

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA

ACADEMIC SENATE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

CLA Building, 98, P2-8

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Attendees: Greg Barding, David Edens, Ghada Gad, Peter Hanink, Rita Kumar, Kelly Min, Dennis Quinn, Julie Shen, Nicholas Von Glahn, Faye Wachs, and Gerd Welke.

Proxy: Ghada Gad for Aaron Cayer

Guests: Mario Guerrero and Mohammad Husain

1) Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2026

There was no discussion.

Vice Chair Barding motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Senator Eden seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2026.

2) Chair's Report

Pilot Psychology Course Update

Chair Hanink reported meeting with Dr. Keith Forward, Interim Associate Vice President of Academic Planning, and Dr. Kevin Autry, Chair for the Psychology Department, to discuss the pilot for the online psychology course that will include one in person final exam. Details of the pilot are still being finalized, though the intention is to launch the pilot in the summer term. Chair Hanink noted that some concerns remain regarding expected enrollment volume and operational planning.

Announcement of New University President

Chair Hanink acknowledged the recent announcement regarding the appointment of the new incoming University President Vanya Quiñones. He highlighted attributes of the incoming president:

- President Quiñones has progressed through faculty ranks—from assistant professor to associate, then department chair, followed by roles in Academic Affairs, ultimately serving as Provost at Hunter (a public institution) and later at Pace (a private institution).
- Prior to the new appointment at Cal Poly Pomona, Dr. Quiñones served as President of CSU Monterey Bay.
- Her background spans psychology and neurobiology, providing both social science and hard science perspectives.

Vice Chair's Report

AP-025-256 New State-Support Master of Science in Computer Engineering

There was no discussion.

Senator Kumar motioned to send the referral to committee. Senator Quinn seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send AP-025-256 to the Academic Programs Committee.

3) Reports

Presented by Mohammad Husain, Chair of the Academic Programs Committee

AP-006-256 Policy 1121 Blended Program Update

There was no discussion.

Senator Shen motioned to send the referral to the meeting agenda. Senator Kumar seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send AP-006-256 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

Senator Husain reported that there are five referrals under consideration, originating from two departments: Early Childhood Studies (ECS) and Liberal Studies. All five referrals pertain to the same program, ITEP, and involve program discontinuation based on a shared rationale provided by the college. Given the common origin and identical reasoning for discontinuation, Senator Husain proposed that the referrals be presented and discussed as a single combined item. He proceeded with a consolidated presentation.

AP-010-256 Early Childhood Studies, B.A. – Integrative Teacher Education Program (ITEP) Education Specialist: Extensive Support Needs (Discontinue Option)

There was no discussion.

Senator Shen motioned to send the referral to the meeting agenda. Senator Quinn seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send AP-010-256 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

AP-011-256 Early Childhood Studies, B.A. – Integrative Teacher Education Program (ITEP) Education Specialist: Mild to Moderate Support Needs (Discontinue Option)

There was no discussion.

Senator Shen motioned to send the referral to the meeting agenda. Senator Quinn seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send AP-011-256 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

AP-012-256 Early Childhood Studies, B.A. – Non-Teaching (Discontinue Option)

There was no discussion.

Senator Shen motioned to send the referral to the meeting agenda. Senator Quinn seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send AP-012-256 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

AP-014-256 Liberal Studies, B.A. – Integrative Teacher Education Program (ITEP) Education Specialist: Extensive Support Needs (Discontinue Option)

There was no discussion.

Senator Shen motioned to send the referral to the meeting agenda. Senator Quinn seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send AP-014-256 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

AP-015-256 Liberal Studies, B.A. – Integrative Teacher Education Program (ITEP)
Education Specialist: Mild to Moderate Support Needs (Discontinue Option)

There was no discussion.

Senator Shen motioned to send the referral to the meeting agenda. Senator Quinn seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send AP-015-256 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

AP-016-256 M.S. in Sustainability and Regenerative Studies- (Program Name Change)

Chair Hanink questioned whether the department's proposed name change truly resolved ongoing confusion around the term "regenerative," since it remains part of the title. Senator Husain explained that the department wants to retain the term due to its long-standing alumni identity and history. He added that searches combining "sustainability" and "regenerative studies" tend to direct people toward the intended academic focus rather than unrelated fields like regenerative medicine or agriculture. Chair Hanink noted that the Lyle Center has already adopted a similar naming convention—*Center for Sustainability and Regenerative Studies*—making the proposed program name consistent with that change.

Vice Chair Barding motioned to send the referral to the meeting agenda. Senator Gad seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send AP-016-256 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

Presented by Dr. Mario Guerrero, Chair of the General Education Committee

GE-001-256 PHL 3550 Artificial Intelligence for Thinking Humans: A History (New GE Area 5D)

Senator Guerrero agreed to send an updated report to the Academic Senate Office.

Vice Chair Barding motioned to send the referral to senate meeting agenda. Senator Quinn seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send GE-001-256 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

GE-002-256 PLT 4020 Agricultural Drone Technology (New Area 5D)

Senator Guerrero mentioned that the General Education Committee rejected this course. There was no discussion.

Senator Quinn motioned the referral to be tabled and returned to the author. Senator Shen seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to table GE-002-256 until AY2026-27 and return to author.

GE-003-256 AMM 2350 History of Fashion (New GE Area 3A)

Senator Guerrero will return to the department and resubmit a report for 3B later. The committee will generate two separate referrals.

Vice Chair Barding motioned to send the referral as 3A to the meeting agenda. Senator Shen seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send GE-003-256 (New GE Area 3A only) to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

GE-008-256 FRL 1231 Quantitative Introduction to Personal Finance (New GE Area 2)

Senator Guerrero agreed to send an updated report to the Academic Senate Office.

Senator Shen motioned to send the referral to the meeting agenda. Senator Quinn seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send GE-008-256 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

GE-012-256 HRT 3130 The Social Life of Coffee: Culture, Trade, Sustainability (New GE Area 4C)

There was no discussion.

Senator Shen motioned to send the referral to committee. Senator Quinn seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send GE-012-256 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

GE-013-256 HRT 3600 Food Waste and Sustainable Future (New GE Area 4C)

There was no discussion.

Senator Shen motioned to send the referral to the meeting agenda. Senator Quinn seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send GE-013-256 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

GE-017-256 LS 2112 Landscape, Place, and Power in California (New GE Area 4A)

Area 3B was rejected by the General Education Committee.

Senator Kumar motioned to send the referral as new GE Area 4A to the meeting agenda. Vice Chair Barding seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send GE-017-256 (as a New Area 4A only) to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

GE-026-256 KIN 3700 Stress Management: The Science of Living Well (New GE Area 5D)

The Executive Committee voted, via email, to approve adding GE-026-256 to the meeting agenda.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send GE-026-256 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

4) Old Business

FA-003-234 Review of Policy 1305 Joint Teaching Appointments [Returned to the meeting agenda from the Executive Committee meeting on March 4, 2026].

Vice Chair Barding reported that the feedback received for FA-003-234 was minor and the concerns could easily be addressed during discussion on the Senate floor. The feedback focused on clarifying how changes to the MOU or appointment date would occur—specifically, who initiates those changes, whether all parties must consent, and ensuring a clear chain of evidence. Vice Chair Barding indicated Senator Berit Givens, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, is comfortable handling these clarifications during the live discussion.

Senator Shen motioned to send the referral to the meeting agenda. Senator Quinn seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to send FA-003-234 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

The Executive Committee appointed the following to serve on the Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Professional and Global Education:

- Aaron DeRosa, Director of Undergraduate Studies and GE, CLASS/EML
- Xijing Li, ENV / URP

5) New Business

Tentative Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026

Senator Kumar suggested adding FA-003-234 to the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

Senator Quinn motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Vice Chair Barding seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to approve the Academic Senate Meeting Agenda for March 18, 2026.

President's Scholars Committee

Chair Hanink mentioned the one for one appointment of faculty members to serve on the President's Scholars Committee. The faculty members are as follows:

- **Reviewers:** Mohammad Zarei (AG), Rachel M. Baumsteiger (CLASS), Chris Giamarino (ENV), Li (Ally) Ai (CBA), Xijing Li (ENV), Julie Lee (AG), Sury Jha (SCI), Yangsong Gu (EGR), Cindy Cordoba Arroyo (AG), Hector Mackie (SCI), and Francisco Beltran (CLASS)
- **Interview Committee:** Lyanne Tran (ENV), Deepti Agrawal (CBA), Julie Lee (AG), Md Iftekhar Alam (SCI), Sury Jha (SCI), and Musa Najimu (EGR)

Impasse Determination

Chair Hanink mentioned that the Impasse Determination will be tabled until after the Academic Senate Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Senator Welke motioned to table the Impasse Determination. Senator Quinn seconded.

All in favor. The motion passed.

M/s/p to table the Impasse Determination until after the Academic Senate Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

6) Discussion

Academic Senate Office - New Student Assistant Worker

Cassandra Horner, Academic Senate Office Staff Member, announced that Joyce Kuang, new Student Assistant Worker, will begin her position at the Academic Senate Office on Monday, March 16, 2026.

Transportation Services

Vice Chair Barding suggested extending an invitation to Transportation Services this fall to address the cutbacks to the Campus Shuttle Service with the Academic Senate.

Cross Listing

The Executive Committee discussed how California's ethnic studies law interacts with CSU and UC implementation policies, especially regarding cross-listing requirements. Questions were raised about whether CSU's cross-listing rules still apply under the new Cal-GETC framework and whether UCs follow similar practices. The group noted uncertainty about how UCs handle prefixes and cross-listing, since the state law itself is broad and leaves details to each system.

Senator Welke questioned whether CPP policy conflicts with CSU policy, pointing out that the curriculum impasse process provides a mechanism for resolving disagreements, including over cross listing. He expressed concern that the current interpretation effectively gives the Ethnic and Women Studies (EWS) Department veto power over Area 6 courses, which contradicts CSU's stated principle that no department "owns" GE.

Senator Mario Guerrero acknowledged the tension, explaining that the GE Committee struggled with these issues, including capacity concerns within EWS and the broader question of how to safeguard GE standards while not ceding authority. He emphasized that the committee does not view EWS as having a veto and believes GE certification authority remains with the GE Committee, though collaboration with EWS is required.

In practice, EWS has made clear it will not approve cross listings and lacks the staffing capacity to cover the required number of sections, which puts the campus in a bind. Senator Guerrero concluded that resolving these issues ultimately requires administrative investment and continued dialogue, even though committee authority is limited.

Adjourned @ 5:01 PM