



**Calbright College Academic Senate**  
**Monthly Meeting Agenda**

**Meeting Locations:** [Zoom Link](#)

**Senators:** Alex Mata, Andrea Brewster, Ashley Odell, Ben Ringgenberg, Cindy Carney, Cornelius Mason II, Denise Temal, Elizabeth Biddlecome, Errin Sullivan Arcos, Felicia Harris Foster, Jessica Schaid, Kellie Corbiserol, Lauren VanTalia, Michael Stewart, Tim Perez

**Guests:** Matt Madeiros

**July 17, 2025, 3-4 pm PST**

1. Call to Order: 3:01
2. Approval of Agenda- Dudas/Schaid
3. Meeting minutes from June- Carney/Dudas
4. Public Comments- update- AS President Stewart met with the College President Menon and Carmen Drummond. Her first comment was “we are not closing”. The college was not able to request more money for this year’s budget. President Stewart asked about faculty positions, and the College President replied that there is no plan to cut faculty positions. President Stewart shared that across the state, Calbright is top-heavy. A financial analyst will be coming into the college to assess our finances. President Stewart encouraged our college presidents to speak with the faculty in upcoming meetings (All-Hands and Department meetings). In a follow-up email, President Stewart shared that when budget decisions are made in the future, please remember that the faculty have been working hard.
  - 4.1. Question about the security of adjunct faculty. Was Dr. Butland’s position not filled to save faculty positions? The answer that was shared in a leadership meeting is that, not specifically to save faculty jobs, Dr. Butland’s position will assist with budget savings across the college.
    - 4.1.1. Further concerns about hiring a Business Chair in this cost-saving time, as well as an Interim Dean, when we are already top-heavy and trying to save money.
5. Action Items (this includes second reads)- None
6. Discussion Items (this includes first calls and first reads)
  - 6.1. Matthew Madeiros to speak about Senate influence on DEAC- Where we are and where we are going in Accreditation.



- 6.1.1. Our initial accreditation was three years ago, and we are up for renewal now.
- 6.1.2. Overview of SER, 15 accreditation standards. Timeline of process from April '25 25-June '26 reviewed.
- 6.1.3. Questions: Can Matt verify that some of us will need to provide our credentials to DEAC? Matt answers that, yes, DEAC will ask for some credentials.
- 6.1.4. Matthew requests that we include the mission statement at the top of the Senate agenda to help guide our discussions and decisions.
- 6.2. Program caps- The intent is to cap them at roughly where they are now.
  - 6.2.1. The process of exactly how this will work has not yet been shared.
  - 6.2.2. There was a concern that this might prohibit our ability to sustain our programs once we move to a pay-based funding model.
  - 6.2.3. There was also an announcement that we will be adopting a new English Learner platform (EnGen Proof of Concept Proposal), which will cost the college \$1K/student, with a projected pilot population of 40 students.
    - 6.2.3.1. Some concerns around why we did not hire an ESL student. Also, concerns that this new platform should have been vetted through the Senate as a 10+1 issue.
- 6.3. Professional Development Committee- Call out for participation
- 6.4. Skillways Student/Instructor Communication Update
  - 6.4.1. Continued calls from faculty to end the contract with Skillways.
    - 6.4.1.1. Skillways continues to harm student success
    - 6.4.1.2. The cost of Skillways is exorbitant and continues to strain our budget
    - 6.4.1.3. Skillways degrades the quality of our programs
- 6.5. Running Item: Evaluations
  - 6.5.1. Faculty Concerns: Evaluation Committees, observations, and rubrics have not been shared at this time. Do we have an update from Admin on the evaluation cycles? Last year, evaluations went into November.
  - 6.5.2. Is the evaluation over on July 1 or November 31?
  - 6.5.3. Do we have new contract language?
  - 6.5.4. Call Out for Evaluations Committee/Evaluation Training- Motion to vote to approve a PD committee Temal/Carney. Temal nominates Andrea Brewster. Odell/Schaid motion to approve Andrea Brewster as Chair. Motion carries unanimously.
  - 6.5.5. Continued calls to sever the contract with Skillways due to its negative impact on student success and its cost.



- 6.6. PDFs for courses- Textbooks and course content
  - 6.6.1. CompTIA
- 6.7. Textbook Selection for Programs-
- 6.8. For union or contract-related issues, please bring them to the union meeting by placing the item on the Union Agenda when the call-out occurs (please use only personal emails to access) or contact member(s) of the CFA E-board directly.
  - 6.8.1. Union Negotiation Updates- We will maintain the Union meeting time and link for brainstorming (every other Thursday at 4 pm). Look for an email from Carney.
- 6.9. Constitution and By-Laws Rewrite
  - 6.9.1. Awaiting contract negotiations to resume to ensure the contract and bylaws align
- 7. Reports-
  - 7.1. Executive Committee Reports
    - 7.1.1. President's Report- None
  - 7.2. Vice President's Report-
    - 7.2.1. Nominations for Member-at-Large
  - 7.3. Senator Report Out
    - 7.3.1. Contract Member-at-Large (TBD)- None
    - 7.3.2. Part-Time Member-at-Large (Mike Dudas)- None
    - 7.3.3. Curriculum Chair (Jessica Schaid)- None
    - 7.3.4. Committee Reports- None
- 8. Announcements- There is a call for more collaboration between the Senate and the Union.
- 9. Adjournment- 4:10pm

The next meeting will be on August 21, 3:00 pm on Zoom. Please submit agenda items to Michael Stewart and Alex Mata.