



**ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
February 12, 2026
Minutes of Meeting**

I. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Pursuant to the call, the Assembly of the Academic Senate met on Thursday, February 12, 2026. Academic Senate Chair Ahmet Palazoglu presided and called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Senate Executive Director Monica Lin called the roll of Assembly members and confirmed a quorum. Attendance is listed in Appendix A of these minutes.

II. MINUTES

The draft minutes were amended in response to a member's request that they reflect a question raised during discussion of Academic Personnel Manual (APM) - 015 and APM - 016 about whether forthcoming guidelines on expressive activities would return to the Assembly for discussion and a vote. The amended minutes clarify that the guidelines are scheduled to circulate for systemwide Senate review in spring 2026 and return to the Assembly for consideration and a vote in summer 2026.

ACTION: The Assembly approved the minutes of January 15, 2026 as amended.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SENATE LEADERSHIP

- **Ahmet Palazoglu, Chair**
- **Susannah Scott, Vice Chair**

Federal Investigations: There have been no significant updates regarding ongoing investigations or lawsuits involving the University. The Assembly will be informed of any significant developments.

Math Preparedness: Following a UCSD Senate-Administration Workgroup on Admissions [report](#) on entering undergraduate students' math competencies, a national conversation has emerged about college preparedness. U.S. Senator Cassidy has requested data from several higher education institutions regarding math course placement practices and the role of standardized testing in admissions and placement. Chair Palazoglu indicated that the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) will initiate a comprehensive, long-term review of UC undergraduate admissions policies and practices in collaboration with state and K-12 partners.

State Budget and Ballot Measures: The governor's January budget proposal includes an increase in state General Fund support for UC, but differing revenue projections between the governor and the Legislative Analyst's Office may affect the final outlook. No capital funding was included in the proposal. Chair Palazoglu highlighted two statewide bond measures advancing toward the November 2026 ballot:

- A \$10 billion affordable housing bond that would benefit UC ([Senate Bill 417](#))
- A \$23 billion California Science and Health Research Bond ([Senate Bill 895](#))

UC campuses are coordinating advocacy efforts through the [UC Advocacy Network](#).

Labor Relations: UAW Local 4811 is conducting a strike authorization vote for graduate student researchers and teaching assistants, and two newly formed UAW units representing UC research, public service, and student services professionals are also holding strike authorization votes. Although negotiations are ongoing and the graduate student employee contract has been extended through February 2026, Senate leadership has distributed [strike preparation guidance](#) to divisions, and will provide additional information if necessary.

IT Accessibility Policy: At the January 28, 2026 Academic Council meeting, UCOP leaders discussed Senate [concerns](#) about implementation of the UC IT Accessibility Policy. Leadership acknowledged concerns about feasibility, administrative burden, and resource needs, but emphasized that the policy reflects legally mandated digital accessibility requirements with externally imposed timelines. UCOP is elevating cost and staffing considerations to the president and chancellors, developing clearer guidance and centralized resources, and working to streamline exception processes. Legal counsel clarified that digital accessibility obligations are institutional and proactive, and that the University, not individual faculty, bears responsibility when faculty act within the scope of their duties.

IV. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic Council

▪ Ahmet Palazoglu, Chair

1. Amendments to Academic Senate Bylaws 195 and 336

Chair Palazoglu presented conforming amendments to Academic Senate Bylaws [195](#) and [336](#), approved by the Academic Council on January 28, 2026. The revisions align the bylaws with [amendments](#) to Academic Personnel Manual (APM) Sections 015 and 016 previously approved by the Assembly ([January 15, 2026](#)) and the Board of Regents ([January 21, 2026](#)).

Amendments to Bylaw 195 formalize the role of the University Committee on Privilege and Tenure ([UCPT](#)) in managing a Systemwide Reserve Privilege and Tenure (P&T) Pool, consistent with the revised APM process.

Amendments to Bylaw 336 establish timelines for hearing committee appointments as outlined in the APM, clarify procedures for activating the Systemwide Reserve P&T Pool, and add expectations for timely chancellor responses to P&T recommendations.

Chair Palazoglu noted that, pursuant to [Senate Bylaw 116.E](#), amendments to Senate bylaws require approval by two-thirds of the voting members present. The Assembly voted on each bylaw separately.

ACTION: The Assembly approved amendments to Senate Bylaw 195 (49–0–2; 96.1%).

ACTION: The Assembly approved amendments to Senate Bylaw 336 (49–0–2; 96.1%).

2. Amendments to Academic Senate Bylaw 140

Chair Palazoglu presented proposed revisions to Academic Senate Bylaw [140](#), approved by the Academic Council on January 28, 2026, following systemwide Senate [review](#). The revisions rename the University Committee on Affirmative Action, Diversity, and Equity (UCAADE) as the University Committee on Diversity and Equity (UCODE) and remove references to “affirmative action” from the committee’s charge, while retaining its existing core responsibilities.

During review of an earlier, more extensive proposal, Senate divisions and committees expressed broad support for removing “affirmative action” from the committee’s name but raised significant

concerns about other proposed changes that would have altered or diluted the committee's functions. In response, the committee returned with a revised proposal limited to the name change and conforming edits to its charge, with no substantive changes to its responsibilities.

Pursuant to Senate Bylaw 116.E, amendments to Senate bylaws require approval by two-thirds of the voting members present.

ACTION: The Assembly approved amendments to Senate Bylaw 140 (46–1–3; 92%).

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF NAMES OF FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND STAFF

The Assembly resumed consideration of a petition-initiated resolution concerning the University's disclosure of personally identifiable information (PII) to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

A motion was made and seconded to table the resolution. During discussion, members referenced a prior Academic Council [statement](#) regarding disclosure of PII, as well as clarification from UC Legal that in other related federal investigations involving multiple campuses, no PII had been released. Some members expressed concern about continuing to defer action after extensive deliberation, while others noted that the current version of the resolution largely reflected prior Council statements and could be brought back if future circumstances warranted reconsideration.

ACTION: The Assembly voted to table the resolution (42–2–5; 85.7%).

- VI. SPECIAL ORDERS [NONE]**
- VII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES [NONE]**
- VIII. PETITIONS OF STUDENTS [NONE]**
- IX. UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY WELFARE REPORT [NONE]**
- X. NEW BUSINESS [NONE]**

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm

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Attest: Ahmet Palazoglu, Academic Senate Chair

Attachments: Appendix A – Assembly Attendance Record, Meeting of February 12, 2026

**Appendix A – 2025-2026 Assembly Attendance Record
Meeting of February 12, 2026**

President of the University:

James B. Milliken (absent)

Academic Council Members:

Ahmet Palazoglu, Chair
Susannah Scott, Vice Chair
Mark Stacey, Chair, UCB
Katheryn Russ, Chair, UCD
Jane Stoever, Chair, UCI
Megan McEvoy, Chair, UCLA (absent)
Kevin Mitchell, Chair, UCM
Kenneth Barrish, Chair, UCR
Rebecca Jo Plant, Chair, UCSD
Errol Lobo, Chair, UCSF
Rita Raley, Chair, UCSB
Matthew McCarthy, Chair, UCSC (absent)
David Volz, Chair, BOARS
Partho Ghosh, Chair, CCGA (absent)
Sean Malloy, UCAADE (alt for Kristen Holmquist, Chair)
Nael Abu-Ghazaleh, Chair, UCAP
Catherine Sugar, Chair, UCEP
Karen Bales, Chair, UCFW
James Weatherall, Chair, UCORP
Robert Brosnan, Chair, UCPB

Berkeley (5)

Doris Bachtrog
Thomas Philip (alt for Chris Hoofnagle)
Hannah Ginsborg
Tyrone Hayes
Jelani Nelson (alt for Daniel Sargent)

Davis (6)

Linda Bisson
Rachael Goodhue (absent)
Niels Gronbech-Jensen (absent)
Kristin Lagattuta
Walter Leal
Sanjai Parikh

Irvine (4)

Yousef Al-Bulushi
German Andres Enciso
Oliver Eng
Veronica Vieira

Los Angeles (7)

Christopher Colwell (absent)
Ronald D. Hays
Jody Kreiman
Reynaldo Macias
Moritz Meyer-ter-Vehn
Anna Barbara Moscicki
Robert Zeithammer

Merced (1)

Shilpa Khatri

Riverside (2)

Marcus Kaul
Manuela Martins-Green

San Diego (5)

Marianna Alperin (absent)
Christina Gremel
Randy Hampton
Britta Larsen
Julia Ortony (absent)

San Francisco (5)

Lindsay Hampson (alt for Ana Delgado)
Jennifer James
Leigh Kimberg
Kewchang Lee (absent)
Margaret Wallhagen

Santa Barbara (3)

Eileen Boris
Christopher Kruegel
Lisa Parks

Santa Cruz (2)

Melissa Caldwell
Roger Schoenman

Secretary/Parliamentarian

Katherine Yang (UCSF)