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ABSENT

A. Avramchuk, C. Rodriguez, D. Hazra

EXCUSED ABSENCE

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

Senator Phun read the Tongva land acknowledgement.

Chair DeShazo invited the body to take a moment of silence. This pause is to acknowledge the very real harms being experienced both in our campus community and the broader community: the fear and trauma caused by ICE actions, the ongoing harm on trans and gender-diverse people, and the loss of critical public funding that supports our most vulnerable students, families, and communities. Her ask to the body was that they hold space for those who are hurting, for those living with trauma and uncertainty, for those who have lost their lives or have disappeared, and for the responsibility we are share an academic community committed to dignity, equity, and care – and that this pause ground us in empathy and our shared commitment to one another.

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 - 1.1 Chair DeShazo announced: The President’s Distinguished Professor lecture presented by Dr. David Blekhman will be on Tuesday, February 3 in the GE Ballrooms. The title of his lecture is “If you build it, they will come”. A reception will be held immediately after the lecture.
 - 1.2 Chair DeShazo announced: There will be Strategic Planning Session with key groups led by Dr. John Jasinski. Individual registration links for the sessions were emailed separately to the stakeholder groups.
 - February 2, 3:15-4:00pm – Faculty and Department Chairs
 - February 3, 9:00-9:45am – Staff
 - February 3, 10:00-10:45am – Administrators (all MPP ranks)
 - February 3, 11:00-11:45am - Students
 - 1.3 Senator Porter announced: Today we are submitting a major infrastructural NIH grant to enhance biomedical research capacity at Cal State LA with enthusiastic institutional support. This proposal was a labor of dedication and collaboration between faculty and administration who in part also serve as PIs on this proposal. Of course we do not know whether it will be awarded, but I wanted to use this time to recognize the support I had received in the preparation of this proposal and thank Provost Lattimer, AVP Faculty Success Brown, AVPR Ye, VP Day, Dean Rodriguez, and especially the Deans Pizarro, Warter-Perez, Reiboldt, and Trzaskoma – they literally worked for hours over the weekend to get these new NIH Biosketches done, as well as the participating faculty. This experience showed that when we, faculty and administrators, align our goals and work together, we are really powerful, and I wanted to encourage us all to work together and find new strengths in each other for a powerful Cal State LA ORSCA internal awards.
 - 1.4 Senator Abdullah announced: Announcement 1: People’s Budget LA survey is live. The research is being led by Dr. David Turner of UCLA and Dr. Tabatha Jones Jolivet of Azusa Pacific University. Please make your voice heard about how you want your tax dollars spent and encourage students and colleagues to complete the survey at peoplesbudgetla.com/survey
Announcement 2: Congratulations to Professor Aminah Abdul-Jabaar, the new Department Chair of Pan-African Studies, who has taught in the Department for more than 20 years..
 - 1.5 Senator Talcott announced: Thank you, Chair DeShazo, for how you opened our senate meeting. My heart is racing because I just learned that 3 more of our community members were kidnapped in Echo Park today. We know that unions have been key institutions for fighting fascism, and we have a union, faculty! We are also in contract bargaining. Your bargaining representatives for this campus are myself, Molly Talcott

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(Sociology) and Dr. Libby Lewis (Pan-African Studies and Sociology). We are available to answer your questions. We need your continued involvement. The recent email by Chancellor Garcia made the union-busting suggestion that it's the union keeping faculty from our 3% stipend (that does not go to salary base or retirement). If you look on cfabargaining.org, where you can see proposals from both sides, you will see that the CSU management isn't offering faculty the stipend until Fall 2026. Lastly, the governor's budget, while still tentative, includes a 7% increase in ongoing base funding to the CSU. We need to continue to be engaged and fight for that increase to remain; thanks to the statewide Academic Senate and CFA for doing the work to reverse the cuts and to increase the base budget of the CSU, and then make sure management funds instruction. We are somewhere around spending 37% on instruction at Cal State LA (give or take a percentage point), and we can advocate for much better.

- 1.6 Chair DeShazo announced: The 5 in 5 Faculty Research Talks is happening on February 3, 12:00-1:00pm, in the University Library Reading Lounge.
- 1.7 Chair DeShazo announced: You are invited to join the L.A. Civil Rights Department, the Commission on the Status of Women, and Cal State LA for the "Your Self, Your City, Your Rights: A Public Safety Symposium" on Thursday, February 5, 10:00am-2:00pm, in GE Ballrooms. Admission is free and lunch will be provided. Register at: bit.ly/CSWPublicSafety
- 1.8 Chair DeShazo announced (on behalf of Provost Lattimer): There will be an Academic Affairs Retreat held on Monday, February 16, 9:30am-12:00pm and Tuesday, February 17, 2:00 – 4:30pm. RSVP for one of the dates.
- 1.9 Chair DeShazo announced (on behalf of Provost Lattimer): The Ask Me Anything series is continuing. The dates for spring are January 28, February 25, April 29, and May 27. They will be held in Salazar Hall, room 162, 11:00am-12:00pm.
- 1.10 Chair DeShazo announced (on behalf of the Graduate Studies): There will be an information session for the California Pre-Doctoral Program & Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP) on Thursday, January 29, 1:00-2:00pm, in the Graduate Resource. Application deadlines are February 13, 5:00pm and February 16, 11:59pm, respectively.
Graduation Thesis Spring 2026 workshop will be Friday, February 13, 3:15-4:15pm on Zoom and thesis preliminary review will be April 24.
Thesis Formatting and Submission workshop will be Friday, April 10, 3:15-4:15pm on Zoom. The deadline to upload thesis to ProQuest will be May 1 and requests for reimbursement for travel to conferences are due by May 8.
- 1.11 AVP Heise announced: I would like to thank the staff in Dean's offices and faculty for their assistance in creating memos and working through issues with the software for faculty periodic review.
- 1.12 Guest J. Thomas announced: On February 10, 3:30-6:30pm, in the U-SU Theater there will be a Cal Jobs information session for students who want STEM jobs but do not have a STEM background. Students and/or families are welcome to attend.

QUESTIONS FROM THE
FLOOR

2. The following questions were raised from the floor:
 - Number of cancer diagnosis for faculty and staff working in KH. Testing (more than bare minimum) requested and prioritize safety.
 - Is our University going to say anything about the murders happening across the U.S.?
 - Biological Sciences elevator is not operating and has not been since start of the semester. What's the eta to get the elevator back into service?
 - Concerns were raised about delayed faculty payment processing.
 - Concerns were raised about PaGE administering summer programs and updating the course catalog.

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- Would the University be willing to conduct more expensive tests of toxic substances in all rooms and offices in KH to address campus members concerns?
- Was there a response from President Eanes to the Executive Committee regarding ICE on campus and available resources?
- Are there any solutions in place for mobility impaired people who need to use an elevator in Biological Sciences to be able to get to classes?
- Is April 2025 the last testing date for KH or is there something more recent?

Responses were provided by VP Lindow, Senate Chair DeShazo, and Director Emily Acevedo.

3.	None.	INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS
4.	It was m/s/p (Porter) to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2025 (ASM 25-9).	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
5.	It was m/s/p (Phun) to approve the agenda.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA
6.	Chair DeShazo presented her report.	SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT
7.	Nominations were taken from the floor for one at-Large Executive Committee member and an election was held. Juily Phun (V: 15) and Kris Bezdecny (V: 22). Kris Bezdecny was elected.	NOMINATIONS FOR ONE AT LARGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
8.	It was m/s/p (Rios Mojica) to approve the apportionment for 2026-27AY.	APPORTIONMENT 2026- 27AY (25-4)
9.	Nominations were taken from the floor for four tenured faculty members to serve on the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for the Associate Provost for Faculty Success position: Jingjing Li, NSS Jessica Morales-Chicas, HHS Chuck Flores, ED? Stefan Keslacy, HHS? William Rosales, NSS? Patrick Krug, NSS As permission to be nominated was not obtained for all nominees, permission would be sought after the meeting and an election would be conducted by the Academic Senate Office.	NOMINATIONS FOR FOUR TENURED FACULTY MEMBERS FOR AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ASSOC. PROVOST OF FACULTY SUCCESS POSITION
10.	Nominations were taken from the floor for four tenured faculty members to serve on the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for the Associate Provost for Student Success position. Anureet Kaur, HHS Deborah Won, ECST Chris Bachman, ECST? Hyunsook Park, NSS? Erica Ellis, HHS? As permission to be nominated was not obtained for all nominees, permission would be sought after the meeting and an election would be conducted by the Academic Senate Office.	NOMINATIONS FOR FOUR TENURED FACULTY MEMBERS FOR AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ASSOC. PROVOST OF STUDENT SUCCESS POSITION
11.	CFO/VP Claudio Lindow presented updated on the budget. A question and answer period followed.	BUDGET PRESENTATION - CLAUDIO LINDOW, CFO AND VP OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
12.	It was m/s/p (Phun) to adjourn at 4:12 p.m.	ADJOURNMENT