

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the March 2026 monthly update from the Faculty Senate. We appreciate hearing from you. For questions or feedback, please use our [feedback form](#), contact your Faculty Senate [representatives](#), or reach out to the Executive Committee using the contact information below.

Faculty Senate Highlights

- Spring Elections are underway! Elections officers are now sending calls for nominations for open positions on various committees. Next academic year will be an important and consequential year for CSUSB. Your voice and your service are needed. Please consider serving and encourage others to do the same.
- A revised [FAM 838.4 Policy on the General Education Program](#) was approved by the Senate during our meeting on 2/3/2026. The revised policy is currently awaiting signatures.
- During our meeting on 11/18/2025, the Senate held a second reading of [FAM 827.3 Distance Education Policy](#). The Senate adopted a revision to the policy that combined the previous two hybrid course designations into a single hybrid course designation (courses that are 21%-99% online are now "hybrid courses"). More recently, deans have provided feedback on the policy that will be considered by EPRC and the Senate. This feedback includes consideration of alternative percentage ranges for distance education course modality designations. [Click here to see examples of options for percentage ranges that may be considered](#). Please send any feedback to your Senate representatives.
- The Chancellor's Office has launched the search for the next President of CSUSB. As part of the process, campus faculty will elect two faculty representatives to serve on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. In addition, the Chair of the Faculty Senate will serve as a member of the committee. [The search process and timeline](#) begins with an organizational meeting and open forum on March 23. The committee will conduct resume review on June 12, followed by first-round interviews on June 23. Pre-finalist interviews and interviews with the Chancellor are scheduled for July 8–10, with finalist interviews before the CSU Board of Trustees taking place on July 20.
- At our 2/3/26 senate meeting, the Senate engaged in a vigorous debate regarding the [proposed resolution on VNC procedures](#). The resolution did not pass. As a result, and in keeping with the will of the Senate, I will not recommend that elections officers oversee VNC processes for department chairs or other faculty positions unless and until such procedures are formally incorporated into the Faculty Senate bylaws.

- The PDM Committee submitted a [report](#) in February that recommended "maintain with conditions" in response to proposals to discontinue or merge the Geography BA program. Given the difference between the committee's recommendation and the Provost's position, the Senate will vote at our April 7 meeting to formally register its own recommendation on the matter.

Upcoming Meeting Highlights

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2-4pm. The agenda includes several proposed FAM revisions from the Faculty Affairs Committee:

- [FAM 820.1 Class Schedules](#) (Second Reading)
- [FAM 612.4 Title and Status of Retired Instructional Faculty, Librarians, and Student Services Professionals](#) (First Reading)
- [FAM 854.34 Research Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee](#) (First Reading)
- [FAM 642.4 Recruitment and Appointment of Tenure-Line Faculty](#) (First Reading)

Book Club: *Lend & Rule*

Meetings of the Spring 2026 Book Club, on *Lend & Rule: Fighting the Shadow Financialization of Public Universities*, are now underway. Meetings are held in AD-155 and Zoom. Contact jordan.fullam@csusb.edu if you'd like to join.

The schedule is as follows:

- Friday, March 13, 10:00-11:30, Introduction, Chapters 1-2
- Friday, March 27, 2:30-4:00, Chapters 3-4
- Friday, April 10, 10:00-11:30, Chapters 5-6,
- Friday, April 24, 2:30-4:00, Appendices

Shared Governance

An Ad Hoc Committee on Constitutional Revision has been convened. The members include:

- Haakon Brown - JHBC
- Kelly Campbell - Presidential Appointee
- Nicole Dabbs - CNS
- Jordan Fullam - WCOE
- Tiffany Jones - SBS
- Beth A. Steffel - CAL

The committee will conduct its review of the Senate Constitution and Bylaws at a time when proposals are being considered that may impact the structure, scope, and functioning of the Faculty Senate, with the potential for broad implications for shared governance across the university.

FAM Statuses: Educational Policy and Resources Committee (EPRC)

EPRC members include John Reitzel (Chair), Kristi Papailler (CAL), Fadi Muhiedat (CNS), Zhonghui Wang (JHBC), and Vice Provost Kelly Campbell. For questions or feedback, please reach out to EPRC Chair John Reitzel at JReitzel@csusb.edu

Policy	Referral Date & Reason	Status	Notes
FAM 827.3 Distance Education Policy	Carried over from AY 24.25	COMPLETED Second reading in FS: 3/3/26	Comprehensive rewrite of the policy was completed and under review by the Senate
FAM 822.5 Curriculum Guidelines	Carried over from AY 24-25 - Update	IN PROGRESS	Outdated; ERPC formed subcommittee to address revisions
FAM 105.4 Policy Guidelines for the Formation and Review of Institutes and Centers	Carried over from AY 24-25 - Add procedure for renaming centers and institutes	IN PROGRESS	Adding procedure for renaming a center or institute; updating the annual report document, reporting timeline, and evaluation criteria
FAM 842.4 Policy on the Honors Program	Carried over from AY 24-25 - Update	IN PROGRESS	Update to reflect changes in admissions, mentoring students, and structure
FAM 856.3 Policy and Procedures for Reviewing a Program for Discontinuance or Merger	Carried over from AY 24-25 - Add policy and procedure for suspension of programs	IN PROGRESS Transferred to EPRC from FAC	CIM has button and form for suspension of programs, but no corresponding policy and procedures are included in the FAM

FAM Statuses: Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)

FAC members include Donna Garcia (Chair), Sunny Hyon (CAL), Youngsu Kim (CNS), Mark Groen (WCOE), Janine Kremling (SBS), Monty Van Wart (JHBC), and Associate Provost Ted Young. For questions or feedback, please reach out to FAC Chair Donna Garcia at DMGarcia@csusb.edu

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FAM 820.1 Guidelines for Preparation of Class Schedules	Carried over from AY 24-25 - Last revised was in 1990 and still contains quarter language	COMPLETED Second reading in FS: 3/3/26	Recommendation to retain statement, "A class should not be scheduled if under similar circumstances the class has been canceled for low enrollment in previous terms"
FAM 854.34 Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity Committee	Carried over from AY 24-25 - Update committee membership	COMPLETED First reading in FS: 3/3/26	Director of the Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP) (position no longer exists) will be replaced with Associate Dean of CISP as ex-officio member
FAM 642.4 Recruitment and Appointment of Tenure-Line Faculty	9/9/25 - Revisit proposed revisions	COMPLETED First reading in FS: 3/3/26	Proposed revisions were approved by Faculty Senate but not signed by university president in Fall 2021
FAM XX.X Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling (SRC)	9/2/25 - Review of proposed new departmental RPT guidelines	IN PROGRESS Feedback from FAC and EC was shared with	Proposed new departmental RPT guidelines

Departmental RPT Guidelines		the SRC Department: 11/4/25	
FAM 871.4 Teaching Resource Center	Carried over from AY 24-25 - Add more detail on selection of TRC director	IN PROGRESS	Expanded goals of TRC to include DEI and culturally responsive curriculum
FAM 627.65 Sabbatical Leaves	Carried over from AY 24-25 - CBA calls for creation of sabbatical leave committee	IN PROGRESS	Moved sabbatical decision-making from departments to a college-level faculty committee
FAM XX.X Ethnic Studies Department RPT Guidelines	Carried over from AY 24-25 - Review of proposed new departmental RPT guidelines	IN PROGRESS	Proposed new departmental RPT guidelines
FAM 653.43 Procedures and Criteria for Range Elevation	Carried over from AY 24-25 - Evaluate for alignment with CBA	IN PROGRESS	Lacks alignment with CBA; currently requires "exceeds expectations" in teaching for range elevation
FAM 653.3 Faculty Merit Increases and Service Salary Step Increase Programs	Carried over from AY 24-25 - Evaluate for alignment with CBA and campus policy	IN PROGRESS	FAM is outdated
FAM XX.X Teacher Education and Foundations Departmental RPT Guidelines	9/2/25 - Review of proposed new departmental RPT guidelines	IN PROGRESS Feedback from FAC and EC was shared with the TEF Department: 11/4/25	Proposed new departmental RPT guidelines

FAM 651.579 Department of Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies RPT Guidelines	9/2/25 - Revisions proposed to reflect change of department name	IN PROGRESS	FAC will ensure that FAM 112.5 was followed for change of department name.
FAM XX.X Recruitment of Non-MPP Administrators	Carried over from AY 24-25	IN PROGRESS	Proposed revisions were completed in Spring 2025 but referred back to FAC for further review.
FAM XX.X Guidelines for Periodic Review of Faculty Directors	9/9/25 - Proposed new FAM	IN PROGRESS	Proposed new policy drafted by Vice Provost Kelly Campbell and referred to FAC for review.
FAM 500.8 Intellectual Property	9/9/25 - Provide stronger clarification and guidance on intellectual property rights	IN PROGRESS	Revisions should address challenges around IP rights

Looking Forward

The spring semester moves quickly for the Faculty Senate. Following our March 3, 2026 meeting, we will hold two meetings in April before concluding the work of the 60th Faculty Senate at our final meeting on May 5, 2026. I look forward to our work together in the weeks ahead.

Best,

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