

Academic Senate Retreat Meeting Summary for September 11, 2025

Voting Members					
Senate President	Lisa Hooper	X	Business Senator	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	Alene Terzian-Zeitounian	X
AT Senator	Regina Blasberg	X	At Large Senator	Erin Delaney	X
MSHP-MSE Senator	Thomas Gisel	X	At Large Senator	Rebecca Shepherd	X
MSHP-HPPS Senator	Lak Dhillon	X	At Large Senator	Shane Ramey	X
VAPA Senator	David Brill	X	At Large Senator	<i>Erin Delaney proxy for Alexandra Dimakos</i>	X
Student Services Senator	Jesse Vera	X	Adjunct Senator	<i>Jesse Vera proxy for Todd Fatta</i>	X
Humanities Senator	Mike Harutunian	X	Adjunct Senator	Lauren Rome	X
Kinesiology/Athletics Senator	Leora Gabay <i>via Zoom</i>	X	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) <i>Via Zoom</i>	X	ASG Student Representative: Sanjana Sudhir (Student Trustee)	A

Guest							
Aivee Ortega	X	Debbie Nakashima	X	Julie Lutes	X	Paul Wickline	X
Alexandra Mokhankina	X	Diane Avery	X	Kari Dahlquist	X	Peter Hepburn	X
Alisha Kaminsky	X	Diane Solomon	X	Kathrina Almero-Fabros	X	Preeta Saxena	X
Amy Foote	X	Dilek Sanver-Wang	X	Katie Coleman	X	Rosario Gonzalez	X
Ana Palmer	X	Dr. Edel Alonso, <i>Trustee</i>	X	Krystle Sanchez	X	Roxana Padilla	X
Ann Marchesan	X	Dr. Jasmine Ruys	X	Larry Alvarez	X	Ruth Rassool	X
Anthony Michaelides	X	Dr. Monica Shukla-Belmontes	X	Lisa Sawyer	X	Sammi Smith	X
Brenda Clark	X	Eric Smith	X	Lisette Godinez	X	Sara Aguirre	X
Brent Riffel	X	Erika Torgeson	X	Maral Markarian	X	Sara Breshears	X
Brittany Applen	X	Erin Barnthouse	X	Michael Felix	X	Sarah Cox	X
Chloe McGinley	X	Gabriela Amezcua	X	Michael Monsour	X	Siane Holland	X
Claudenice McCalister	X	Garrett Hooper	X	Michael Sherry	X	Tamar Mouchmounchian	X

Collette Gibson	X	Gayle Freund	X	Michelle Wilmett	X	Teresa Rodney	X
Collette Salvatierra	X	Graciela Martinez	X	Mireya Milian	X	Tim Honadel	X
Connie Palazolo	X	Hsiawen Hull	X	Miriam Golbert	X	Tom Lewis	X
Cyndi Trudea	X	James Glapa-Grossklag	X	Nadezhda Monosov	X	Trace Sherard	X
David Pevsner	X	James Temple	X	Nadia Cotti	X	Velia Jimenez	X
Daylene Mueschke	X	Jessica Crowley	X	Nicole Faudree	X		
Deanna Riviera	X	Julie Johnson	X	Pamela Williams Paez	X		

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 3:02pm
2. Public Comment
 - I. The BONH-330, Faculty Center lectern now has the new “David C. Andrus Presidential Lectern” metal plate installed.
 - II. Dr. Jasmine Ruys confirmed she is the Acting Superintendent/President of the college. She urged all to keep moving forward in support of students. She emphasized that we are stronger together and reminded everyone of Garrett Hooper said at the board meeting, “We are COC!”
3. Approval of the Agenda:
 - I. Discussion item #1, Gender Neutral Restrooms was tabled and will return on a future agenda. Erin Tague was asked to respond to 3 aspects of gender natural bathrooms, which include: facilities planning for increasing the number of gender-neutral bathrooms, better signage, and privacy. Erin would like further input. There was a request to move the Presidents report to the end of the agenda.
 - II. **Motion** to approve the amended agenda by Regina Blasberg, seconded by Tricia George. Unanimous. Approved.
4. Committee Appointments:

Academic Senate Sub-Committee List	Tenure Committee 2025-2026 list (pg. 12)
Collegial Committee List	Psychology Department Chair Nomination Results (pg. 13)
Operational Committee List	Tammy Mahan Chair for Psychology Department 2025-2027
Selection Committee List (pg. 3)	

5. Sub-Committee Summaries: none
6. Approval of the Consent Calendar
 - I. Regina provided correction to the Tenure committee list. Lisa welcomed the new full-time faculty and announced that Dr. Deanna Riviera is the new Dean of Social & Behavioral Science. The new Psychology Department chair is now Tammy Mahan.
 - II. **Motion** to approve the consent calendar by Garrett Rieck, seconded by Mike Haratunian. Linda Beuregard-Vaquez abstained. Jesse Vera proxy for Todd Fatta (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

1. Academic Senate Summary, May 29, 2025 (pg. 4-7) 2. Academic Senate Retreat Summary, August 28, 2025 (pg. 8-11) 3. Curriculum Committee Summary, September 4, 2025 4. Updated Seniority List 2025-2026 5. Program Viability Committee Meeting Calendar for 2025-26 (pg. 14) 6. MQE list for Academic Senate I. ISA MQE List Spring 2025 (pg. 15-19) II. ISA MQE List Fall 2025 (pg. 20-21)	III. ADJ MQE List Summer 2025 (pg. 22-27) IV. ADJ MQE List Fall 2025 (pg. 28-47) 7. New Full-Time Faculty Discipline Memos I. Erica Mullins, Biology (Microbiology) (pg. 48) II. Loni Hands, Biology (pg. 49) III. Mark Rotondo, <i>Fire Technology</i> (pg. 50-51) IV. Samuel Sasson, <i>Counseling (Transfer Emphasis)</i> (pg. 52) 8. Request for Additional Discipline Assignment: I. Aivee Ortega, <i>Psychology</i> (pg. 53) II. Anh Nguyen, <i>Psychology</i> (pg. 54)
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B. Reports

These are informational items no discussion or action will be taken. However, clarification questions are welcomed.

1. Program Review Committee Annual Chair Report, Erika Torgeson
 - I. Program Review Committee shares release time with the CASL committee. The committee discusses Student Learning Outcomes and program review. The review process is part of the institutional effectiveness process towards accreditation. There are two areas of program review, academic/instructional and non-instructional. Last year was year 1 of program review. There will be several training courses scheduled such as *Program Review Academic Overview Training* on Friday, Oct. 24th from 10:00am -11:30am via Zoom. Year 2 reports are due on Dec. 12th. Sept. 17th is the date when program review will be available for chair.
2. Academic Senate Presidents Report, Lisa Hooper
 - I. Lisa suggested that all Senators listen to her Academic Senate Report made to the Board of Trustees in July. Her report is on video 2 link at 2 hr. and 45 min. mark. Lisa outlined in her report the results of Board of Trustees Evaluation. Lisa would like to receive feedback from the Senate.

C. Action Items

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

1. MQE Updated Equivalencies, Alisha Kaminsky
 - I. Acceptance of Equivalencies for Disciplines NOT Requiring a master's degree (pg. 58-60)
 - II. Acceptance of Equivalencies for Disciplines Requiring a master's degree (pg. 61-76)
 - a. These lists are updated every 5 years and are public facing. In late a spring a survey was launched to ask department chair if they'd like to or not accept equivalencies. As a reminder, for equivalencies an applicant must still possess a master's degree and must prove you have 24 units if the master's degree title that is something other than the MQ's. There are areas some disciplines that do not accept equivalencies. ASCCC is currently accepting proposals for revisions to the disciplines list. This final approved list will be uploaded and linked to the MQE committee website (reach out to Lisa for more information). Next Monday, Sept. 15th, the annual MQE training will be offered via zoom with FLEX credit (272F) from 1-2pm.
 - b. **Motion** to approve both updated MQE Disciplines lists by Erica Seubert, seconded by Lauren Rome. Jesse Vera proxy for Todd Fatt (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. Gender Neutral Restrooms on campus, Erin Tague & Lisa Hooper
 - I. This item was tabled and will return on a future agenda.
2. [New Governance Model](#), Lisa Hooper & Dr. Daylene Mueschke
 - I. There is a QR code to see the video put together by PIO and was featured on the Monday report. Daylene shared the list of teams. CPC and IE2 do not function any longer. The new model will streamline processes and increase engagement. The idea is to have the model outlast those who are here currently in leadership, and have it aligned with our mission. There will be a project initiation online form. The form now lives on the intranet. All teams have a Microsoft Teams' site, and when a project is ready for posting it will go to their committee site. Daylene outline what items do and do not go through the model. There was a presentation with Gensler that is Canyons Compass that campus-wide effort to inform our vision for the next 10 years of COC, including a new Educational and Facilities Master plan.
3. New IT VoIP Phone System, Hsiawen Hull
 - I. There will be training with FLEX credit on Sept. 24th and Oct. 2nd on the new Zoom phones. The training will cover areas such the mobile app, caller ID, linking multiple devices, how to set up work hours, voice mail, greetings, call history and blue tooth device set up. The new system will remove existing voicemail messages, and many will need to re-record their messages. Voicemails will now go to email and generate a transcript of the call. Everyone will keep their own extension. Certain numbers will be pre-programmed onto the new phones such IT, helpdesk, operator or emergency numbers. IT is working on getting adjuncts phones or extensions. In the classroom the phones will be installed on the desks and numbers will change. IT will be notifying us of the date of the transition.
4. Committee Alignment

- I. Lisa shared the Committee Alignment tracking sheet which shows alignment with certain committees based on feedback from faculty. There are slots that are open for conversation. Lisa removed some committees as they are no longer functioning. Lisa will share the tracking sheet with Senators. This alignment will be discussed with the Senate Executive Committee next week.

E. Unfinished Business

Below is a list of items that can be discussed for a future date.

1. IRC Discussion - Automated Book Adoptions
2. Web Design/Server Update

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. Department Chair Training Series Schedule
3. Staff Training for Classified Absences
4. Election Committee Processes Update

G. Announcements

1. ***"The Soul of a Nation: A History of Black Music Informing American Democracy"* A Scholarly Presentation by Dr. Eddie Becton** on Thursday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Santa Clarita Performance Arts Center
2. Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates Fall 2025: Sept. 25th; Oct. 9th; Oct. 23rd; Nov. 6th; Nov. 20th; Dec. 11th
3. 2025 ASCCC Fall Plenary, Nov. 6th-8th, Hyatt Regency, La Jolla, CA.
4. 2026 ASCCC Spring Plenary, April 9th – 11th, Hyatt Regency, Santa Rosa, CA.
5. 2026 Faculty Leadership Institute, June 11th – 13th, Hyatt Regency, Long Beach, CA.
6. 2026 Curriculum Institute, July 15th – 18th, Sacramento Convention Center

H. Adjournment: 5:01 p.m.

The teleconference is accessible through the following link:

<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/89329119195?pwd=SO5MtcK0ZJc0POgaPLiLvVaG05boE8.1>

Please note:

This meeting will be broadcasted at the following locations via zoom