election.

1.1.5 There will be an Academic Affairs Budget and Enrollment Town Hall meeting on September 23, 2023, 11:00am-12:00pm, in SSB LL120

1.2 Senator Baaske announced: I have a very sad announcement to share with you. Our colleague Sharon Ulanoff has passed away. She was granted emeritus status just recently and that was announced at convocation. She was a fervent advocate for

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governance, served for many years on Senate Exec., and chaired standing committees. Her family has requested privacy for now as they adjust.

Senators shared words and memories about Dr. Sharon Ulanoff.

1.3 Senator Hazra announced: On September 24, we will be hostong a Student Wellness Fair, 12:00-4:00pm, on the main walkway. Please share with your students.

1.4 Senator Lee announced: I would like to invite the campus to the Strike Ready Rally for all of our unions – CSUEU, CFA, Teamsters, APC, UAW – on October 2, 12:00-1:30pm, at the Golden Eagle. If you're ready to show the CSU that we're ready to strike, please come.

1.5 Senator Rodriguez announced that the Library will be hosting several events and programs this semester:

- Library Live Research online workshops taught by our Librarians. This year's focus is on AI Literacy. I encourage you to encourage your students to attend. Contact Lettycia Terrones lterron@calstatela.edu if have questions.
- Meditation Mondays are every Monday for 30-minute mindful awareness sessions in the University Library- Library North Community Room (B-131), 12:30 – 1:00pm. The entire campus community is invited and encouraged to attend and an RSVP is not required.
- Pen to Paper is a hybrid writing group open to the campus community. This is held every Tuesday, 5:00 – 7:00pm, both in person and Zoom.
- The 21st Annual Archives Bazaar will be Saturday, October 10. If you're interested in LA history, there will be about 75-80 exhibitors who will exhibit archives, universities, museums, historical societies, cultural centers and collectors. This is the second year that we're hosting and it will be in the GE Ballrooms.
- Sounds of the Underground is an annual Music research symposium and this is the fourth year. It focuses on the underground music scene and this year's theme is "Keeping the Music Alive". It will be held November 3-5. There will be live music from local bands and several speakers.
- Road to PhD is a five part research series to support students who are exploring and/or applying to grad programs, particularly PhD programs. This is being done in collaboration with the Center for Academic Success and the Graduate Resource Center.
- Visit the Library website to view our calendar of all our events.

1.6 Senator BenGhorbal announced: CFA general membership meeting is this Thursday, September 17, 4:30-6:00pm in KH B4013. There will be an option to attend virtually. Please come to your union meeting at this pivotal point. This is very important to show up for each other and stand together as we are bargaining and hitting an impasse. There is a lot on the bargaining table and we need to support each other and be in solidarity.

1.7 C. Schotmiller, CETL, announced:

- We will be hosting a 5in5 Teaching Talks. It is the same model from ORSCA and these will 5 faculty members presenting 5 slides in 5 minutes on a teaching practice for student success. These will be held October 21 and December 8, 12:00-1:00pm, in the University Library South Reading Lounge (second floor).
- Advancing Career Readiness at Cal State LA Symposium: over the summer we had 22 faculty members come together to create campus collateral for connecting career readiness specifically to Cal State LA and they will share their resources, participate in panel discussions with students and explore how we can collectively strengthen career readiness across campus. This will take place October 29, 9:30am – 12:00pm, in the U-SU Los Angeles Room AB. Please RSVP by October 23.
- We're launching what's called Faculty Features. This is a recognition initiative for innovative teaching techniques that faculty across the campus are doing

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in the classroom because we don't always see what you're doing with students. You can submit yourself or a colleague if there's an innovative assignment, a student-centered assignment, an active learning technique or something you or a colleague wants to showcase. We're going to put together a profile for you on our website and share it on LinkedIn the first week of the month. The only thing we ask is that you are willing to share your collateral with the campus and a common Canvas course. So far we have a department's AI policy that faculty created and an alternative grading rubric that faculty can adopt.

1.8 VP Lindow announced: Earlier this week we sent out communication to the campus inviting the campus community to participate in a series of engagement opportunities that are taking place on Thursday, September 24, 12:00-1:00pm and 4:00-5:00pm, in GE Ballroom for the Facilities Master Plan. There will be a third forum from 6:00-7:00pm in the multipurpose room at the South Village. Food will be provided. These sessions will share progress up to date and we will continue gahering input from the campus community in terms of planning in a way that we can move forward.
There will also be a wellness fair on the same day and we're going to be tabling during that event. We encourage faculty, staff, students and community in general to come out.

1.9 R. Crews, HRM, announced: I just want to remind everyone that it's Open Enrollment time – now through October 8. The onsite benefits fair is September 28 and the system-wide virtual benefits fair is October 1. Information was sent to the camps this past Friday.

2. The following questions were raised from the floor:

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- Regarding large lecture pilot program and lecturer faculty, how is the University ensuring that these assignments comply with Article 20 of our Collective Bargaining Agreement – particularly class size, faculty workload, assigned WTUs, and compensation? Since this is a pilot program, what does the University's data show about its effects on student's retention, D's and F's, achievement gaps, and accommodations?
- Today is the deadline for the first payment installment for spring student tuition. The second payment is due in two weeks on September 29. Can this deadline be changed to early October because this disadvantages families who are paid once per month?
- There is concern that the University decided this year to move the announcement of the Outstanding Professor Awards, Outstanding Lecturer Award, and the President's Distinguished Professor Award away from convocation, which used to be called Fall Faculty Day, to a Friday once instruction had started. I wondered if the University might consider in the future moving the announcement of those awards back to the kickoff event for the academic year?
- What is the current staffing and operational capacity of facilities? Is it sufficient to meet the needs of our campus?
- What is the University doing to protect faculty – especially if faculty are being attacked and maybe even being told they should no longer be teaching at Cal State LA?
- How might Cal State LA extend our social justice mission and try to reach out to folks who are gravely impacted by the terrible policy in Florida banning undocumented students from enrolling in universities beginning 2027-28?
- There is a concern about air conditioning function in the evenings and on weekends in King Hall.
- What is the current counselor to student ratio?
- There are no food and beverage options in King Hall, especially with the closure of the cafe. The food court and bookstore close by 5pm and there are no food options for students taking evening classes. Why are they closing early and what's the plan to ensure that there is food available?

Responses were provided by President Eanes, Provost Lattimer, VP Day and VP Lindow.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

3. 3.1 There were no intent to raise questions.

3.2 The following response from the President was presented to the IRQ raised by Senator Simon Cereijido at the meeting of February 4, 2026 (ASM 25-12):
Question 1 response: Cal State LA does have Administrative Procedure 103 in place, which references EO 1064 and provides a framework for off-campus academic activities. However, given the scope of EO 1064 and the evolving operational and compliance considerations, it is appropriate to review and update the procedure to ensure consistent interpretation of requirements and implementation support for departments and staff across the university.
Since this policy impacts areas across both Academic Affairs and Student Affairs (e.g., internships, athletics, and student organizations), a coordinated, campus-wide approach will be necessary. I have directed to provost to establish a working group, in collaboration with the Academic Senate and the Division of Student Affairs, to guide this review.
Question 2 response: Once we have clarified the policy as outlined above, I will direct the provost to with the Academic Senate and the Division of Student Affairs to reconstitute a committee to support successful implementation. The work of the committee should also align with the priorities outlined by our campus strategic plan, CSU Forward, and the campus academic plan.
Question 3 response: Establishing a process to conduct an annual review of off-campus academic activities will be a key priority of the working group referenced in answer #1 above. While related oversight may occur at the department or college level; a standardized, campus-wide review process is appropriate to ensure a more consistent and structured approach to maintain compliance, improve accountability, and support continuous improvement in managing off-campus academic activities.

APPROVAL OF SENATE MINUTES

4. It was m/s/p (Porter) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 1, 2026 (ASM 26-2).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

6. Chair DeShazo presented her report.

CAMPUS UPDATES - PRESIDENT EANES

7. President Eanes presented campus updates.
Please note: The presentation can be viewed on the Senate website.

CFA UPDATES - SENATOR MOLLY TALCOTT

8. Senator Talcott presented updates on the California Faculty Association (CFA).

ADJOURNMENT

9. It was m/s/p (Baaske) to adjourn at 3:44 p.m.