Academic Senate Meeting Summary for May 15, 2025

Voting Members					
Senate President	Lisa Hooper	X	Business Senator	*Nadia Monosov proxy for* Gary Quire	X
Vice President	Garrett Rieck	X	Learning Resources Senator	Jennifer Thompson	X
Curriculum Chair	Tricia George	X	Personal & Professional Learning Senator	Garrett Rieck	X
Policy Review Chair	Gary Collis	X	Public Safety	VACANT	
Communications Officer	Erica Seubert	X	At Large Senator	Sab Matsumoto	X
AT Senator	*Claudenice McCalister interim for* Regina Blasberg	X	At Large Senator	*Shane Ramey proxy for* Michelle LaBrie	X
MSHP-MSE Senator	Thomas Gisel	X	At Large Senator	*Gary Collis proxy for* Rebecca Shepherd	X
MSHP-HPPS Senator	Lak Dhillon	X	At Large Senator	Shane Ramey	X
VAPA Senator	*Mike Harutunian proxy for* David Brill	X	At Large Senator	Nadia Monosov	X
Student Services Senator	Jesse Vera	X	Adjunct Senator	Todd Fatta	A
Humanities Senator	Mike Harutunian	X	Adjunct Senator	*Linda Beauregard-Vasquez proxy for* Lauren Rome	X
Kinesiology/Athletics Senator	Leora Gabay	A	Adjunct Senator	Linda Beauregard-Vasquez	X
SBS Senator	Jennifer Paris	X	X= Present	A= Absent	

Non-voting Members			
Dr. Thea Alvarado (Interim, CIO)	X	Jennifer Brezina	X
Marilyn Jimenez	X	Jason Burgdorfer (COCFA President)	X
Dan Portillo (AFT President)	X	ASG Student Representative: Sanjana Sudhir (Student Trustee)	X

Guest							
Annie Aboulian	X	Dianne Avery	X	Maral Markarian	X	Siane Holland	X
Anzhela Grigoryan	X	Dilke Sanver-Wang	X	Michael Felix	X	Erin Delaney	X
April Reardon	X	Erik Altenbernd	X	Nathan Mendelyan	X	Ruth Rasool	X
Chad Peters	X	Eric Barnthouse	X	Paul Wickline	X	Victoria Leonard	X
Chase Dimock	X	Dr. Jim Temple	X	Sara Breshears	X		

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 3:03pm
2. Public Comment:
    I. Many vending machines around campus do not work properly and many don't take cash or credit card and/or give you the wrong item. This will need to be addressed with the vendor.
    II. Students want healthier food options as some students are on campus longer.
    III. Tomorrow at the Don Take Science Center at CCC; the STEM expo will be held from 4:00pm –

6:00pm. The MESA student dinner will be held right after from 6:00-8:00pm.
   IV. The Cultural Competency group will meet in BONH 330 next Tuesday at 2:00 PM. 350 courses have been demonstrated Cultural Competency and the Curriculum Committee has about 50 samples to share, with one course from each discipline on the upcoming 5-year revision list.
3. Approval of the Agenda
   I. **Motion** to approve the agenda by Gary Quire, seconded by Shane Ramey. Lauren Rome proxy for Linda Beauregard-Vasquez (absent). Jennifer Thompson proxy for Jesse Vera (yes, vote). Rebecca Shepherd proxy for Jennifer Paris (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
4. Committee Appointments:
   I. David Michaels Tenure committee chair on Claudenice McCalister's committee. *(Temporary while Regina Blasberg is out on sabbatical).*
5. Sub-Committee Summaries:
   I. Program Viability Committee Meeting Summary, April 24, 2025 (pg. 7-11)
   II. Senate Executive Committee Meeting Summary, May 1, 2025 (pg. 12-15)
6. Approval of the Consent Calendar:
   i. **Motion** to approve the consent calendar by Mike Harutunian, seconded by Michelle LaBrie.
   ii. Lauren Rome proxy for Linda Beauregard-Vasquez (absent). Jennifer Thompson proxy for Jesse Vera (yes, vote). Rebecca Shepherd proxy for Jennifer Paris (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

Academic Senate Summary, May 1, 2025 (pg. 3-6)	Curriculum Committee Summary, May 8, 2025

B. Reports
These are informational items no discussion or action will be taken. However, clarification questions are welcomed.
1. Academic Freedom Committee Annual Chair Report, Karyl Kicenski (pg. 16-17)
   I. The committee worked on a Faculty & Grading and Generative AI report. The report addressed an explosion of cheating and plagiarism and how policies are not working. The Senate approved the report. The committee hosted FLEX sessions on what Academic Freedom is. Karyl Joined the nationwide Heterodox Academy which is a "nonpartisan nonprofit organization that advocates for open inquiry, viewpoint diversity and constructive disagreement in higher education." Gary Collis has consulted as Chair of the Policy Review committee, and the Academic Freedom committee are working on a white paper addressing the legal ramification of state and local policy that affects academic freedom. This will go to Senate next academic year.
2. PAC-B Committee Annual Chair Report, Lisa Hooper
   I. PAC is the "Presidents Advisory Council on Budget." There are currently three chairs which includes, Jason Hinkle, Mayra Cuellar and Lisa Hooper. Jason has been able to do presentations on the local budget, and budgeting in the community college system. The budget is massive and there is not much flexibility in how public funds are spent. Because we are in a Even with increase in FTES it would not result in an increase in funding because of our funding floor. There was a budget shortfall of approximately $10M that has been lowered to approximately $4M with one-time solutions. The executive cabinet is exploring other remedies to make up the remaining shortfall. The tentative budget is due to be presented to the board in the summer along.
3. Academic Senate Vice President Report, Garrett Rieck
   I. There was a reminder that the Collegial Celebration is on June 5th from 3-5pm and will be catered by Stonefire grill. RSVP's needed to properly plan for food and beverages.
4. Academic Senate Presidents Report, Lisa Hooper
   - ASCCC Resolution Packet SP 2025
       I. **CCN Workgroup:** There are numerous COC faculty participating on statewide CCN groups. This helps COC and creates ambassadors for the statewide group. Lisa will be

participating in June on the Kinesiology workgroup and will report back about the experience. Lisa gave special thanks to all faculty who step into this space and other leadership roles.

II. **Governance Remodel**: This is almost complete and will be moving forward soon.

III. **MQE committee:** The committee will go to all departments to make sure all understand what the Equivalency process is and allow departments should make an informed decision on whether or not to accept equivalencies for the next 5 years. Alisha Kaminsky provided a detailed presentation to chairs at IAC.

IV. **June 6th Commencement Day:** There will be a grading fuel station with caffeine-rich beverages and grab-&-go food to help faculty with their grading. Lisa is working with someone at the CCC campus to replicate the same event.

V. **Office Clean Out Day:** The Senate will work with facilities and all faculty to help get rid of things they no longer need. There was a reminder to not throw away the books and take them to the library instead. This will take place during the next academic year.

C. Action Items

Below is a list of items that the Senate will take action on. Discussion is welcomed by all attendees.

1. [Curriculum Recommendation – Local GE Grades](#), Tricia George

    I. There are 3 options being presented due to Title 5 changes. As a reminder, option 2 is current process, option 1 is Title 5 minimum with a D as minimum qualification and Option 3, elevates the standard to a C- although COC does not award C- 's. At CSU, UC's and with CALGET the standard is a C for a local degree. Jesse Vera remined everyone at the last meeting that for those students who change their mind there was a strong inclination to move to the lowest grade being a C if they choose to transfer.

    I. Voting Results for Option 1, 2 & 3:

    - Option 1: No votes.
    - Option 2: (*Clarification that a grade D would be passing for some models*). No votes
    - **Option 3:**
        o This opion changes the lowest minimum grade that a student must earn to pass courses in our newly-revised local GE pattern to a C or higher.
        o **Unanimous vote for option #3**. Lauren Rome proxy for Linda Beauregard-Vasquez (yes, vote). Jennifer Thompson proxy for Jesse Vera (yes, vote). Rebecca Shepherd proxy for Jennifer Paris (yes, vote). Approved.

2. BP & AP 4225, AP 4227, AP4228, AP 4229 Course Repetition, Gary Collis

    - Program Review Committee, Summary of Changes (pg. 18)
    - BP 4225 Course Repetition (pg. 19-23)
    - BP 4225 Course Repetition (Final for Senate) (pg. 24)
        o **Motion** to approve BP 4225 by Michael Harutunian, seconded by Erica Seubert. Lauren Rome proxy for Linda Beauregard-Vasquez (yes, vote). Jennifer Thompson proxy for Jesse Vera (yes, vote), Rebecca Shepherd proxy for Jennifer Paris (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
    - AP 4225 Course Repetition (pg. 25-28)
    - AP 4225 Course Repetition (Final for Senate) (pg. 29-32)
        o Need to insert CALGETC throughout the AP 4225 on page 32, sub-section 19, sub-section e.
        o **Motion** to approve the policies by Erica Seubert, seconded by Gary Quire. Lauren Rome proxy for Linda Beauregard-Vasquez (yes, vote). Jennifer Thompson proxy for Jesse Vera (yes, vote), Rebecca Shepherd proxy for Jennifer Paris (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
    - AP 4227 Repeatable Courses (Final for Senate) (pg. 33-34)
        o The content for AP 4227, 4228 and 4229 was derived from BP 4225 and broken up into three new APs.
        o **Motion** to approve the policies by Michael Harutunian, seconded by Lauren Rome. Lauren Rome proxy for Linda Beauregard-Vasquez (yes, vote). Jennifer Thompson proxy for Jesse

Vera (yes, vote), Rebecca Shepherd proxy for Jennifer Paris (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

- AP 4228 Course Repetition- Significant Lapse of Time (Final for Senate) (pg. 35)
  - **Motion** to approve the policies by Erica Seubert, seconded by Michelle Labrie. Lauren Rome proxy for Linda Beauregard-Vasquez (yes, vote). Jennifer Thompson proxy for Jesse Vera (yes, vote), Rebecca Shepherd proxy for Jennifer Paris (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
- AP 4229 Course Repetition – Variable Units (Final for Senate) (pg. 36)
  - **Motion** to approve the policies by Erica Seubert, seconded by Michelle LaBrie. Lauren Rome proxy for Linda Beauregard-Vasquez (yes, vote). Jennifer Thompson proxy for Jesse Vera (yes, vote), Rebecca Shepherd proxy for Jennifer Paris (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

3. Statement on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Shane Ramey
- Statement on Artificial Intelligence (pg. 37-39)
  - Changes will be made to the document such as changing "must" to "should" and to eliminate the italicized language from the document as it speaks more like a resolution. Under the section on "**Principle: Providing Institutional Support and Fostering Collaboration**," the suggestion is to change the second sentence to read as, "T*he Academic Senate in partnership with our District and statewide colleagues.*" This will communicate a statement of values as a faculty body. There are concerns that the document offers a permission structure for almost any usage of AI if the instructor agrees. There are also environmental factors. However, there are other faculty who feel that AI can be used in some disciplines such as in CTE. The document will be evolving and will need to be revisited over the next few years. There was a suggestion to add "environmental concerns" to the section on "Principle: AI Literacy and Life-Long Learning." Under the section on Academic Freedom principles the phrase of "however" was suggested to be removed. A yes vote communicates the impact of AI in education, that faculty authenticate student assessment, and that many are in favor while others are not.
  - **Motion** to approve the Statement on Artificial Intelligence with the edits by Erica Seubert seconded Rebecca Shepherd. Lauren Rome proxy for Linda Beauregard-Vasquez (yes, vote). Jennifer Thompson proxy for Jesse Vera (yes, vote), Rebecca Shepherd proxy for Jennifer Paris (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

D. Discussion
Below are items that the Senate will discuss and no action will be taken. Discussion is welcomed by all attendees.
1. ASG Syllabus, Orientation Letter and Learning Resource Considerations, Jesus Martinez (*ASG Student Involvement Coordinator*) & Sanjana Sudhir (*ASG Student Trustee*)
- Lisa noted that while the ASG leadership had intended to present on syllabi, orientation letters and learning resources, they had not had time to conduct a sufficient survey of students. The survey will go out in the fall. The ASG leadership provided an overview of function of ASG and the events and services they provide. Currently Jesus Martinez is charged with finding committee reps. ASG has partnered with the Bluebird Resource Program to create a joint resolution in support of the undocumented student population and presented it to BOT. ASG has also been working with Professor Ballesteros to review changes to AB 1705 and how this is affecting students. The statewide SSCCC is working with FACCC on legislation in opposition of AB 1705. SSCCC has also passed several resolutions regarding AB 1705.
2. Behavioral Intervention Program (BIT), BIT Team
- Sarah Cox provided an overview of the BIT Team. There is now a tile under the Faculty Resource Center that includes a link to the BIT program. This includes a referral form faculty, staff and faculty use to refer students to the team. The BIT Team will provide feedback on any reports submitted. As a reminder Campus safety is on site late and on weekends and there is an incident command team. Mental health has an after-hour crisis line on the student health and wellness website.

3. BP and AP 4020 (Program and Curriculum Development), Gary Collis
   - Policy Review Committee Executive Summary for Senate regarding Revisions (pg. 40)
   - BP 4020 (pg. 41-43)
   - AP 4020 (pg. 44-45)
     - Dr. Omar Torres (former CIO) forwarded this policy to Gary in the fall; however, he was on sabbatical. There are track changes, and there was a need to add the unit calculation.
4. BP & AP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees & Certificates, Gary Collis
   - Policy Review Committee Executive Summary for Senate regarding Revisions (pg. 46-47)
   - BP 4100 (Final for Senate) (pg. 48)
   - AP 4100 (Final for Senate) (pg. 49-54)
   - BP 4100 Associate Degree & Certificate Requirements March 2014 (pg. 55-58)
   - AP 4100 Associate Degree & Certificate Requirements, December 2013 (pg. 59-63)
     - There are now legal changes to graduation requirements which necessitate updates to the document. When students enroll, they can select to take a course as a pass or no pass. The consequence is that that grade cannot be used for the major preparation requirements. Counseling contacts students individually when they make this choice and it will have a negative impact on their progress. There is a limit of 18 units to select for pass/no pass. The pass/ no pass has been an issue since the pandemic. Students can change their grading scheme from letter grade to pass/no pass up until the last day of the term.
5. AP 4236 (AP Credit) – Gary Collis
   - Policy Review Committee Executive Summary for Senate regarding New AP (pg. 64)
   - AP 4236 (pg. 65)
     - This policy is a legally required by CCLC and there didn't exist a document that outlined the model, therefore this policy was created. April Reardon, CPL coordinator, has been working on connecting courses with exams. Only area credit is currently has been given in the past. The college's participation in dual enrollment has impacted how students take AP. Most of the language and rules such as the 15 areas in the college catalog are a title 5 requirement.

E. Unfinished Business
Below is a list of items that can be discussed for a future date.
1. Revised Faculty Evaluation Instrument, Faculty Evaluation Taskforce
2. Facilities/Safety Considerations for Marginalized Student Populations

F. New Future Business
Request to place an item for a future agenda is welcomed. Below is a list of topics that will be discussed at a future business date.
1. Tenure Committee Training Workshops
2. Sabbatical Work Product (Archival and Presentation)
3. Adjunct Advisory Council

G. Announcements
1. Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates Spring 2025: May 29th; Fall 2025: Aug. 28th, Sept. 11th, Sept. 25th; Oct. 9th; Oct. 23rd; Nov. 6th; Nov. 20th; Dec. 11th
2. 2025 ASCCC Curriculum Institute: July 9th- 12th, Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA.
3. 2025 ASCCC Faculty Leadership Institute: June 12th – 14th, Hyatt Regency, San Francisco Airport, CA.
4. 2025 ASCCC Fall Plenary, Nov. 6th-8th, Hyatt Regency, La Jolla, CA.
5. 2026 ASCCC Spring Plenary, April 9th – 11th, Hyatt Regency Santa Rosa, CA.

H. Adjournment: 5:00pm

The teleconference is accessible though the following link:
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