

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES  
ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES  
September 23, 2025

ASM 25-4 DRAFT

A. Badr, C. Battle, C. Wang, D. Czepinski, D. Green, E. Winokur, H. Awad, H. Hajaiej, K. Yang,  
M. Abdullah, M. He, M. Joseph, M. Abed, O. Aruoma, S. Wells, X. Sun

ABSENT

C. Orosco, D. Hanan, J. Phun, M. Talcott, R. Pearl

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Chair DeShazo convened the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Senator Pizarro read the Tongva land acknowledgement.

1. 1.1 Chair's announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1.1 Our next Academic Senate meeting will be in GE ballroom 3.

1.1.2 Academic Affairs Budget Town Hall will be Thursday, September 25, 12:00-1:00 p.m. in King Hall 1077, Lecture Hall 2

1.2 Senator Rodriguez announced: Cal State LA is participating in the CSU AI (GenAI) Survey. The survey window is: Monday, September 22 through Monday, October 6. All faculty, staff, students are encouraged to participate in the brief (less than 10 mins) anonymous survey. The purpose of this study is to understand how students, faculty, and staff at California State University use AI, their perceptions of AI, and the needs they have related to AI. The findings from this study will inform institutional research and contribute to the development of resources and policies regarding AI use in academic.

The survey is available at: <https://aisurvey.calstate.edu>

Our campus AI day will be Friday, October 3.

1.3 K. Elliott Brown, AVP for Faculty Success, ORSCA and Dean of Graduate Studies announced: Thesis deadlines: November 25, 2025 – Preliminary Review; December 2, 2025 – Upload First Draft; and December 12, 2025 – Final Draft & GS-13. More information can be found at [www.tinyurl.com/calstatelathesis](http://www.tinyurl.com/calstatelathesis)

2. The following question/concern was raised from the floor: While anti-trans rhetoric and policy have been nonstop since Trump took office, it has become terrifying post-assassination of Charlie Kirk. There have been calls for the involuntary commitment of trans people, "gender extremism" has been listed as a possible indicator of domestic terrorism, in Texas, professors have been fired for mentioning trans issues in class, and UCLA has, among other things, been asked to publicly deny the existence of trans identities. The recent email from Chancellor Garcia advising us of the EEOC investigation scarcely inspired confidence that the CSU will protect academic freedom and Cal State LA administration has been notably silent on trans issues. Question: Is the Cal State LA administration going to assure trans people that we are safe on campus, and if so, how? (I will take a nonanswer as an affirmative response to the question whether administration is willing to kick trans people to the curb).

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no response from the floor.

3. Senator Porter announced her intent to raise questions. Please note: The questions and charts have been added to the end of this document.

INTENT TO RAISE QUESTIONS

4. It was m/s/p (Oropeza Fujimoto) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2025 (ASM 25-3).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. 5.1 It was m/s/ (Porter) to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5.2 It was m/s/p (Ramos) to move item 13 to item 11 and renumber the remaining items. (V: 36/1/10)

5.3 The agenda was approved as amended.

SENATE CHAIR'S REPORT

ACADEMIC SENATE CSU  
REPORT: SEPTEMBER 4-5,  
2025

QUASI MEETING: SENATE  
MEETING MODALITY (15  
MINUTES)

SENSE OF THE SENATE:  
SENATE MEETING  
MODALITY

PROPOSED POLICY MOD-  
IFICATION: REQUIRE-  
MENTS FOR ADDITIONAL  
MASTER'S DEGREES OR  
OPTION WITH A  
MASTER'S DEGREE,  
FACULTY HANDBOOK,  
CHAPTER IV (24-16)  
*Second Reading Item*  
Forwarded to the President

PROPOSED POLICY MOD-  
IFICATION: ACADEMIC  
FREEDOM, PROFESSIONAL  
ETHICS, AND FACULTY  
RIGHTS, FACULTY HAND-  
BOOK, CHAPTER VI (24-20)  
*Second Reading Item*

6. Chair DeShazo presented her report.
7. Senator Meyerott provided an overview of the report.
8.
  - 8.1 It was m/s/ (Bettcher) to move into a quasi meeting. No objections were raised.
  - 8.2 There were no objections to yielding the floor to guests.
  - 8.3 After the 15 minutes had expired, it was m/s/ (Cwir) to extend the quasi meeting by one minute. No objections were raised.
  - 8.4 After the one minute expired, it was m/s/ (Avramchuk) to extend the quasi meeting by five minutes. No objections were raised.
9. It was m/s/p (Meyerott) to take a sense of the Senate poll. (V: 14 [meet in-person]/18 [meet hybrid]/7 [meet virtual])
10.
  - 10.1 Senator Grusnis advised of editorial changes for typos in the memo rational.
  - 10.2 The recommendation was APPROVED. (V: 35/1/2)
11.
  - 11.1 It was m/s/ (Ramos) to approve the recommendation.
  - 11.2 It was m/s/ (Ramos) to waive the first reading item rules. Chair DeShazo advised the body of the rules to waive a first reading item.
  - 11.3 Debate ensued. The Ramos motion passed. (V: 34/4/1)
  - 11.4 L. Terrones, chair of FPC, advised the body that the Faculty Policy Committee inadvertently did not change "professors" to "faculty" where it existed in lines 144-185 and asked if the body would approve the editorial change. No objections were raised.
  - 11.5 Debate ensued.
  - 11.6 It was m/s/ (Chaudhuri) in line 22 to move INCLUDING COACHES, COUNSELORS AND LIBRARIANS AND FACULTY WHO ARE NOT TENURED OR IN TENURE-TRACK POSITIONS after "TENURED" from line 24 and delete from line 24 OTHER FACULTY WHO ARE NOT TENURED OR IN TENURE-TRACK POSITIONS, INCLUDING COACHES, COUNSELORS, AND LIBRARIANS
  - 11.7 It was m/s/p (Ramos) to amend the Chaudhuri motion in line 22 to add FACULTY ARE DEFINED AS before "TENURE TRACK" and add AND LECTURER FACULTY after "TENURED" and delete AND FACULTY WHO ARE NOT TENURED OR IN TENURE TRACK POSITIONS (V: 31/3/7)
  - 11.8 The Chaudhuri motion was approved as amended. (V: 34/1/5)

PROPOSED POLICY MOD-  
IFICATION: ACADEMIC  
FREEDOM,  
PROFESSIONAL ETHICS,  
AND FACULTY RIGHTS  
(continued)

- 11.9 It was m/s/ (Dark) in lines 56-59 to delete USING ANY THEORIES DEEMED APPROPRIATE IN LINE WITH THE UNIVERSITY-WIDE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING AT CAL STATE LA.
- 11.10 Debate ensued.
- 11.11 It was m/s/ (Porter) to amend the Dark motion in line 58 to delete DEEMED APPROPRIATE and retain the rest of the language.
- 11.12 Debate ensued. The Porter motion was approved. (V: 28/6/6)
- 11.13 It was Senator to continue this as a Second Reading Item at the next meeting.
12. It was m/s/p (Hunt) to adjourn at 3:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT