

CSULB Staff Council Meeting

January 17, 2025



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LONG BEACH

Staff Council

- Start Time: [8:33am]
- Land Acknowledgement
- Mission Statement
- POLL FOR QUORUM [35 members]
- Approval of December 2024 Minutes
- Approval of the January 2025 Agenda

Special Reports

- **Neil Hultgren, Academic Senate Chair**
 - Academic Senate has not been meeting yet; first meeting is Jan. 23. There will be a report on their activities at the Feb meeting.
 - In the Spring semester, we will continue our work on Master's degree policies for "culminating activities;" policies need to be reviewed/revised; GVAR policy will also be reviewed; will also review policy on "departmentalization"= how to become a department.
- **Stacey Schack, Associate Director, Staff Learning Development**
 - January Employee of Month: Lisette Alvarez, COB
 - Presidents Awards nominations coming soon and will go out to campus shortly; awards include:
 - Leadership
 - Innovation
 - Inclusive Excellence
 - Student Success
 - Team Achievement
 - We will celebrate these at the end of the semester
 - Learning & Dev- this month spotlight: Personal goals for the year; lots of courses to sign up for
 - CSU's Got Talent Session: "Unmask Your Fears and Release Your Potential," Jan 22, 10-11am
 - New Staff Development Center – more info coming soon! Open House, programs etc. will be communicated across campus once they are finalized
 - Stacey is looking for partners & volunteers to offer programs, workshops, activities for staff
 - Located in University Library, room 301 (former Faculty Center)

Special Guests

- **Araceli Velasco, LifeFit Program Coordinator**
 - @LifeFit Coordinator for about 10 years; started as a student at CSULB.

- LifeFit is a facility for staff 49 years old and over, but age doesn't matter; located near Kinesiology dept in same building; email Araceli.Velasco@csulb.edu or come in person to sign up.
- Share facility with Kinesiology for classes, weight training, learning activities
- Not as crowded as other gyms.
- Monthly membership \$20 for staff; we do accept some insurance (Prime, Active & Fit Programs); your membership would be free if you have those insurance programs.
- Offer classes for members; changes every semester; currently "Circuit Fusion" class at noon.
- Membership includes "LifeFit Experience" : assessments, body composition, fitness level, equipment orientation, goal setting and planning, support for ongoing goals
- Offers personal training at different price levels depending on #sessions or #people in small group.
- Hours: 8:30-2pm; locker rooms and showers available; towels available at no charge.
- No aquatics programs currently.
- **Rebecca Low, Office Manager, OLLI/Health & Human Services csulb.edu/olli**
 - Has been at OLLI for 12 years.
 - OLLI Center is in the College of HHS; has been at CSULB for 25 years; membership=\$40 per year; classes are \$15 each (scholarship available).
 - Members get campus student ID, which give library access, art museum & performing arts staff pricing.
 - For seniors (50+), but open to others as well, so don't hesitate to reach out.
 - Established in 1977 by Bernard Osher for seniors across the U.S.; seeks to improve the quality of life through support of higher ed and the arts; endows 127 OLLIs on campuses across the U.S., UCLA, Fullerton, Dominguez Hills.
 - Vision: to celebrate the positive aspects of aging and to encourage continued learning by offering classes and social activities.
 - Classes at CSULB cover a wide variety of topics/ whatever our member volunteers bring to share; some are held at off-campus locations, i.e., watercolor painting, Zentangle, music, film appreciation, nutrition, yoga, tai chi chuan, technology.
 - Open technology lab on Fridays to get help with devices.
 - Consider teaching at OLLI! Many staff have great skills and experience to share. Can even do special events for a 1-time workshop etc./ don't need to teach for 8 weeks. Zoom sessions are welcome too. Just need to fill out a proposal form.

Officer's Reports

- Chair, Collen Ryan
 - Please ask a colleague to attend the meeting on your behalf if you are unable to come. You can identify someone for a one-time attendance and they don't have to be official Staff Council Representatives.
- Vice Chair, Ann Kinsey
 - Report (see Nominating and Membership report)
- Treasurer, Lee Lee Jackson
 - LB49R Fund = \$3523 (included fundraising from See's Candy)

- Thanks to the President's office for supporting programs during the fall- summer staff day, Spooktacular
- Still pending from Ike's Fundraiser = \$50
- Secretary, Laura Emery
 - No Report
- Members-At-Large, Kristin Bonetati
 - Check SC website to see when your membership expires to sign up for the next term; also see if there are any vacancies for your department and encourage others to join.

Committee Reports

- Membership, Ann Kinsey
 - Welcome New Rep Member: Melissa Gunawardena
 - [Spring Meet and Greet Social Mixer](#): March 11, 4-6pm @The Nugget; post the flyer in your unit and please sign up by March 5. Bring a colleague!
- Nominating, Ann Kinsey
 - DEIA Campus Committee Opening: works on diversity issues on campus, all meetings are via Zoom
 - Amber George self-nominated;
 - VOTE: approved 100%
- Ways and Means, Corrie O'Toole
 - Hof's Hut Fundraiser: Feb. 4; in partnership with the Emeriti Staff monthly meetup! Join folks who formerly worked at CSULB and help raise funds for SC. Can eat-in or take out all day-breakfast, lunch or dinner.
 - See's Candy is now in progress—Order by Jan. 31!
- Staff Development, Karla Reyes
 - No report, but is looking forward to partnering with new Staff Development Center
- By Laws
 - No report
- Special Events, Kristin Bonetati & Christina Salvador
 - Next up: Staff Day on Wednesday of Spring Break, April 2; in the Games area of the USU for the last time before they demolish this area for the reconstruction. Save the date!

Open Announcements

- Colleen Ryan:
 - **CSU Staff Council Resolution:** Across the CSU campuses, there is a lot of differentiation related to Staff Council-type organizations; not all campuses have one or do the same type of activities that we do at CSULB;
 - The CSU Board of Trustees has faculty and student representatives, but no staff representatives; in order to create a staff rep, there has to be a mechanism to make it possible to nominate someone. Thus, a Staff Council body needs to be created to represent all of the campuses so that we can ultimately have representation on the Board.

- We are considering supporting a resolution to create a CSU-wide Staff Council; this came out of several meetings and discussions over the past couple of years. Chico State initiated focused leadership on this topic to figure out how to create a state-wide Staff Council. Got advice from state-wide faculty association on steps to achieve this goal.
 - Once the resolution has been approved by all campuses with existing Staff Councils, a CSU-wide Staff Council committee will be formed. First goal will be to ensure that all campuses have a Staff Council. Next steps will be to forge a path to achieve staff representation on the Board of Trustees. This will take time...
 - A systemwide Staff Council would benefit us all to meet and discuss topics that affect staff and get ideas for improving the non-collective bargaining issues.
 - VOTE for Supporting the Resolution to create a CSU-wide Staff Council: APPROVED 100%!
 - Our own Somone Washington published a book and it's for sale at the campus bookstore!; book signing coming in Feb/March, tba. Congrats Somone!
- Amber George:
 - Kleefeld Art Museum
 - Reopens Feb 13
 - [Spring opening reception](#) Feb 20; music, snacks, cash bar.
- Kristin Bonetati:
 - Save the date: Bookstore Grad Fair March 10-14
- Bethany Price (COTA):
 - If you would like to get "Arts at the Beach" newsletter every 2 weeks, email her to get on the mailing list. Note: check your junk mail as it may go there & set it to be accepted.
 - First ever [gospel music](#) week is happening; you can join up and sing! No experience required and it's good for your health☺
- Laura Emery
 - Check out all of the [ATS technology workshops for staff](#) offered this semester including a session on how to use the [Zoom AI Assistant](#) to support note-taking in your meetings.
- Corrie O'Toole
 - Remember the [Faculty Staff Assistance Program \(FSAP\)](#) is here to support you.

Adjournment at [10:06am].

Submitted by: Laura Emery