

Academic Senate Special Meeting Summary for September 9, 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	<i>Julie Johnson proxy for Alene Terzian-Zeitounian</i>	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 <i>via Zoom</i>	X	At Large Senator	Shane Ramey	X
VAPA Senator	David Brill	X	At Large Senator	<i>Stephanie Meredith proxy for Alexandra Dimakos</i>	X
Student Services Senator	<i>Erika Torgeson proxy for Jesse Vera</i>	X	Adjunct Senator	Todd Fatta	A
Humanities Senator	Mike Harutunian	X	Adjunct Senator	Lauren Rome	X
Kinesiology/Athletics Senator	Leora Gabay <i>via Zoom</i>	X	Adjunct Senator	<i>Lauren Rome proxy for Linda Beauregard-Vasquez (Linda via Zoom)</i>	X
SBS Senator	Jennifer Paris	X	X= Present	A= Absent	

Non-voting Members			
Dr. Thea Alvarado (Interim, CIO)	A	Jennifer Brezina	A
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							
Adam Kaiserman		Dianna Avery	X	Kristi Miura	X	Regina Roscigno	X
Ambika Silva	X	Dilek Sanver-Wang	X	Lak Dhillon	X	Renee Wolf	X
Ana Palmer	X	Dustin Silva	X	Luz Medina	X	Robert Wonser	X
Andrew Jones-Cathcart	X	Erica Abac	X	Maral Markarian	X	Rosario Gonzalez	X
Angelica Grigoryan	X	Erik Altenbernd	X	Michael Felix	X	Ruth Rassool	X
Christina Chung	X	Evis Wilson	X	Michael Sherry	X	SB Tucker	X
Christopher Boltz	X	Garrett Hooper	X	Mireya Milian	X	Tammera Stokes Rice	X
Claudenice McCalister	X	Jessica Crowley	X	Nadezha Monosov	X	Victoria Leonard	X
Cynthia Nelson	X	Karyl Kicenski	X	Nadia Mayer	X		
Deanna Riveira	X	Katherina Almero-Fabros	X	Nicholas Schutz	X		

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 5:02pm
2. Public Comment: none

B. Action Items

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

1. Resolution in Support of Stable Interim Leadership, Lisa Hooper

- I. **Motion to amend the agenda to add an action item for a “Vote of No Confidence for Trustee Fred Arnold and Sharlene Johnson”** by David Brill seconded by Rebecca Shepherd. Tricia George abstained, and Linda Beuregard abstained. Lak Dhillon voted “no.” Approved.
 - II. The Senate agreed that anything done that could potentially disrupt the institution will only be harmful. The district is doing a nationwide search for a new college President. The Senate focused on the importance of stability and to allow David C. Andrus to continue as interim President. Several grammatical edits will be made to the resolution document.
 - I. The Senate discussed options to either draft a Vote of No Confidence resolution, adding a signature from the Academic Senate to the existing Classified Senate Vote of No Confidence resolution or adding a last “resolve” to the resolution urging the Board of Trustees to not act on the item 2.3.
 - II. If David Andrus is removed as college President, someone would need to be appointed interim President, and it is not clear who that would be.
 - III. The last resolve was rephrased to read as,
 - *“Resolved, that the Academic Senate of College of the Canyons condemns any action taken by the Board of Trustees to disrupt David C. Andrus’s remaining period of service as interim superintendent president pending the installation of a permanent superintendent president.”*
 - III. **Motion to approve the Resolution in Support of Stable Interim Leadership with the edits** by David Brill seconded by Regina Blasberg. Erika Torgeson proxy for Jesse Vera, (yes, vote). Julie Johnson proxy for Alene Terzian-Zeitounian (yes, vote), Stephanie Meredith proxy for Alexandra Dimakos (yes, vote), Lauren Rome proxy for Linda Beuregard Vasquez (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
 - IV. The perfected resolution will be advanced to the campus community and will be read to the BOT.
2. Possible Vote of No Confidence for Board of Trustees Fred Arnold and Sharlene Johnson.
- I. The Academic Senate needs to follow the Brown Act. COCFA passed two resolutions one as a Vote of Confidence for David C. Andrus and a Vote of No Confidence for Trustee Fred Arnold and Sharlene Johnson. The Senate may need to draft a formal resolution and conduct a survey.
 - II. The timeline and processes of the Senate do not allow for a full resolution. There was a discussion to craft a short statement.
 - *“Whereas the various constituency groups at College of the Canyons have surveyed their memberships and overwhelmingly voted in favor of a Vote of No Confidence for Fred Arnold and Sharlene Johnson.”*
 - *“Be it resolved that the Academic Senate agrees with and supports the position taken by other constituency groups.”*
 - III. A proposed motion for a statement stating we are in support of the statements made by the other constituency groups.
 - IV. It was confirmed that the Academic Senate can also add to the September 11, 2025, meeting agenda an item on a resolution for a Vote of No Confidence for Fred Arnold and Sharlene Johnson.
 - V. **Motion to declare No Confidence for two Board of Trustees, Fred Arnold and Sharlene Johnson by Erica Seubert seconded by David Brill.** Tricia George abstained. Lak Dhillon abstained. Erika Torgeson proxy for Jesse Vera, (abstained, vote). Julie Johnson proxy for Alene Terzian-Zeitounian (yes, vote), Stephanie Meredith proxy for Alexandra Dimakos (yes, vote), Lauren Rome proxy for Linda Beuregard Vasquez (yes, vote). Approved.

C. Adjournment: 6:10 p.m.

The teleconference is accessible through the following link:

<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/84912491547?pwd=dNWGDZ0lqauaWShVwnoCrxf1bcWgp.1>

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