Calbright College Academic Senate

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Meeting Locations: Zoom Link

Senators: Alex Mata, Andrea Brewster, Arjen Booy, Ashley Odell, Ben Ringgenberg, Brandy Weaver, Cindy Carney, Denise Temal, Elizabeth Biddlecome, Jessica Schaid, Kellie Corbiserol, Lauren VanTalia, Michael Stewart, Mike Dudas, Mila Johnson, Tim Perez, Trelisa Glazatov,

Guests: None

College Mission: Calbright College is committed to increasing economic mobility and closing equity gaps for working adults who lack easy access to traditional forms of higher education. The College offers online, flexible, affordable, skills-based programs that provide tangible economic value for both working adults and hiring managers.
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September 18, 2025, 3-4 pm PST

1. Call to Order: 3:02 PM
2. Approval of Agenda- motion made & seconded.
3. Meeting minutes from August- motion made & seconded.
4. Public Comments-
5. Action Items (this includes second reads)-
6. Discussion Items (this includes first calls and first reads)
    - 6.1. Program caps- President Stewart reports on caps.
        - 6.1.1. No immediate plans to adjust caps or a timeline for sunsetting.
        - 6.1.2. A faculty asked about rationale shared by leadership about where caps are set by program. No info was provided about the strategy attached to these exact numbers.
            - 6.1.2.1. It was noted that these caps look close to current enrollments by programs.
        - 6.1.3. Another faculty noted that these caps coincide with cutting adjunct faculty hours.
    - 6.2. Skillways Update- President Stewart - Calbright is migrating programs now & will end partnership with Skillways formally at end of contract (end of 2026).
    - 6.3. Running Item: Evaluations

6.3.1. Portfolio Preparation and Peer Reviews for Tenured Faculty - President Stewart invites faculty to consult tenured faculty regarding this process & recommends that all faculty document all achievements in their portfolios.

6.3.1.1. President Stewart will send out a message in the Senate Slack channel re a date/time for training on this.

6.3.2. Portfolio Workshop Volunteers/Participants - request made

6.4. 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. -

6.5. Constitution and By-Laws Rewrite -

6.5.1. Rewrites will need to resume - President Stewart invites participation from faculty on this task.

7. Reports-

7.1. Executive Committee Reports

7.1.1. President's Report-

7.1.1.1. Announcement of departure of Secretary Mata and President's appointment of interim Secretary Brewster
President Stewart also shared that leadership's plan for College is to sunset voucher program for prof'l/industry exams

7.1.1.1.1 Multiple faculty expressed concerns about the prohibitive cost of these exams/certs for some Calbright students as well as misalignment with Calbright's mission/target population.

7.1.1.1.2 Faculty also shared concerns that introducing any cost burden for students
will decrease enrollment overall.

7.1.1.1.3 It was noted that partially functional or broken Calbright systems were better borne by students because of free admission.

7.1.1.14 It was also noted that Calbright may be eligible for grants/state partnerships to support these costs.

7.1.1.2. Vice President's Report-

7.1.1.2.1. Announcement of Program Caps - Leadership indicated that these caps are partially due to CompTIA voucher cost. We will continue to ask for the financial data that is being used to rationalize these decisions.

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7.1.1.2.2. 10+1 Discussions - Vice President enumerated several areas brought forth by faculty and suggested further discussion among faculty.

7.1.1.2.2.1. Several faculty noted that tiger team composition should be made with Senate consultation/approval.

7.1.1.2.2.2. Another frequent violation is working group formation without Senate consultation/approval.

7.1.1.2.2.3. Shared Governance committee also appears to have failed go through Senate review/approval process in the appointment of faculty to that committee.

7.1.1.3. Nominations for Member-at-Large

7.2. Senator Report Out.

7.2.1. Contract Member-at-Large (TBD)-

7.2.2. Part-Time Member-at-Large (Mike Dudas)-

7.2.3. Curriculum Chair (Jessica Schaid)- Coursedog migration starting in October

7.2.4. Professional Development Chair (Andrea Brewster)- next meeting = tomorrow, 09/19.

7.2.5. Other Committee Reports-

8. Announcements-

8.1. Request from the faculty to receive full data set of Great Places to Work survey 2025. Motion made, seconded, and approved. President Stewart will make this request.

9. Adjournment- 3:58 PM

The next meeting will be on October 16, 3:00 pm on Zoom. Please submit agenda items to Michael Stewart .